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5220 W. Ohio Ave., Lakewood

We offer a drop-in center that is a welcoming and safe place for you to spend time and be yourself. We provide services to adolescents, ages 15-22, with the transition to adulthood including:

- Independent Living Skills Classes where you can learn about life skills such as how to manage your money, rent an apartment, buy a car, eat well, stay healthy, and find positive relationships.
- GED assistance
- Information about how to pay for education
- Bus passes or bus tokens, when participating in ROAD services
- Employment Readiness Training
- Mental Health Counseling

Call us or drop by! (303) 982-6755



Navigation

Navigation can help you with assessing, applying, and accessing Public Benefits and resources.

Navigation can help you find the resources for:

- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ GED/Adult Education
- ✓ Payee Services
- ✓ Community Assistance

Call Navigation Services for resource needs.
(303) 432-5130



Jefferson Center
for mental health

Things Change when you **Turn 18**

*Know the services and resources available to you to **feel successful** as an adult.*

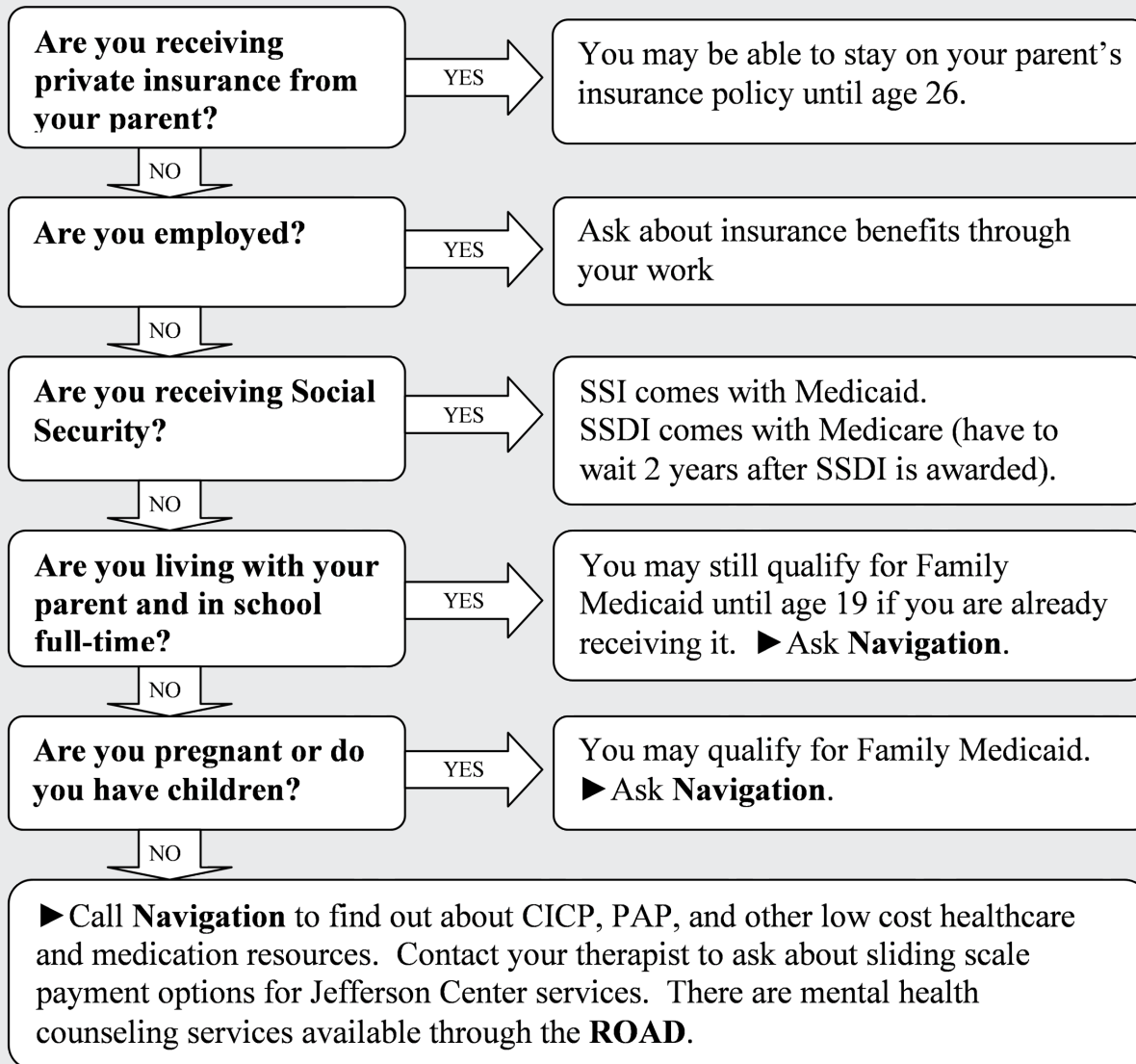
Turning 18 years old can bring about many changes that may impact you including:

- **Access to Healthcare and Insurance Coverage**
- **New Access or Continuing Public Benefits**
- **Finding housing, transportation, employment**
- **and more**

Finding the resources to help with these changes does not have to be frustrating. This guide can help you find the assistance and resources you need to feel successful as an adult.



Know the services and resources available to you to *feel successful* as an adult.



Frequently Asked Questions

Do I qualify for any Public Benefits?

Once you turn 18, you may be able to apply for public benefits on your own. Public benefits may provide assistance with the cost of food, health care, and finding employment.

If you have children, have income under a certain amount or have less than \$2000 in resources you might qualify for programs through Human Services such as Food Assistance, Family Medicaid, Aid to the Needy and Disabled, or Colorado Works.

Call Navigation at Jefferson Center for more information or assistance to complete paperwork, 303-432-5130.

How will I receive healthcare or pay for medication?

Once turning 18, some adolescents can no longer receive insurance through their parent's or caregiver's insurance provider. Without insurance, it is difficult and expensive to pay for healthcare and/or medication (this includes mental health care). However, there are many choices that might be available to someone about to enter into adulthood.

What if I'm disabled or have mental health issues?

If you have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and meet certain criteria, you may qualify for Transitional Services through Jefferson County Public Schools (check with your IEP provider, usually a school staff person).

If you are currently receiving Supplemental Security Income or Medicaid, you will need to re-apply anywhere up to 6 months before you turn 18 so there is no gap in benefit coverage.

Check with **Navigation** for assistance in applying for or continuing social security benefits.