

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER
Of Jefferson County

Disability Benefit Specialist Program
2013 Summary Report

The Disability Benefit Specialist helps people with disabilities ages 18-59 to understand and access Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, health insurance and other public and private benefits. The work involves explaining eligibility criteria, gathering documents, completing applications, explaining and initiating appeal procedures, and representing consumers in application and appeal actions.

DBS Services Make a Positive Economic Impact

DBS services helped individuals to gain access to insurance and income programs that help with food, shelter and medical expenses. This has a direct result on local communities who experience a positive economic impact.

Jefferson County DBS Services Monetary Impact

\$1,667,412

Statewide impact of all DBS services offered in Wisconsin

\$71,338,092

DBS Service Record Numbers

The DBS opens a “case” for each issue or set of closely interrelated issues that they assist a person to resolve. A case may remain open for one day or several months, depending on the nature of a person’s benefits issue.

Jefferson County DBS Number of Consumers Served in 2013: 226

Jefferson County DBS Number of Cases Opened in 2013: 277

Statewide DBS Number of Cases Opened in 2013: 11,728

Statewide Case Number Average for One Full-Time DBS: 168

DBS Help With a Wide Range of Benefit Issues

DBS help people to resolve a wide range of benefit issues.

Jefferson County DBS Top Eight Issues in 2013

- SSI / SSDI Eligibility
- Medicare Part D Options/ Enrollment
- Medicaid Disability Determinations
- Medicaid Purchase Plan
- SSI / SSDI Post-Entitlement
- QMB / SLMB/ SLMB+
- Medicare Supplement
- Food Share

*Numbers and information shared from DBS State Wide Report 2013