

## Fwd: Social Security virtual presentations now available

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Good afternoon,

As you are now aware, our field offices are presently closed to the public. During this time I am unable to make traditional in-person presentations.

With that said, I am able to provide virtual presentations. To the best of my knowledge, SSA does not have licenses to video conferencing software like Zoom. However:

1. I can provide these virtual presentations "the old fashioned way" by teleconference. I would provide participants the PowerPoint slide deck in advance and inform them throughout the presentation when to move on to the next slide. My only request is that you serve as the host of the teleconference. That way, I would merely need to dial-in at the presentation time.
2. If you have a license to a video conference software platform, I may be able to use it to deliver the presentation. We are looking into the feasibility of this and should have an answer within a matter of days.

Regarding the types of presentations I can provide, here are the two primary ones I deliver throughout the community:

**"Social Security 101:** This 90 minute seminar will cover the purpose and eligibility criteria for all of the Social Security Administration's benefit programs. Besides retirement benefits, Social Security also offers disability benefits to individuals aged 18 years and older and survivor benefits to children and widowed spouses. Concerns about the future solvency of these programs will be addressed. Then an overview of the online services available through Social Security's website will be provided. Workers can use these services throughout their careers for financial planning purposes and later, while collecting Social Security, to manage their benefits. Finally, there will be a discussion

about how to best protect yourself from the ongoing Social Security telephone scams targeting everyone, regardless of age, living in America. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. This program is relevant to everyone aged 18 years and older.”

and

**“Social Security Disability 101:** This comprehensive two hour long workshop covers the application and appeal process for Social Security and SSI disability benefits, as well as the work incentive programs available to individuals seeking to reenter the workforce after they start receiving benefits. You will be given an opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the workshop.”

I can also provide modified presentations to fit your specific needs. For instance, I would be happy to accommodate you if, for instance, you wanted a presentation tailored to retirees already on benefits or to high school/college students entering the workforce concerning the protections Social Security offers young workers and their families.

**If you are interested in hosting a virtual presentation, please answer the following five questions:**

1. On which day and at what time would you like to make the presentation?
2. Which presentation would you like for me to deliver?
3. Which format would you prefer – teleconference or video conference?
4. If you would like a video conference, which software platform do you plan to utilize?
5. How many people do you anticipate will participate?

Best regards,

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**Learn more about Social Security at one of my benefit seminars. They are all free and open for the public to attend and contain information relevant to everyone aged 18 and older. Help secure your financial future by building a foundation of knowledge about the various benefit programs available to you and your family. The earlier you take this step during your career, the better! You may register to attend by following the instructions listed at:**

**<https://www.ssa.gov/phila/community.htm>**



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