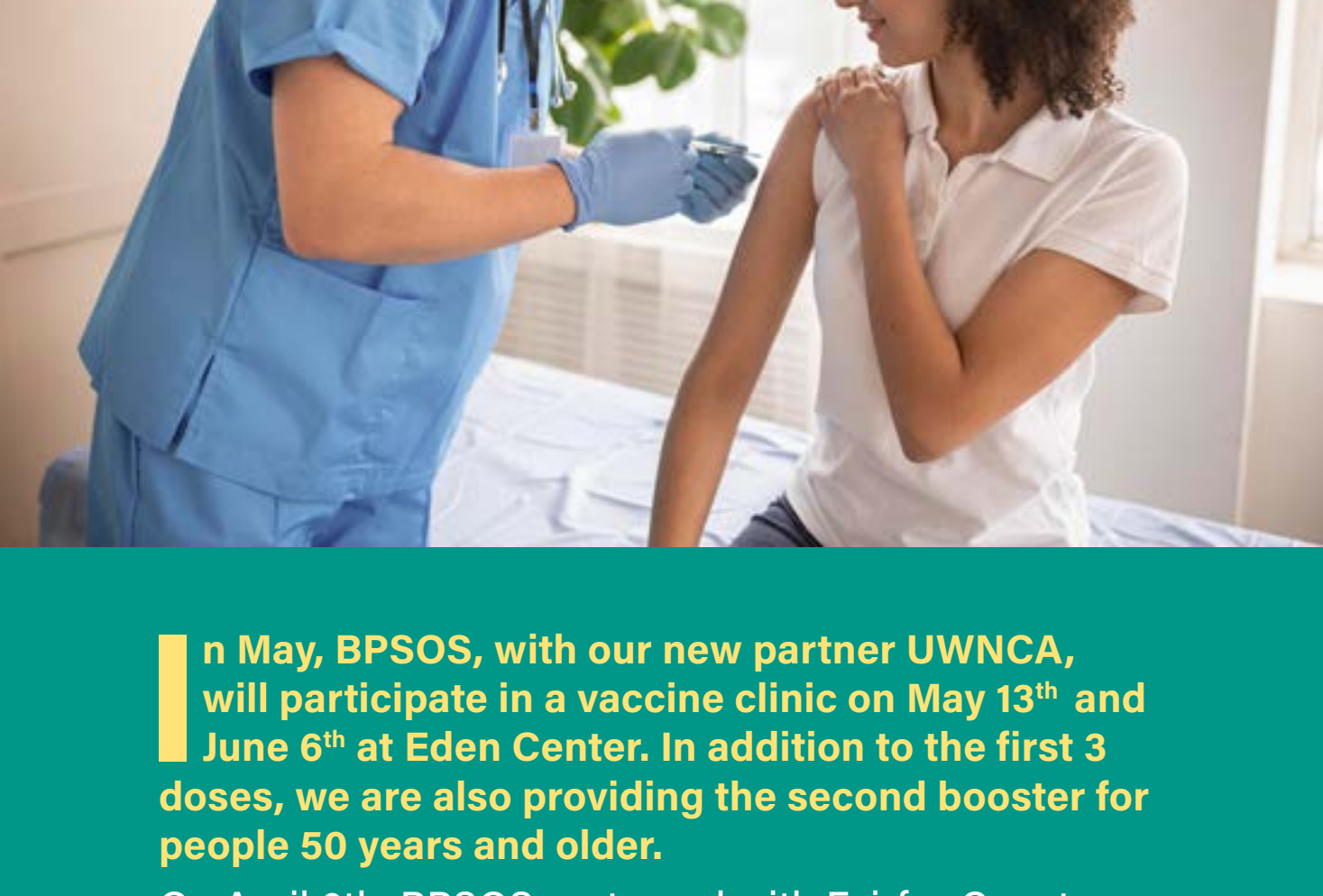




# BPSOS Falls Church NEWSLETTER

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## COVID-19 VACCINATION



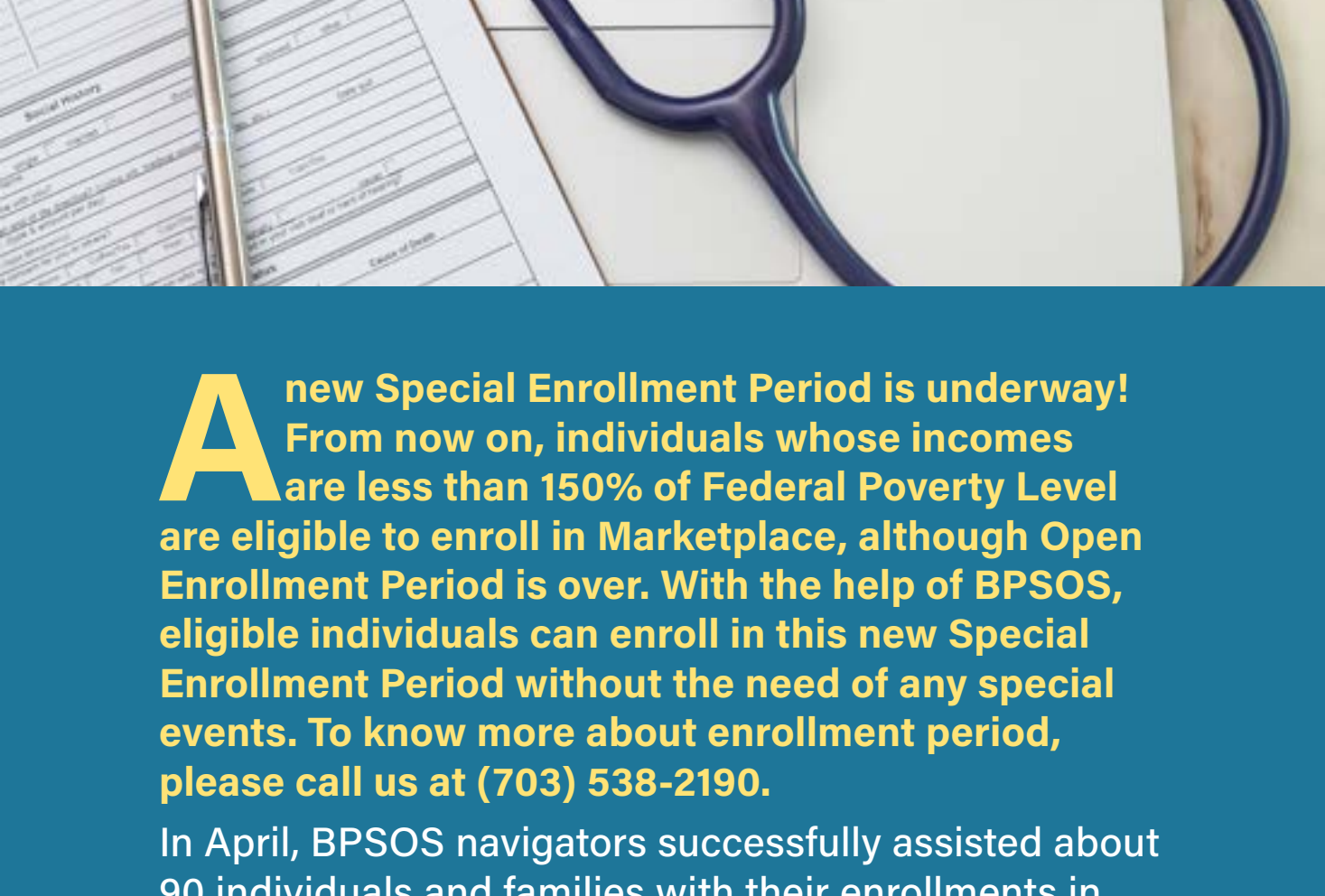
**I**n May, BPSOS, with our new partner UWNCA, will participate in a vaccine clinic on May 13<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> at Eden Center. In addition to the first 3 doses, we are also providing the second booster for people 50 years and older.

On April 6th, BPSOS partnered with Fairfax County and ECVN to host a vaccine clinic at Eden Center. We provided Vietnamese interpretation and assisted Fairfax County with flow control. As a result, 45 individuals received their doses, including the 2nd booster. In addition, our community health workers assisted additional 21 individuals to make COVID-19 vaccination appointments at local pharmacies in April.

We also had 5 radio talkshows throughout last month, where we updated more than 3000 listeners on current COVID-19 news and advertised our next clinic. Our program coordinators also conducted targeted outreach via multiple channels and languages such as Vietnamese, English and Spanish. People started to know and contacted us for future tests and shots.

**Please call (703) 538-2190 for help with COVID-19 vaccination.**

## AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE



**A** new Special Enrollment Period is underway! From now on, individuals whose incomes are less than 150% of Federal Poverty Level are eligible to enroll in Marketplace, although Open Enrollment Period is over. With the help of BPSOS, eligible individuals can enroll in this new Special Enrollment Period without the need of any special events. To know more about enrollment period, please call us at (703) 538-2190.

In April, BPSOS navigators successfully assisted about 90 individuals and families with their enrollments in Marketplace, Medicare and Medicaid. Our staff spent as much time as needed to keep clients informed about their health coverage options.

Starting April, Virginia and all other states will begin re-evaluating eligibility for all Medicaid members. We can assist Medicaid members with making sure that Virginia Medicaid has their most current personal and financial information, so that there will be no problem with their future coverage.

**Please call (703) 538-2190 for help with affordable coverages.**

## COMMUNITY AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



**I**n April, BPSOS assisted 3 new domestic violence survivors who were being abused and harassed. Our case managers managed to refer them to social services and local community center, where they could get more services.

In addition, we keep providing food assistance for one survivor, who expressed deep gratitude to our case managers. We will continue to provide food and rental assistance for domestic violence survivors next month. These financial supports really help survivors and their children overcome difficulties during the pandemic.

**Please call (703) 538-2190 for help with domestic violence.**

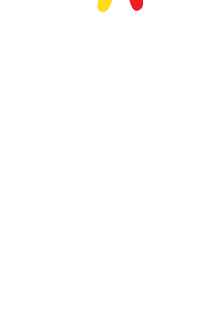
## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



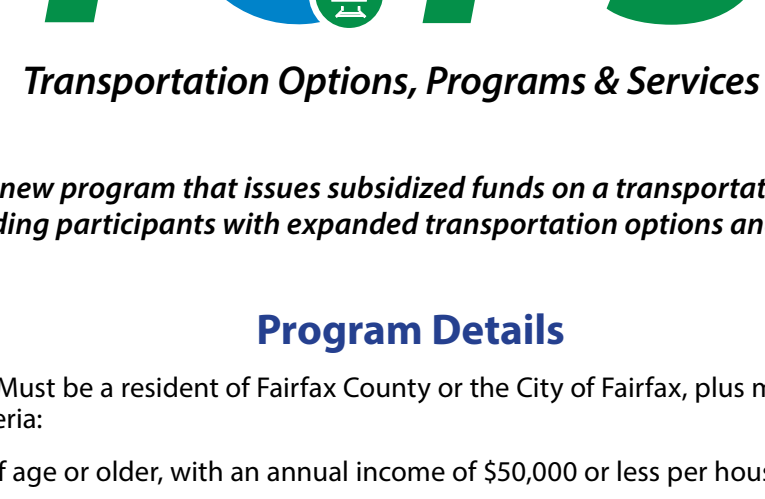
**I**n April, BPSOS assisted 9 seniors go to their medical appointments and COVID-19 vaccination and testing sites.

Our project coordinators carried out Fairfax County's TOPS program, whose issues subsidized funds on a debit card, providing expanded and affordable transportation options and services. TOPS targets low-income seniors & helps them with free or discounted taxi trips. Our senior clients were very grateful for this program as they had limited mobility at their ages.

**Please call (703) 538-2190 for help with public transportation service.**



Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services



Transportation Options, Programs & Services

*TOPS is a new program that issues subsidized funds on a transportation debit card providing participants with expanded transportation options and services.*

### Program Details

**Eligibility:** Must be a resident of Fairfax County or the City of Fairfax, plus meet one of the following criteria:

- 50 years of age or older, with an annual income of \$50,000 or less per household.
- Registered user of MetroAccess.
- Recipient of Social Security Insurance (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Annual income that meets the 225% Federal Poverty Levels by household size.

**Program Subsidy:** Program participants are eligible for two subsidies per year (one subsidy every six months). Each subsidy will provide \$100 in benefits at a cost to the participant of \$20.

### Transportation Options Include:

- **Taxis.**
- **Rideshare services** (Uber and Lyft).
- **Public transportation** (bus + rail via SmartTrip card).
- **Capital BikeShare rentals.**



**To Learn More Or Apply Online**  
Visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/NCS](https://fairfaxcounty.gov/NCS) (Search: TOPS)  
**Additional Questions?**  
Call Human Services Transportation Customer Service at 703-222-9764.



Where a TTY number is not indicated, use 711/Virginia Relay. Reasonable accommodations made upon request; call 703-324-4600.  
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