

# ***Do you know families or people who need help?***

## **YOU can help them**

### *How?*

Tell them about on-line screening that will show if they may be eligible for Food Stamps, cash assistance, medical assistance, energy assistance or child care.

Help them use on-line screening.

The Virginia Department of Social Services has web-based on-line screening that lets needy individuals see if they may be eligible for food stamps, cash assistance, children's health insurance, Medicaid for Pregnant Women, energy assistance or child care. The screening asks a few questions and provides a preliminary answer. It also provides the address of the local department of social services.

**Please note:** *This preliminary screening does not take the place of an application or interview.*

### **Here's how it works:**

- Go to [www.dss.state.va.us](http://www.dss.state.va.us).
- Click on the words "Financial Assistance."
- Click on "Financial Assistance - Determining Eligibility" in the left column navigation.
- Select the programs for which the household is to be screened.
- Enter the zip code.
- Click on the submit button to proceed to the questionnaire.
- Read and answer each question.
- Click the "Click Here When Done" button.
- The confirmation page permits editing of answers.
- Submit the questionnaire and receive a preliminary screening result and the local agency address.



Please encourage individuals you know and those served by your organization to use this simple eligibility screening. If you have any questions, call (804) 726-7374 or e-mail [angela.beachy@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:angela.beachy@dss.virginia.gov)