

BENEFITS YOU CAN USE

Help For Children And Older Americans

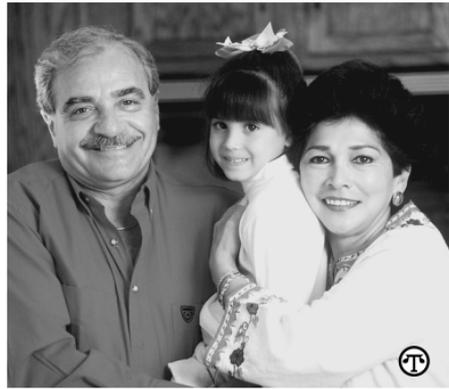
(NAPSA)—Millions of American families may be eligible for programs that can help cover health care needs and basic costs, but they don't even know about them.

The AARP Foundation Benefits Outreach Program connects families to these important resources through its new on-line free tool called Benefits QuickLINK. This customized version of Benefits CheckUp makes it easier for people to find out if their family may qualify for 15 of the most valuable public benefits programs for older adults and for children available where they live.

It also helps them find free and low-cost prescription drug programs, and apply for the Medicare Rx Extra Help program on-line. These programs help older Americans get the help they need and deserve. Grandparents raising grandchildren can use Benefits QuickLINK to find programs for themselves and their children. Family members who care for older relatives can find programs in another state.

The Benefits QuickLINK screening tool makes it easier for people to learn if they are eligible for some important state and federal public benefits available in your area. They may include:

- Medicare Savings Programs
- Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage
- Medicare Rx Extra Help
- Prescription Drug Assistance Programs
- Medicaid for Aged, Blind and Disabled
- Food Stamps Program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance
- Property Tax Relief/Rebates



YOU: ENTITLED TO GOVERNMENT MONEY? Grandparents and others over 50 who are raising children may be eligible for benefits from the government and not know it. A new Internet site can help.

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Telephone Assistance (Link-Up and Lifeline).

Grandparents raising grandchildren and parents 50 and older with minor children can use the tool to determine if they are eligible for a variety of public benefits for children, such as Children's Health Insurance Programs, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Medicaid for Children, among others.

The system is run by Benefits CheckUp, a service of the National Council on Aging and supported by the AARP Foundation, AARP's affiliated charity.

How Does It Work?

- Go to www.aarp.org/quicklink
- Answer a short list of questions, and
- Download fact sheets and applications for programs that fit your situation.

Learn More

You can learn more on-line at www.aarp.org/quicklink.