

# Fairfax Skindeep Tattoo Removal Program

## Application Instructions

The Fairfax Skindeep Tattoo Removal Program is a voluntary collaboration between Fairfax County youth, families, and/or care givers, public human services agencies, and Community-Based Organizations who will actively and creatively work to address the needs of at-risk youth and families at minimal cost to the taxpayers.

Visible tattoo removal is in recognition of and incentive for positive internal change over a 6 month period by youths through age 22 currently supervised by Fairfax County human services agencies or Community-Based Organizations. Each youth must actively demonstrate their willingness to leave gang life behind. Other requirements include:

- Attend 100% of education classes and pass with a “C” or better
- Seek active, remunerative employment if educational requirement has been satisfied
- Maintain 100% drug and alcohol sobriety during the period of program participation
- Demonstrate compliance with behavior contract and /or signed Rules of Probation
- Complete 40 hours of community services prior to tattoo removal

The Skindeep Tattoo Removal Interagency Committee will evaluate and prioritize applications. The American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons will medically assess visible tattoos. Typical tattoo removal requires 4-6 months. Compensatory time is available to Fairfax County employees upon approval by their supervisors. Case managers/mentors are required to submit documentation and participate as follows:

1. Complete and submit Program Application Forms (Part A&B), Youth Participation Agreement, Exchange/Release Form, and Rosenberg Self-esteem Scale (RSE), most recent social history and service plan to the agency representative
2. Attend all program events including the interview, medical assessment, and tattoo removal
3. Arrange youth attendance, transportation, and foreign language translation
4. Ensure parent, guardian or care giver attendance at initial medical assessment
5. Timely cancellation at least 24 hours in advance is the sole responsibility of the case manager

Failure to comply with Program Requirements, Youth Participation Agreement, or Rules of Probation could result in suspension from the program. Reinstatement may be achieved by a demonstration of compliance with Program Requirements.

### CASE FLOW CHECK LIST:

- 1. Case Manager submits **Application Form Part A & B, Youth Participation Agreement, Exchange/Release Form, and Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale** to Agency Skindeep Representative.
- 2. Agency Representative collects and checks all forms for accuracy. The forms are then submitted to the Skindeep Committee for recommendation.
- 3. Committee reviews all applications and case histories.
- 4. Committee selects and recommends eligible youths to surgeons via the **Physician Notification Form**.
- 5. Medical Review Team reviews cases at an initial screening appointment to determine medical appropriateness of the recommended youths. Case manager arranges transportation, parent or guardian participation, and translation (if necessary).
- 6. If youth is approved for tattoo removal, he or she is scheduled for a subsequent tattoo removal appointment(s) (The **Laser Treatment Consent Form**, and **Request for Treatment Form** are completed at this time).
- 7. Case Manager completes and submits Follow-up Forms (**Exit Data Collection** and **Participant Survey**) to the Agency Representative.



## Fairfax Skindeep Tattoo Removal Program Application--Part B

*This section is to be completed and signed by the applicant.*

1. Please explain why you would like to have your tattoo(s) removed.

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First and Last Name of Applicant (please print)

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Applicant Signature