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Special Social Security Considerations for a Disabled Adult Child

An adult with a disability that began before the age of 22 may be able to receive a Disabled Adult Child (DAC) benefit. The child may be adopted or in some cases a stepchild, grandchild or step grandchild.

Although payable to an adult, the benefit is categorized as "Child"



because it is based on the Social Security
Administration (SSA) taxes paid by the parent(s). To compare, in order to receive a regular Social Security
Disability (SSDI) benefit, the recipient must have worked and paid SSA taxes so the benefit would be



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based on those earnings rather than the parents'.

Eligibility

To qualify for a DAC benefit, at least one of these conditions must be met:

- One of the disabled person's parents must currently be receiving either a SSDI benefit or a Social Security Retirement benefit.
- A parent died after working long enough to qualify for Social Security benefits.
- The disabled individual became disabled before age 18 and was already receiving "dependent's benefits" based on a parent's Social Security earnings.

In all cases the person with a disability must be unmarried and at least age 18, with a disability that began before age 22. He or she must also meet the same disability eligibility criteria as for SSDI benefits, generally:

- Be unable to work at prior occupation;
- Be unable to adjust to other jobs because of medical condition; and
- Have a disability that is expected to last for at least one year, or result in death.

You May Need Help with Filing for Benefits for a Disabled Adult Child

It may be difficult to navigate the complex Social Security system, especially in determining the best filing status for an individual with a disability. For example, an adult already receiving SSDI benefits should check to see if higher benefits may be payable based on a parent's earnings.

Disability benefits can improve the quality of life of a disabled adult child. Consulting with an <u>attorney</u> experienced in submitting claims with the correct status greatly increases the chances of a positive outcome for an initial application or an appeal.

You can find more information at the <u>Social Security</u> <u>website</u>.

From My Blog

California Lawmakers Propose Help for Injured Workers

In 2012, a new medical review process was created to streamline disputes over approved care. The new law allowed independent doctors to resolve disputes without getting judges involved.

According to Rawstory.com, however, the change led to tens of thousands of injured workers

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being denied treatments that were recommended by their physicians. <u>Click here to read more</u>

Take Advantage of L.A. County Learning Disability Resources



If you are the parent or grandparent of a child with learning disabilities, you worry

about coping with school and future academic success while you struggle to build a happy and fulfilling life for your child. Add this worry on top of other concerns like family issues, work responsibilities and financial and health problems and it can be overwhelming.

L.A. County has abundant resources to help parents of children with learning disabilities. Here are just a few in no particular order:

- Los Angeles Learning Disabilities Association (LALDA) works to enhance the
 quality of life for those with learning disabilities and their families through
 awareness, empowerment, advocacy, education and service.
- <u>California Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA)</u> are responsible for developing plans in your area for special education services.
- List of L.A. County <u>learning disabilities therapists</u> published by "Psychology Today" online.
- <u>Los Angeles branch</u> of the International Dyslexia Association has a wealth of resources for dyslexia and other learning disabilities.
- The Los Angeles Unified School District <u>website</u> provides links to many city, county and state resources for families of students with disabilities.

Children with severe learning disabilities or developmental delay can qualify for

Social Security Disability benefits. Extensive documentation is required including learning disability history, school records with standardized and psychological testing and educator commentary.

With his record of success in getting SSDI benefits for individuals with disabilities as well as an intense personal interest, <u>Attorney Kenton Koszdin</u> can help you successfully apply for the benefits your child deserves.

If you or a loved one has been denied Worker's Compensation or Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. **Call 800–438–7734**, for your initial free consultation, either in our office or in the comfort of your own home. The Kenton Koszdin Law Office, <u>Social Security attorney in Van Nuys</u>, can help you navigate the application process for the best possible outcome for you and your family.

Recipe of the Month:

Ginger Glazed Mahi Mahi



Serving up a healthy savory dish for a special treat

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger root
- 1 clove garlic, crushed or to taste
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 4 (6 ounce) mahi mahi fillets salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. ginger, garlic and olive oil. Season fish fillets with salt and pepper, and place them into the dish. If the fillets have skin on them, place them skin side

down. Cover, and refrigerate for 20 minutes to marinate.

- 2. Heat vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Remove fish from the dish, and reserve marinade. Fry fish for 4 to 6 minutes on each side, turning only once, until fish flakes easily with a fork. Remove fillets to a serving platter and keep warm.
- 3. Pour reserved marinade into the skillet, heat over medium heat until the mixture reduces to a glaze consistency. Spoon glaze over fish, serve immediately.

What's Happening in Southern California in July 2015

July 1 – 12, 2015

Matilda – The Musical Ahmanson Theater, LA

July 1 – 12, 2015

Come From Away musical La Jolla Playhouse, La Jolla

July 1 – 12, 2015 Charlotte's Web Casa del Prado Theatre, San Diego

July 1 - 31, 2015

Phantom of the Opera

Pantages Theater Hollywood, LA

July 2 – 5, 2015

AnimeExpo

LA Convention Center, LA

July 11 - 26, 2015

Tarzan – The Stage Musical Plummer Auditorium, Fullerton

July 12, 2015

Death Cab for Cutie & Tuneyards Hollywood Bowl, LA

July 12, 2015

American Idiot MET Theatre, LA

July 16, 2015

Hippo Campus concert Santa Monica Pier, SM

July 16 - 26, 2015

Rent - musical

July 3, 2015 The Phantom of the Opera Pantages Theater, LA

July 3, 2015

Red, White & Blue 10k, Half Marathon Warner Ave, Huntington Beach

July 4 – 5, 2015

Party on the Pier

Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, Long Beach

July 8, 2015

The San Diego Winds Balboa Theatre, San Diego

July 8 - 31, 2015

Pageant of the Masters Festival of Arts, Laguna Canyon Rd, Laguna Beach

July 9, 2015

Woodstock – A Night of Geeks & Music Balboa Theatre, San Diego

July 9 – 12, 2015

Comic–Con International: San Diego Convention Center, San Diego

July 10, 2015

Picnic on the Promenade Santa Monica Pier, SM Saban Theater, Beverly Hills

July 17, 2015

Cinema on the Street 1400 Block of Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica

July 17 - 26 July 2015

Oklahoma - musical

Fred Kavli Theatre, Thousand Oaks

July 18, 2015

HB Wave Run

Huntington Beach Bike Trail, HB

July 18 – 19, 2015

Love Long Beach Festival Granada Beach, Long Beach

July 23, 2015

Cubanismo concert Santa Monica Pier, SM

July 24 - 25, 2015

La Jolla Fashion Film Festival Museum of Contemporary Art, La Jolla

July 31, 2015

Moullinex & Ben Browning of Cut Copy – Live

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