

BPSOS Falls Church NEWSLETTER

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COVID-19 VACCINATION



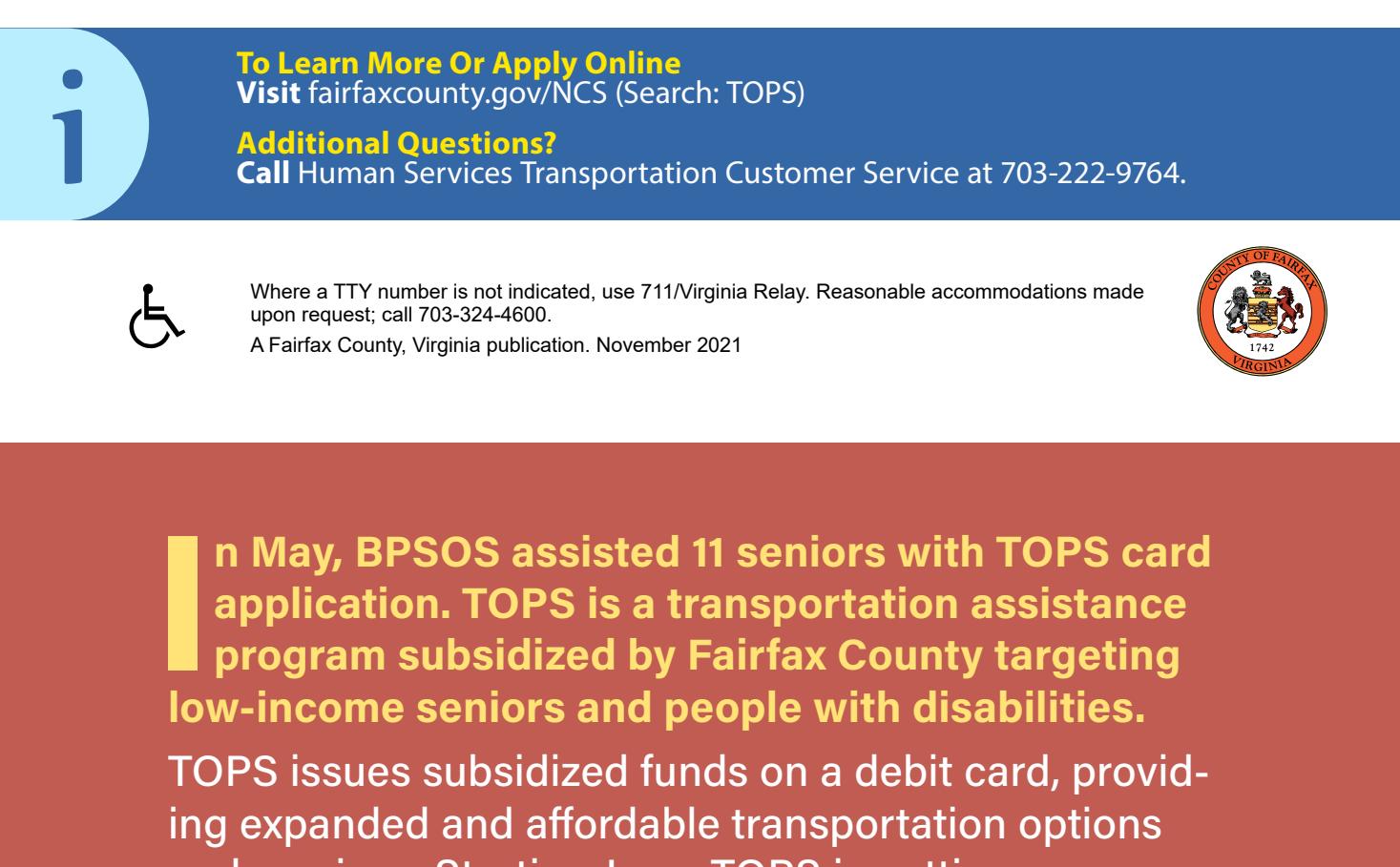
In May and early June, BPSOS, with our last month's partner United Way of National Capital Area, has conducted a COVID-19 vaccine clinic on May 13th and June 3rd. We managed to vaccinate about 80 individuals with the first and second booster in both clinics. BPSOS plans to have another clinic on June 26th, making it more accessible for our community since it will be on the weekend.

The clinic was hosted at Eden Center, one of the biggest commercial and community center for the Vietnamese population in northern Virginia. At both clinics, while UWNCA handled vaccination, BPSOS provided language interpretation and assisted with flow control. In total, our community health workers assisted 105 individuals to get vaccinated at our clinics and to make vaccination appointments at pharmacies in May.

We also had 4 radio talkshows 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 our help, eligible individuals can enroll in this new Special Enrollment Period without the need of any special events. To know more about this special enrollment period, please call us at (703) 538-2190.

In May, BPSOS navigators successfully assisted about 80 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 have begun 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

In May, BPSOS helped 5 new domestic violence survivors with separation, divorce and child custody. In addition, we also helped one of their children with school-related questions.

In addition, we keep providing food assistance for one survivor, who expressed deep gratitude to our case managers. In July 2022, BPSOS will receive a new grant to support survivors of the Community Against Domestic Violence program. 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

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, and meet one of the following criteria:

- 50 years of age or older, with an annual income of \$50,000 or less per household.
- Recipient of Social Security.
- Recipient of Social Security Insurance (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).
- Annual income that meets the 225% Federal Poverty Level 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/cabs.
- Rideshare services.
- Public transit via SmartTrip.
- Capital Bikeshare rentals.

To Learn More Or Apply Online
Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/NCS (Search: TOPS)

Call Human Services Transportation Customer Service at 703-222-9764.

Where a TTY number is not indicated, use 711/Virginia Relay. Reasonable accommodations made in Fairfax County, Virginia publication. November 2021.

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

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In May, BPSOS assisted 11 seniors with TOPS card application, subsidized by Fairfax County targeting low-income seniors and people with disabilities.

TOPS issues subsidized funds on a debit card, providing expanded and affordable transportation options and services. Starting June, TOPS is getting even better as an individual only needs to deposit \$60 to get the \$340 subsidy for a client of \$400 in their transportation card. 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.

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