

# SSI: A Quick Primer

- Federal Program passed during the Nixon era to supplement income for seniors and PWD
- For PWD without enough eligible SSDI quarters, SSI may be their only income (FY 18 max single benefit \$771/mo)
- Means tested program
  - Income tests and small exclusions
  - Asset limit of \$2000
- Extensive POMS on all aspects of eligibility, income, representative payee, as well as trusts (Program Operation Manual System)
- Only 1% of eligibility cases involve trusts so most Field Office staff are not familiar with trusts, certainly not experts
- Regional Trust Review Process implemented in April, 2014