

## Getting Ready to Apply for Government Benefits What Documents are needed?

Type of Document	How Old Does Child Need to be to Apply?	Where to Apply?
<b>Proof of identity</b> 1. Birth Certificates 2. Social Security card 3. State ID Card 4. Passport	1. at birth 2. at birth 3. at any age- required for airplane travel 4. at any age – required to travel outside of US	1. birthing hospital or local / county health department 2. local Social Security office (must get birth certificate first) 3. Secretary of State / Driver's license facility 4. US Post Office or Passport Office
<b>Proof of Disability</b> 1. IFSP 2. IEP 3. Medical Reports 4. SSI Disability Determination	1. IFSP if child is under 3 years only 2. IEP if child is ages 3-21 years 3. Medical reports – at any age 4. SSI Disability Determination papers – at any age	1. IFSPs handled by Child and Family Connections 2. IEPs developed by school district 3. Medical records from medical providers 4. SSI from Social Security Administration
<b>Proof of Legal Status</b> 1. Guardianship order 2. Birth certificate 3. Foster care agreement	1. Birth certificate 2. Adoption or foster care status	1. Probate court in your county 2. Local / county health department 3. Department of Children and Family Services or contracting agency
<b>Proof of Citizenship</b>	At any age: 1. Your child's Birth Certificate or passport 2. Your child's naturalization papers 3. Other immigration documents	<a href="http://uscis.gov/graphics/index.htm">http://uscis.gov/graphics/index.htm</a> US Citizenship and Immigration Services office for your region