

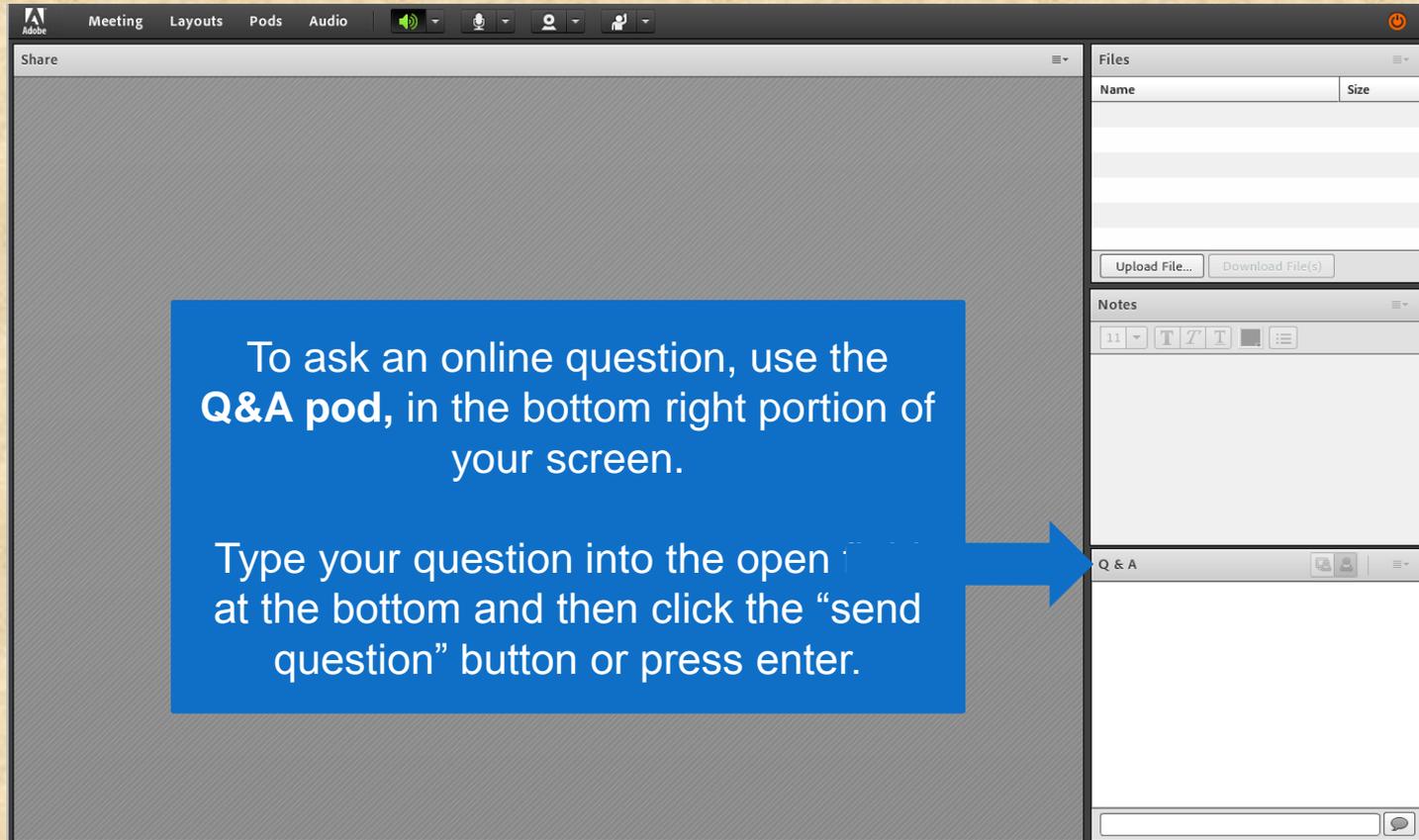
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Lillian Sparks-Robinson

**Commissioner of the Administration
for Native Americans**

Asking a Question



The screenshot shows the Adobe Meeting application interface. At the top, there is a menu bar with options: Meeting, Layouts, Pods, and Audio. Below the menu bar, there are several icons for audio, video, and participants. The main area is a large grey rectangle labeled 'Share'. On the right side, there are three panels: 'Files' with a table for Name and Size, 'Notes' with a rich text editor, and 'Q & A' with a text input field and a 'send question' button. A blue callout box is overlaid on the 'Share' area, containing instructions on how to ask a question. A blue arrow points from the callout box to the 'Q & A' panel.

To ask an online question, use the **Q&A pod**, in the bottom right portion of your screen.

Type your question into the open text field at the bottom and then click the “send question” button or press enter.



An Overview of Social Security Programs and Services Important to Tribal Communities

Alfredo Padilla
Charles L. Jenkins



Who Can Get Retirement Benefits?

- A person must work to earn Social Security credits.
- In 2014 each \$1,200 in earnings earns one credit.
- You can earn 4 credits in one year.
- You need 40 credits (10 years of work) over your lifetime to qualify for Retirement Benefits.



Who Else Can Get Benefits?

- **Spouses:**
- **Age 62 or older**
- **At any age if caring for a child under age 16 or disabled**
- **Divorced Spouses:**
- **Marriage lasted 10 years & they are unmarried**
- **Unmarried Children:**
- **Up to age 18**
- **Age 18-19 & still in high school**
- **Disabled before the age of 22**



Retirement Estimator

www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator



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Retirement Estimator



How the Retirement Estimator Works

The Retirement Estimator gives estimates based on your actual Social Security earnings record. Please keep in mind that these are **just** estimates. We can't provide your actual benefit amount until you apply for benefits. **And that amount may differ from the**

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[What is the best age to start receiving retirement benefits?](#)

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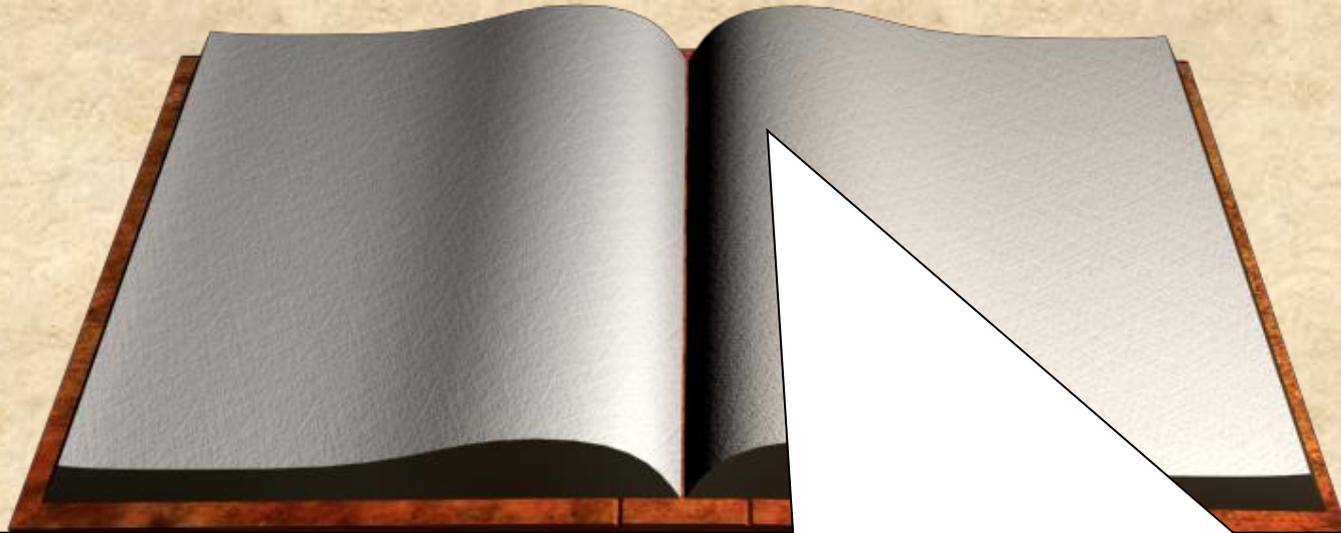
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Online Applications

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Social Security Definition of Disability



SOCIAL SECURITY'S DISABILITY DEFINITION:

A medical condition preventing substantial work for at least 12 months, or expected to result in death. The determination also considers age, education & work experience.

Who Can Get Disability Benefits?

Worker

- Must have paid into Social Security

Spouse

- Age 62 or older
- At any age if caring for a child under 16 or disabled
- Divorced spouses may qualify



Who Else Can Get Benefits?

Child



Who Can Get Survivors Benefits?

- **Widows & Widowers**
- **Divorced Widows & Widowers**
- **Children**
- **Dependent Parents**



Who Can Get Grandparent Benefits?



Who Can Receive SSI?

- **Age 65 or older**
- **Blind -- any age**
- **Disabled -- any age**
- **Limited income**
- **Limited resources**
- **Citizen or Qualified Alien**



What Is Considered Income for SSI?

- **Income:** anything received that can be used to meet the needs for food or shelter
- **Earned Income** includes wages, net earnings from self-employment & income received from sheltered workshops
- **Unearned income** includes all other income that is not earned, such as Social Security benefits, Tribal per capita payments, workers or veteran's compensation, support & maintenance in kind, rent & interest



What Are Considered Resources for SSI?

- Resources are cash & things a person owns
- Resource Limits
- Individual - \$2,000
- Couple - \$3,000



Who Can Get Medicare?

- **Age 65 or Older**
- **24 months after entitlement to Social Security disability**
- **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)**
- **Permanent kidney failure and receive maintenance dialysis or a kidney transplant**
- **Exposure to Environmental Health Hazards**



When Should you Sign Up for Medicare?

- **Initial – age 65**
- **Special – if still working**
- **General – January – March**



Medicare Has Four Parts

Part A - Hospital Insurance

- No monthly premium for most people.

Part B - Medical Insurance

- Has a monthly premium.

Part C - Medical Insurance

- Health care services through a provider organization

Part D - Medicare Prescription Drug Plan

- Covers a major portion of prescription drug costs

For More Medicare Information

Call 1-800-MEDICARE

(1-800-633-4227)

TTY 1-877-486-2048

www.medicare.gov

SOCIAL SECURITY

We Are Closer Than You Think!

- ▶ **File for Social Security or SSI Benefits**
 - ▶ **Change your Address**
 - ▶ **Report Changes**
- ▶ **Ask Questions and much more!**

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American Indians And Alaska Natives (AIAN)



Social Security Is Important to American Indians and Alaska Natives

Here you will learn how American Indians and Alaska Natives benefit from the Social Security program. Social Security is neutral with respect to race or ethnicity- individuals with identical earnings histories are treated the same in terms of benefits.

The American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) special Internet site is the Social Security Administration's effort to improve communication and provide information about all of Social Security's programs to American Indian/Alaska Native peoples.

Tribal Communications

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- [View Video Greeting](#)
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Tribal Consultation and Coordination Plan

- [2013 Tribal Consultation Progress Report](#)

Related AIAN Links

[White House American Indians Initiatives](#)

[Circle of Life - Information for Workers, Children, Families and Elders](#)

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Benefits And Services You Should Know About

[Comparing Social Security and SSI](#)

[Disability Benefits for Wounded Warriors](#)

[Social Security/DOD Implement New Process for Wounded Warriors](#)

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Survey

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