

Former Foster Care Youth: Campaign for Medicaid Enrollment

The Affordable Care Act will extend Medicaid coverage will to eligible former foster care youth to age 26, starting January 1st, 2014

How can you help the campaign?

Since 2005, approximately 6,700 youth have "aged out" of the Foster Care System in Virginia, meaning they did not reach the goal of adoption before age 18. Many of these youth face a slew of hardships and barriers. A majority can not seek the mental and physical health care they need. Starting January 1st, eligible youth will be covered by Medicaid till age 26. Help us reach out...

Promote Awareness



25%

Of Virginia Foster Care Children "age out" of the system

Encourage to Apply



50

Virginia ranks 50 out of 50 for highest number of foster care youth to "age out" of the system

Educate Providers



62%

Of former foster care children do not have health care coverage, nation wide

Reach Out to former Youth



6,733

Former Foster Care youth will be eligible for Medicaid Coverage in Virginia starting January 1st

** Statistics provided by the Virginia Department of Social Services*

Who is Eligible under the new Policy?



- Any youth age 26 and under, who had an open foster care case and was receiving Virginia Medicaid upon their 18th birthday



- Any youth coming out of the Virginia Foster Care System on their 18th birthday who is receiving Virginia Medicaid

How to Apply for Medicaid ...



Online Through
CommonHelp
Go to
www.commonhelp.virginia.gov



By Phone through
Cover
Virginia
Call 1-855-242-8282



By Paper Application through your
Local Department of Social Services
Visit www.dss.virginia.gov to find your local office. You can also print an application and mail or fax it in to your local office