

Government Assistance Questions:

Visit the following websites and answer the questions about two of the following government assistance programs:

- Section 8 housing
- Public Housing
- Public Education
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Food stamps
- SCHIP
- Medicaid

1. Who pays for the assistance (State, federal, etc)
2. Who is eligible?
3. What services are provided?
4. Where can someone go to get assistance?
5. Where can someone go if they feel have been denied services unfairly?
6. Entitlement Program? Yes No (circle one)

Websites:

<http://www.lawhelp.org/ny/> Rights, eligibility, and assistance information regarding all forms of government assistance.

<http://www.insideschools.org> What to do if your child needs tutoring? What is the “No Child Gets Left Behind” program? What can you do to get your child extra help in school? What to do if the child’s class is overcrowded? How to advocate for your child’s special needs.

www.kff.org (Keiser Family Foundation) – excellent resource on Medicaid and SCHIP

“The state-by-state data available on the site cover a wide variety of health policy topics including health insurance coverage and characteristics of the uninsured, minority health - including breakdowns of data by racial/ethnic group, enrollment and spending for Medicare, Medicaid and the S-CHIP program, population demographics, and health status measures.

State Health Facts Online can be accessed at www.statehealthfacts.kff.org or through the Foundation's primary website at www.kff.org, where users can access all of the Foundation's reports and analyses on health issues.”

www.cmwf.org (The Commonwealth Fund) Health care for minority populations and publication relating to the quality of care for children comparing Medicaid managed care to commercial managed care.

www.urban.org (The Urban Institute) A data base site where one can review stats from around the country concerning welfare rules. Publication on “Teens and welfare reform”, and area entitled “Assessing the New Federalism” – uses statistics to report on how people are faring with under the new welfare laws.