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The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health/Got Transition has released two new reports and three policy briefs on the significant challenges and inequities that youth and young adults with disabilities face when aging out of Medicaid, CHIP, SSI, and Title V Programs.

Low-income youth with disabilities are at risk of losing coverage, supports, and continuity of care when they transition into adulthood. Half as many young adults (ages 19-25) are publicly insured compared to youth (ages 12-18), and an estimated 50% of SSI recipients lose their eligibility following age 18 redetermination. When they age out, many become uninsured, face worsening poverty levels, experience disruptions in care, and report extraordinary worries and pressures. Black young adults with disabilities, especially those with intellectual and/or development disabilities, report even greater difficulties when they age out of these programs.

The following reports are the result of a two-year effort to bring new attention to the challenges and inequities faced by this vulnerable population during such a difficult time in their lives.

- 1) A National Report: Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities Aging Out of Medicaid, CHIP, SSI, and Title V Programs: Barriers, Inequities, and Recommendations
 - a. Policy Brief on Medicaid & CHIP
 - b. Policy Brief on SSI
 - c. Policy Brief on Title V
- A Five State Case Study: Black Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities Aging Out of Medicaid, CHIP, SSI, and Title V Programs

With funding from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health and the WITH Foundation, and guided by a National Advisory Committee, the national report presents detailed recommendations to address gaps, complexities, and disparities for each of the public programs studied. The recommendations were drawn from the findings from key informant and self-advocate interviews, literature and program document reviews, online surveys, analysis of national survey data, and the Five-State Case Study. Each policy brief presents a summary of the respective program information from the national report.

The Five State Case Study takes a deeper dive into challenges and inequities faced by Black youth and young adults with disabilities, including intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, in five states: AL, FL, GA, MS, and TX. The case study summarizes findings from an analysis of racial disparities in disability, insurance, and income in the US and the five states; findings from key informant interviews with public program officials and advocates in the five states; and stories from Black young adult self-advocates who have lived experience aging out of public programs.

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