

## **2. Facts and Figures: Virginia**

### **Did you know that in Virginia . . .**

- There are approximately 413,000 uninsured adults with incomes at or under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level?
- Less than 75% of African American and Hispanic women received first trimester prenatal care in 1999, compared to more than 80% in other groups?
- Tobacco use during pregnancy was highest among White women in 1999?
- Between 2000 and 2001, the number of reported HIV cases among Whites increased by 34.5%, among African Americans by 16.8%, and among Hispanics by 43.6%? The total number of cases for African Americans was still far beyond other groups at 641.
- In 1998, African American males had the highest mortality rate for cancer in the state?
- In 1995, the average hospital admission cost for a person being treated for cardiovascular disease was \$13,974, 59% higher than the average charge of all admissions?
- In 1999, 1,483 Virginians died of diabetes -- and diabetes was a known contributing factor in 3,019 more Virginia deaths that year? The rate of diabetes-related deaths has been increasing since 1995.
- 67% of Virginians without health insurance are employed?

### **Regarding Mental Health in Virginia . . .**

- A mental illness strikes 1 in 4 Virginians each year.
- More than one million adult Virginians suffer from one or more mental illnesses.
- 13,000 Virginians with mental illnesses are homeless.

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