

Our Services

Britepaths' services are designed to help individuals and families in the Fairfax County area and Northern Virginia who are dealing with financial instability stemming from underemployment, unemployment, debt and limited living-wage job options. Often, they live paycheck to paycheck. Any kind of unexpected expense, such as a car repair, rent hike or medical expenses, can throw them into a crisis. Britepaths can help them stabilize and improve their outlook for the future. Learn more and get involved at britepaths.org.

Stabilizing Families – Temporary Emergency Services

Food Assistance: Short-term assistance: Britepaths partners with faith communities, businesses and community organizations to send grocery store gift cards to 30 families every other week for a designated period of time. Emergency assistance: Referred clients in a crisis situation may receive pantry supplies and grocery store gift cards. Britepaths also provides **Our Daily Veggies** farmers market vouchers and matches **SNAP/EBT** at the Annandale Farmers Market, May-Nov.

Financial Assistance: Britepaths provides help with rent, utility bills, prescriptions and automotive repairs. These one-time financial grants are intended to remedy a financial setback brought on by a temporary crisis.

Personal Empowerment – Promoting Long-Term Self-Sufficiency

Financial Empowerment at Britepaths and FECSoCo: Britepaths offers long-term financial mentoring and workshops to Northern Virginia and D.C. area residents through the **Financial Empowerment Center at South County (FECSoCo.org)**. Services include one-on-one financial coaching, credit report review, money management, and small business coaching.

Workforce Development at Britepaths and FECSoCo: Britepaths and FECSoCo offer a variety of **Career** support services to job seekers, including: one-on-one **Coaching**; **Network Up**, a short-term mentoring program matching job-ready people with a volunteer mentor who advises them and helps build networking connections; AWS re/Start and Google IT Training Courses, and Learning to Launch Pre-Employment series.

Supports for Children – Help for Children and Families During Stressful Times

Back to School: Britepaths partners with Fairfax County's Collect for Kids initiative to leverage donations from the community to provide school supplies to 2,500 Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students needing assistance.

Weekend Food for Kids: Britepaths' **Food4Thought** program offers support and leverages community donations to help FCPS partner schools provide weekend food packs to children in need at their schools.

Holiday Assistance: It's hard to imagine neighboring kids going without a nice meal and a gift at the holidays. Britepaths seeks support from the community each fall to provide holiday meals and gifts for children to families with identified need.