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### *Alerts and News*

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- November 5, 2024 - Social Security Administration Child Survivor Initiative



## Social Security Administration **Child Survivor INITIATIVE**

A parent's death can negatively impact a child's finances, health and education. The Kentucky Department for Public Health Office of Vital Statistics is working with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to identify children in the Commonwealth of Kentucky who may be eligible for survivor benefits.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Surviving children of parents who worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes before they died may be eligible for survivors benefits. Surviving children may be eligible for benefits even if the deceased parent was not receiving Social Security benefits when they died.

### COMING SOON TO ELECTRONIC DEATH REGISTRATION SYSTEM (EDRS) :

There will be one question added to the EDRS application to help locate children of a deceased parent. The question will **not** appear on the actual death certificate. Question 12a will state:

- Does the deceased have children under the age of 18?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Unknown

### TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SSA SURVIVOR BENEFITS:



Scan the  
QR code or  
visit:

<https://www.ssa.gov/survivor>

### DID YOU KNOW?

Children may be eligible for Social Security survivor benefits even if they were not living with or receiving financial support from a parent when they died.



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