

**Getting Ready to Apply for Government Benefits—  
What Documents are Needed?**

<b>Type of Document</b>	<b>How Old Does Child Need to Be to Apply?</b>	<b>Where to Apply?</b>
<p><b><u>Proof of Identity</u></b>            1. Birth certificate            2. Social security card            3. State IL card            4. Passport</p>	<p>1. at birth            2. at birth            3. at any age-required for airplane travel            4. at any age-required to travel outside of US</p>	<p>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</p>
<p><b><u>Proof of Disability</u></b>            1. IFSP            2. IEP            3. Medical reports            4. SSI Disability Determination</p>	<p>1. IFSP is child is under 3 years only            2. IEP if child is ages 3-21 years            3. Medical reports-at any age            4. SSI Disability – at any age</p>	<p>1. IFSP handled by Child and Family Connections            2. IEPs developed by school district            3. Medical record from medical providers            4. SSI from Social Security Administration</p>
<p><b><u>Proof of Legal Status</u></b>            1. Guardianship order            2. Birth certificate            3. Foster care agreement</p>	<p>1. Birth certificate            2. Adoption or foster care status</p>	<p>1. Probate court in your county            2. Local/county health department            3. Department of Children and Family Services or contraction agency</p>
<p><b><u>Proof of Citizenship</u></b></p>	<p>At any age:            1. Your child’s birth certificate or passport            2. Your child’s naturalization papers            3. Other immigration documents</p>	<p><a href="http://uscis.gov/graphics/index.htm">http://uscis.gov/graphics/index.htm</a>            US Citizenship and Immigration Services office for your region</p>