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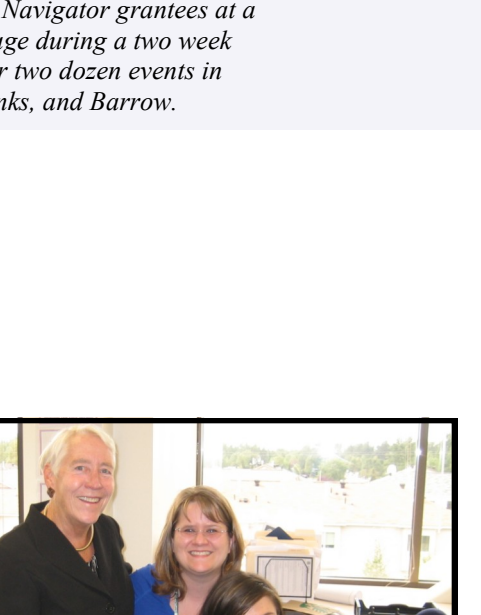


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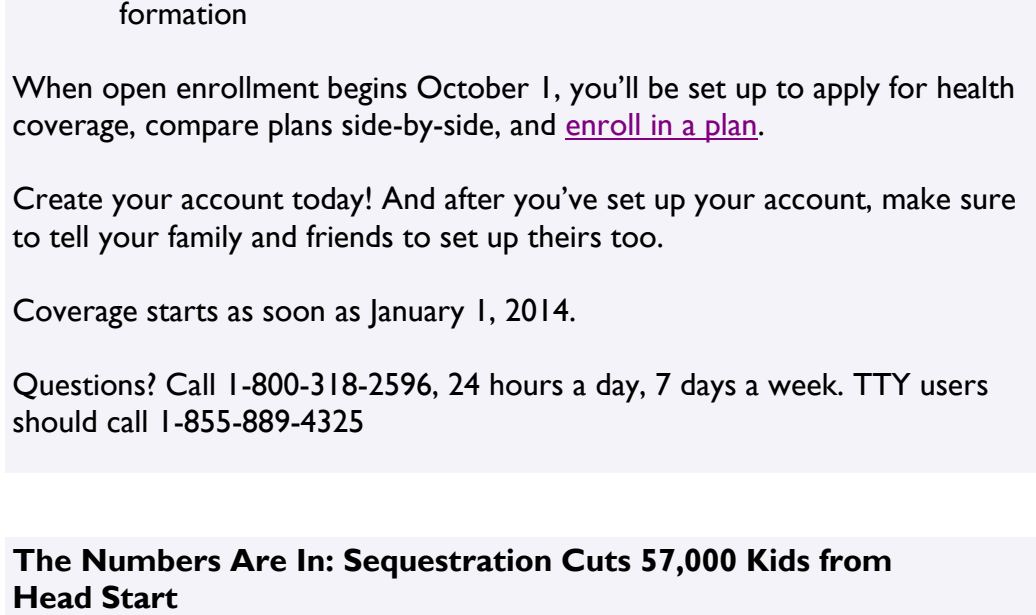
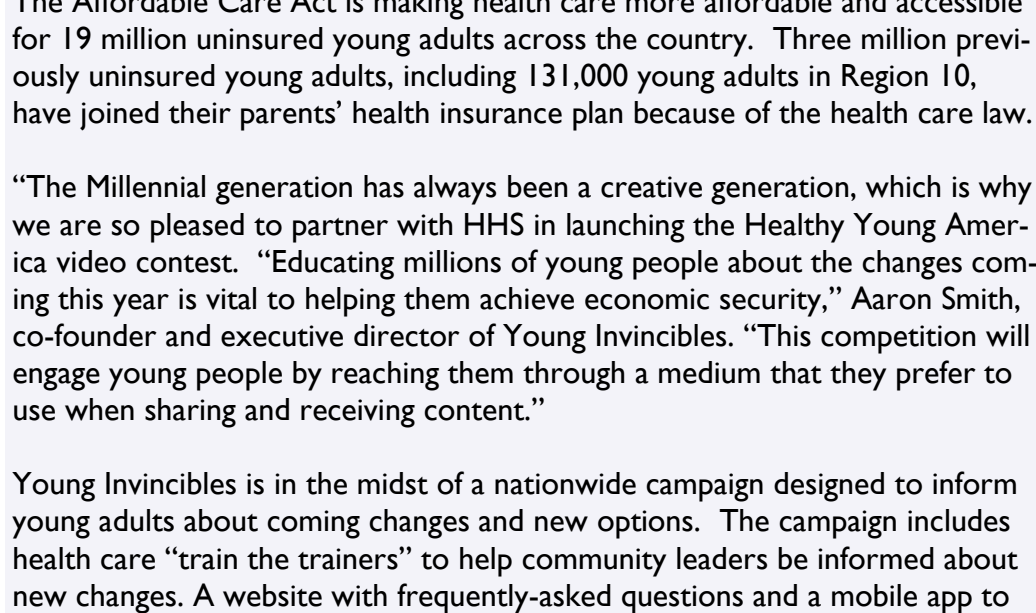
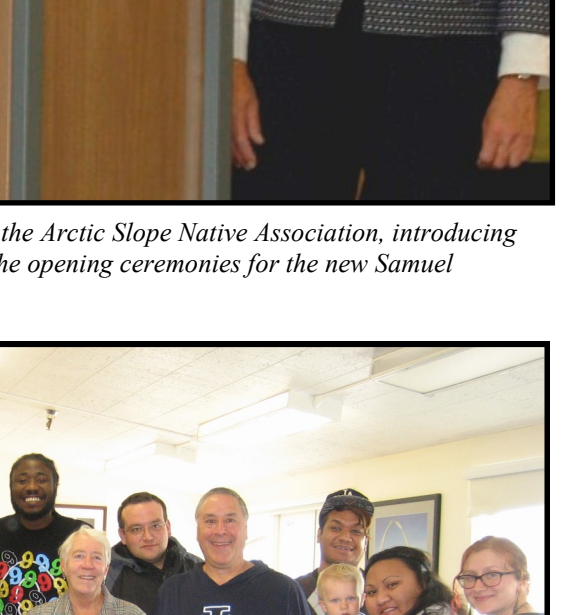
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A woman with blonde hair, wearing a bright green jacket over a blue shirt, is seated at a desk. She is looking towards the camera. To her right is a computer monitor displaying a webpage. In the background, there are blue and red chairs and a white desk with a laptop.



who were already enrolled. However, there was no legal room to shift funding to soften the blow—sequestration reduced every Head Start grant by the same percent. Some programs were forced to use a lottery to determine which children could continue to come to class and which would lose their seat.

For months, we have seen local stories of families and communities struggling to cope as Head Start programs have been forced to turn away children because their budgets were stretched to the breaking point. In small towns and big cities, the stories have been much the same.

Now we have added up all these cuts from across the country to better under-

Those 57,000 include more than 51,000 fewer adults and nearly 6,000 fewer children, families and seniors. Start (ages 0-3) in the current program year.

The decision to take away funding for high quality early learning for tens of thousands of young Americans is indefensible morally and economically. If we shortchange our children, we shortchange our nation. Strong early learning can translate into school success, which can lead to college and good jobs, and ultimately a robust economy. Research shows that a public dollar spent on high quality early childhood education can return \$7 through increased productivity and savings on public assistance and criminal justice programs.

So there is no question that these cuts jeopardize our children's futures. Amer

**On eve of Medicare anniversary, over 6.6 million seniors save over \$7 billion on drugs**

On July 29th, the eve of the 48th anniversary of the signing of Medicare and Medicaid into law, new information was released by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that show a strong Medicare program. Over 6.6 million people with Medicare have saved over \$7 billion on prescription drugs as a result of the Affordable Care Act. These savings average \$1,061 per beneficiary in drug costs while a beneficiary is in the “donut hole” coverage gap that the law closes over time.

In addition, 16.5 million people with traditional Medicare took advantage of at least one free preventive service in the first six months of 2013.

This news comes on the heels of historically low levels of growth in Medicare spending. From 2010 to 2012, Medicare spending per beneficiary grew at 1.7

The Affordable Care Act gave those who reached the donut hole in 2010 a one-time \$250 check, then began phasing in discounts and coverage for brand-name and generic prescription drugs beginning in 2011. The law will provide additional savings each year until the coverage gap is closed in 2020.

For more information on how the Affordable Care Act closes the donut hole, please visit: <http://www.medicare.gov/part-d/costs/coverage-gap/part-d-coverage-gap.html>

### **Preventive Services**

By making certain preventive services available with no cost-sharing obligations, the Affordable Care Act is helping Americans take charge of their own health. Americans can now better afford to work with health care professionals to prevent disease, detect problems early when treatment works best, and monitor health conditions.

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**Grant Opportunities and Available Resources**

For HHS funding resources, please visit the [HHS Grants/Funding site](#) or [FYI: Minority Resources...Money & More](#), a newsletter published by the Office of Minority Health Resource Center.

**National Indian Health Outreach and Education II (Tribal Eligible)—**  
The Indian Health Service (IHS), Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribe is accepting competitive applications for two limited competition cooperative agreements under the National Indian Health Outreach and Education (NIHOE) program: the Behavioral Health - Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Intervention (MSPi) outreach and education award and the Human

research in and among three broad areas of action: 1) public policy, 2) health care, and 3) disease/disability prevention. The deadline for submission is September 7, 2016. [View Full Announcement](#)

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