



ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER
WELLNESS CENTER



California Statewide Training & Education Program

OBJECTIVES

CSTEP: Benefits Disability Income in California

The Basics of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and State Disability Insurance (SDI)

First Half: To learn the basics of the State Disability Insurance application.

Participants will learn:

- The basics of California's Employment Development Department's SDI:
 - The application process
 - Filing period
 - Methods to address gap between employment and onset of disability
 - Good cause for late filing
 - Client interviews for SDI purpose
 - Base period, calculation of benefits, and choosing appropriate onset date of disability

Second Half: To learn the basics of Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Insurance and how to advocate for clients who are applying for these benefits.

Participants will learn:

- The Social Security Administration (SSA) definition of disability
- Effects of income and resource on eligibility
- Date Last Insured rule
- Presumptive SSI for people with HIV
- Social Security initial application and appeal process
- How to properly document symptoms and functional limitations for clients
- The effect of substance use on eligibility
- Submission of evidence
- Responding to consultative examinations
- How to advocate for clients under a harm reduction model