

Nebraska Families Collaborative and Project Everlast seek to address information and financial barriers to accessing healthcare for youth formerly in foster care. *Eligible applicants may receive up to* \$150 within a 12-month period to address their healthcare costs, including but not limited to: medical, behavioral health, dental, vision, pharmacy and durable medical equipment. The fund is intended to assist youth with current and future services. However, it will pay for outstanding bills for up to 3 months prior to submitting application.

## Who's eligible?

- ✓ Must be a youth formerly in foster care with the State of Nebraska
- ✓ Must be between the ages of 18 and 24
- ✓ Must reside in Douglas or Sarpy County, Nebraska

**Why?** The Healthcare Fund seeks to address a major barrier to accessing basic healthcare services for youth formerly in foster care who are ineligible for Medicaid under the new Affordable Care Act which covers youth up to age 26 who aged out of foster care unless they meet one of the following criteria:

- ✓ Youth who do not meet citizenship requirements
- ✓ Youth who were not receiving Medicaid at case closure

\*In addition, some youth formerly in foster care may be eligible for health insurance coverage, but are unable to afford the insurance premiums, copays and other out of pocket costs. As a result, they are not accessing basic preventive healthcare services such as annual physicals or dental and vision exams.

**How to apply?** Complete an application and return it to Phillip Burrell at Project Everlast:

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**Questions?** Don't hesitate to call Phillip at 402.384.4664

