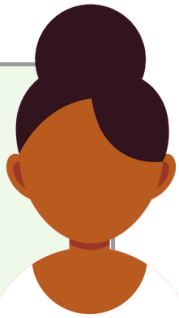


Youth Recommendation for Making it Easier for Families to Navigate Supports

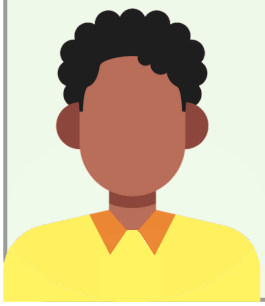
Make assistance easier to find and use. Students recommended clear, multilingual, and accessible information about housing, food, utilities, healthcare, childcare, financial assistance, scholarships, and public benefits through schools, social media, student-friendly websites, hotlines, community outreach, and trusted organizations. They also emphasized using student-designed communication materials, central information displays, peer-to-peer outreach, and regular feedback from students to make information more visible, engaging, and easier to understand.

Sources: Fernando Bonilla Gamez, *Student Financial Aid*, 2026; Ivy Miralda-Molina, *Rising Costs in the ACHS Community*, 2026; Richard Reyes, *Affordable & Healthy Food Choices in Alexandria*, 2026; and Elyas, *Cost of Living*, 2025.



"We need programs to be more out in social media..."

~ Ivy Miralda-Molina, 2026



"Make the information more accessible and readily available."

"Young people are more receptive to information from peers."

"Student-led and designed posters, stickers, cards..."

~ Fernando Bonilla Gamez, 2026



"Continue educating the community about their rights and available resources...to reduce financial strain and promote long term stability."

~ Elyas, 2025

"Clear, regular updates on where to get free, healthy food..."

~ Richard Reyes, 2026

