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## Thoughts on Orlando from Partnership Project

We send our prayers, healing thoughts and support to those families and all in our Portland and global community who are touched by the violent and tragic loss of life in Orlando.

We continue our commitment to ensure that all persons regardless of gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, economic status, residency status and language preference are treated with dignity, respect, love and kindness.

Our work will continue to ensure that all persons have access to health care, life sustaining medications and medical interventions that support and provide them with equitable health outcomes.

Please ask for help, to talk to others about your grief and remember you are loved!

### Next Meeting

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800 NE Oregon

July 12th

**Kristine Simpson,  
OHSU Vaccine  
and Gene  
Therapy Institute**

**OHSU HIV  
Vaccine Related  
Studies**

This week we lost a dear friend, a fierce advocate and incredible human being-Jack Cox. He will be remembered for many things-his tender heart, warmth, compassion and mentorship to so many. May his memory be a blessing to us all



At Partnership Project in 2012, receiving the Jeanne Gould award for his years of work in the HIV community.



With Jeanne's family and friends



## PREPARATION STARTS WITH INFORMATION

By Alan Edwards, Social Security Public Affairs



As your parents get older, they may need help making decisions. When you volunteer to become a representative payee, you're supporting your parents and their future.

A representative payee is someone who receives Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments on behalf of a person not capable of managing the funds on his or her own. As a representative payee, you would make sure your parents' basic needs are met by using the money to provide them with food, clothing, and shelter. Any leftover money goes into an interest-bearing account or savings bond for your parents' future needs. You're responsible for keeping records of expenses, and we request yearly reports to see how you've used or saved the benefits.

Other representative payee duties include knowing your parents' needs so you can decide the best way to meet those needs with the benefits provided and telling us about any changes that may affect your parent's eligibility for benefits or the payment amount.

If your parents receive Social Security or SSI benefits and are unable to manage their finances, or you think that may be the case in the future, take the time to become familiar with the responsibilities of a representative payee and consider becoming one.

To learn more about becoming a representative payee, you can read our publication, *A Guide for Representative Payees*, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs) and visit the webpage, "When People Need Help Managing Their Money," at [www.socialsecurity.gov/payee](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/payee). Or, call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to request an appointment.

Take the steps to ensure your parents have a safe and comfortable future. Serving as a representative payee is just one way to show how much you care for and appreciate them. Social Security will always be there for you and your parents through life's journey.

## Social Security Question and Answers

### Question:

**I plan to retire soon. When are Social Security benefits paid?**

### Answer:

Social Security benefits are paid each month. Generally, new retirees receive their benefits on either the second, third, or fourth Wednesday of each month, depending on the day in the month the retiree was born. If you receive benefits as a spouse, your benefit payment date will be determined by your spouse's birth date.

Here's a chart showing how your monthly payment date is determined:

Day of the Month You Were Born	Social Security Benefits Paid On
1st-10th	Second Wednesday
11th-20th	Third Wednesday
21st-31st	Fourth Wednesday

For a calendar showing actual payment dates, see the Schedule of Social Security Benefit Payments at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

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### Question:

**I get Social Security because of a disability. How often will my case be reviewed to determine if I'm still eligible?**

### Answer:

How often we review your medical condition depends on how severe it is and the likelihood it will improve. Your award notice tells you when you can expect your first review using the following terminology:

**Medical improvement expected**—If your condition is expected to improve within a specific time, your first review will be six to 18 months after you started getting disability benefits.

**Medical improvement possible**—If improvement in your medical condition is possible, your case will be reviewed about every three years.

**Medical improvement not expected**—If your medical condition is unlikely to improve, your case will be reviewed about once every five to seven years.

For more information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

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## Social Security Question and Answers

### Question:

**I know you need to have limited resources to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI). But what does Social Security consider a resource?**

### Answer:

Resources are things you own that you can use for support. They include cash, real estate, personal belongings, bank accounts, stocks, and bonds. To be eligible for SSI, a person must have no more than \$2,000 in countable resources. A married couple must have no more than \$3,000 in countable resources. If you own resources over the SSI limit, you may be able to get SSI benefits while trying to sell the resources. Not all of your resources count toward the SSI resource limit. For example:

The home you live in and the land it's on do not count.

Your personal effects and household goods do not count.

Life insurance policies may not count, depending on their value.

Your car usually does not count.

Burial plots for you and members of your immediate family do not count.

Up to \$1,500 in burial funds for you and up to \$1,500 in burial funds for your spouse may not count.

If you are blind or have a disability, some items may not count if you plan to use them to work or earn extra income.

You may also wish to read our material on "resources" in the booklet, *Understanding SSI* at <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-understanding-ssi.htm>

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