

Public Forum on the SSI Program
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Agenda

8:00am-8:25am **Check-In**

8:25am-8:45am **Welcome**
Henry Aaron, Chair, Social Security Advisory Board
Carolyn Colvin, Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration

Morning Session

8:45am-10:15am **SSI Resource Limits and ABLE Act**
This session will provide background on the limits, in general, as well as the ongoing effort around the Achieving Better Life Experiences (ABLE) Act implementation. Following the background discussion, experts will discuss the purpose of the limits and whether and how they should be altered.
Ken Brown, Office of Supplemental Security Income and Program Integrity Policy, Office of Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration (SSA)
Chris Rodriguez, Senior Public Policy Advisor, National Disability Institute
Ezra Levin, Associate Director of Government Affairs, Corporation for Enterprise Development
Romina Boccia, Deputy Director, Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies and Grover M. Hermann Research Fellow, Heritage Foundation

Moderator: Lisa Ekman, Director of Government Affairs, National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives (NOSSCR)

10:30am-12:00pm **SSI Policies on In-Kind Support and Maintenance (ISM)**
This panel will lay out the background on ISM rules, followed by a discussion of those rules and how they might be simplified.
Ken Brown, Office of Supplemental Security Income and Program Integrity Policy, Office of Income Security Programs, SSA
Bernie Wixon and Jim Sears, Office of Research, Evaluation, and Statistics (ORES), SSA
Stacy Braverman-Cloyd, Deputy Director of Government Affairs, NOSSCR
Anne DeCesaro, Subcommittee Staff Director for Human Resources, U.S. House Ways and Means Committee

Moderator: TJ Sutcliffe, Director of Income and Housing Policy, The Arc

12:00pm-1:30pm **Lunch On Your Own**

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Afternoon Session

1:30pm-3:00pm

Policy and Practice on Child Welfare Programs

The SSI program in the context of Speaker Ryan's poverty proposal will be a focus of this panel, along with a discussion of how the child welfare system is financed at the state level and how that might be improved to the benefit of children.

Ted McCann, Assistant to the Speaker for Policy, Office of Speaker Paul P. Ryan, U.S. House of Representatives

LaDonna Pavetti, Vice President for Family Income Support Policy, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities

Daniel Hatcher, Professor of Law, University of Baltimore Law School

Leslie Jose Lyons, Program Director for nationwide Social Security Advocacy Management Services, Public Consulting Group

Moderator: Henry Aaron, Bruce and Virginia MacLaury Chair, Brookings Institution and Chair, Social Security Advisory Board

3:15pm-4:15pm

SSI Youth Transitions to Adulthood

SSA's research and interventions assisting youth on SSI to transition successfully from the program will be showcased in this panel, along with a discussion of what is currently known about the outcomes for young adults leaving SSI.

Jeff Hemmeter, Deputy Director, Office of Program Development, Office of Research, Demonstration and Employment Support, SSA

Manasi Deshpande, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Chicago

Moderator: Howard H. Goldman, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Maryland School of Medicine

4:15pm

Adjourn

