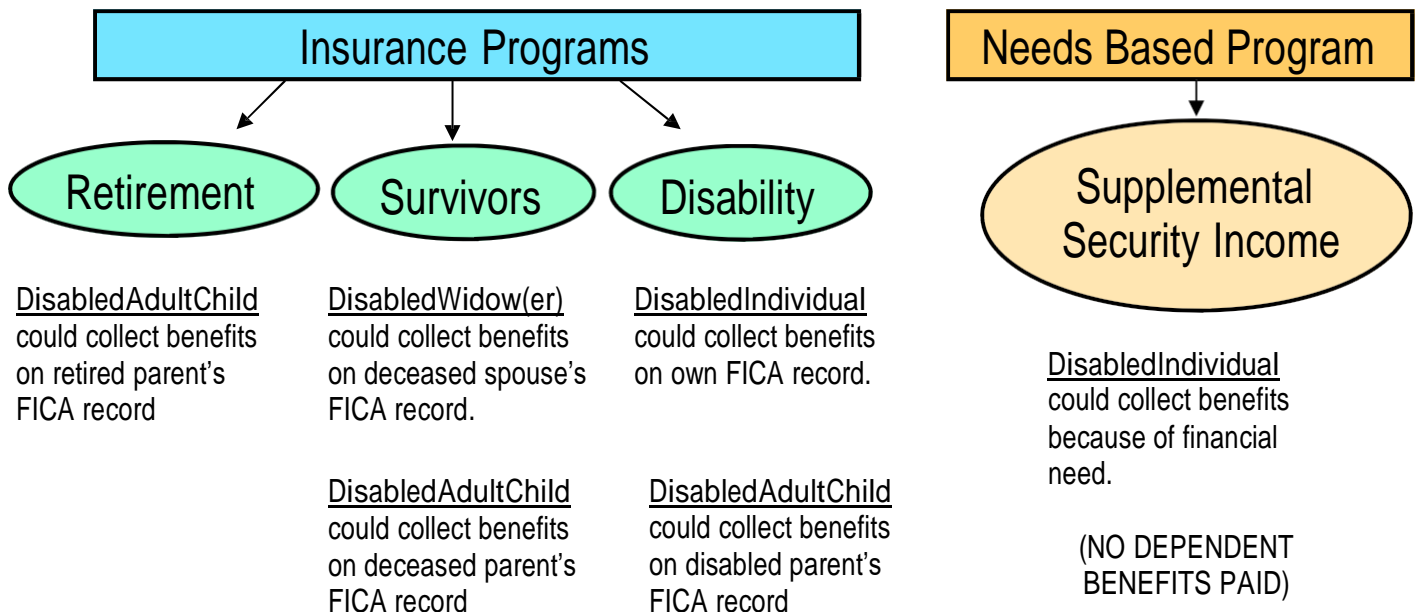


Ways People with Disabilities May Be Eligible for SSA Benefits



Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

- An insurance-based program, funded by FICA tax contributions.
- Need to have worked and paid enough FICA taxes to qualify.

Disabled Adult Child (DAC)

- Adult (age 18 or over), but must have been disabled as a child, prior to age 22
- Don't need own work history
- Receives benefits based on the work record of retired, deceased or disabled parent
- Benefits can end with marriage in some cases
- Benefits may be disregarded as income for Medical Assistance
- Sometimes referred to as "RSDI"

Disabled Widow/Widower Benefits (DWB)

- Widow or widower who has a disability
- Over age 50
- May be able to collect benefits off their deceased spouse's work record

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

- No prior work history is required
- Must have significant financial need to qualify
- Must meet both income and asset limits to be eligible

To qualify for any of the above programs, the individual must meet SSA's definition of disability.