Medical and Functional Information for Child SSI

Useful evidence for SOAR applications

# Sources of Medical Information

* Psychiatric evaluations
* Physical health evaluations
* Specialty physical health evaluations

(x-rays, CT scans, MRI results, EEG tests)

* Neurological reports
* Laboratory results
* Diagnostic tests
* Psychological/Neuropsychological tests
* Admission and discharge summaries

# Sources of Functional Information

* School records (Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), disciplinary reports)
* SSA-5665 Teacher Questionnaire
* Bio-psychosocial evaluation reports
* Supported housing progress notes
* Case management notes
* Collateral sources (friends, family, former employers for older children)
* SOAR Medical Summary Report

# Documenting the Disability

Records documenting medical and functional information are used to support [SSA's Listing of Impairments for children](https://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/ChildhoodListings.htm), which are categories of illnesses and conditions and the specific severity criteria that must be met for a child to be considered disabled by the illness or condition.

* For a child to qualify for SSI due to a mental illness or physical impairment, the application must provide information illustrating how the child’s functional abilities are limited in comparison to the functional abilities of a child of the same age who does not have physical or mental impairments.
* The disabling condition(s) must be documented by an Acceptable Medical Source, which may be a:
  + Doctor (MD/DO/PhD/EdD/PsyD)
  + School Psychologist
  + Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), which includes: Certified Nurse Midwife, Nurse Practitioner, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, and Clinical Nurse Specialist
  + Physician Assistant
  + Audiologist
  + Speech Language Pathologist
* If medical records are not current, SOAR representatives may need to arrange for assessments to document the disability
* Providing complete medical and functional documentation reduces the need for consultative exams, shortens application processing times, and results in higher approval rates