

MANHATTAN LEGAL SERVICES

The Disabled Elderly Chinatown Project (**DECP**) is sponsored by Manhattan Legal Services (**MLS**) which provides free legal services to low-income Manhattan residents with disability matters. DECP can assist you with the following:

- SSI, SSD, or Social Security retirement claims
- SSI or SSD terminations
- SSI or SSD overpayments



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HOW TO GET TO US

Subway: Take 2/3 or 4/5 **Fulton Street**
Take A/C or J/M/Z to **Broadway/Nassau**

Bus: Take M15 to
Lower Main South Ferry

Disabled Elderly Chinatown Project Presents: 'Know Your Rights - Social Security Benefits'

Do you have health condition
that prevents
you from working?

Or

Are you in poor health or have
a serious health condition that
makes you unable to work?

If yes, you might be disabled
and eligible for Social Security
Disability (SSD) or
Supplemental Security Income
(SSI) benefits from the Social
Security Administration SSA.

SSA staff can assist you with
filing for these benefits in your
language. You do not need to
speak English to file for SSD or
SSI benefits.

Below is more information about
disability benefits
and free legal assistance

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY & SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

Social Security Disability (SSD) is for people who can no longer work because of a disability.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is for people who are poor and are disabled or blind, or 65 years or older. You can apply for each one or both.



SSA also has Social Security retirement benefits for those who worked long enough.

Social Security Retirement Benefits

Retirement benefits are for people who stopped working at “full retirement age”. “Full retirement age” varies by one’s year of birth. The amount of Social Security retirement benefits you receive is based on the amount of your earned income.

You must:

- Have at least 40 quarters of work if you were born in or after 1929
- Decide when you want to retire*

*If you retire at your “full retirement age”, you get full benefits. If you retire early, you get fewer benefits. If you delay retirement, you might get more benefits.

For SSD, you must:

- Have a physical or mental condition
- That lasts over one year
- Be unable to work because of your condition
- Have enough work credits. Your work credits are determined by your past work earnings and your age

For SSI, you must:

- Have low income and resources
- Be disabled, blind, or 65 years or older
- Live in the US
- Be a US citizen/national, or a qualifying non-citizen (non-citizen who meets certain standards)