

Some questions arose in our discussion about SSI on the December 13, 2006 Early Intervention Provider Network call. Below is are the two answers--one about deafness and the second about 2007 income levels.

#1 The deafness requirements to be eligible for SSI are:

102.08 *Hearing Impairments*

A. For children below 5 years of age at time of adjudication, inability to hear air conduction thresholds at an average of 40 decibels (db) hearing level or greater in the better ear; or

B. For children 5 years of age and above at time of adjudication:

1. Inability to hear air conduction thresholds at an average of 70 decibels (db) or greater in the better ear; or
2. Speech discrimination scores at 40 percent or less in the better ear; or
3. Inability to hear air conduction thresholds at an average of 40 decibels (db) or greater in the better ear, and a speech and language disorder which significantly affects the clarity and content of the speech and is attributable to the hearing impairment.

#2 The attached chart shows the 2007 income levels for households with 1 or 2 parents. You would use the figures in the columns for "Parent-to-Child". Earned income is gross wages of the parents. Unearned income is parents income from unemployment, alimony, pensions, or any income that is not wages. "Number of ineligible children" means number of other minor children in the household who are not applying for SSI.