

The Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS) program is a service of the Aging & Disability Resource Centers. The DBS works closely with information and assistance, options counseling, and other resource center services.

The DBS provides services to people age 18 to 59 with physical disabilities, developmental disabilities, mental illness and substance use disorder.

The DBS provides information about public and private benefit programs including assistance with application and appeal procedures.

A service of Wisconsin's
Aging & Disability
Resource Centers

Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Bureau of Aging & Disability Resources
Division of Long Term Care

How to Find a Disability Benefit Specialist

Disability Benefit Specialist services are available in counties with an Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC).

To find out if your county has an ADRC, and learn more about the Disability Benefit Specialist program, Visit <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/LTCare/Generalinfo/RCs.htm>,

Contact the Program Manager at (608) 266-8905 or email RCTeam@dhs.state.wi.us

There is no charge for Disability Benefit Specialist services.



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How Can a Disability Benefit Specialist Help You?

Provide accurate information on public and private benefits and programs.

- Help determine which benefits and programs you may be entitled to.
- Help you to fill out applications for benefits, programs, and services
- Talk with you about your choices and the programs or services that might meet your needs.
- Provide assistance in obtaining or retaining benefits and services
- Provide referrals, assistance and support on other matters including disability rights and the impact of earnings on financial eligibility for public benefits.
- In some cases, you may receive representation in formal appeals related to denials of eligibility, termination of benefits or overpayment of public or private benefits.

What Programs Can a Disability Benefit Specialist Help With?

Here are some areas and programs the Disability Benefit Specialist can help you with:

- Medicaid (Medical Assistance)
- Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)
- Medicare, including Part D
- Prescription Drug Assistance
- FoodShare
- Low-Income Tax Credit
- Private Health and Disability Insurance Issues
- Housing and Utility Issues
- Veterans' Benefits

Deaf Disability Benefit Specialist

The Deaf Disability Benefit Specialist serves anyone in Wisconsin, 18-59 years of age who uses sign language.

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