# Did You Know Your Child Can Get Free Vaccines?

#### **Vaccines for Children Can Help**

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides free vaccines to children who qualify. About half of American children less than 19 years old receive VFC vaccine.

## Is my child eligible for the VFC Program?

Children are eligible if it is before their 19th birthday and they:

- · Qualify for Medicaid
- Don't have insurance
- Are American Indian or Alaska Native

Children whose insurance doesn't cover some or all routinely recommended vaccines (underinsured) can still get vaccines through VFC if they go to a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic.

## Where can I go to get my child vaccinated?

- Ask if your child's doctor or nurse is a VFC provider. Nationally, there are thousands of health care providers enrolled in the VFC program.
- If your child does not have a doctor, ask if your local public health department provides vaccines.
- Visit a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC).

#### How much will I have to pay?

- All routinely recommended vaccines are free through the VFC Program.
- Doctors can charge fees to give each shot. However, they cannot refuse to vaccinate your child if you are unable to pay these fees.
- The doctor can charge additional fees for the office visit or nonvaccine services such as an eye exam or blood test.

#### Where can I get more information?

- Ask your child's doctor's office if they participate in VFC.
- If you don't have a regular doctor's office:
  - See if your state has a searchable website for VFC providers.
  - Call your <u>state or local</u> <u>health department.</u>
  - Visit <u>findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov</u> to find a Federally Qualified Health Center.













Learn more at CDC.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/parents/