



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
*Office of the Commissioner*

Margaret Ross Schultze  
COMMISSIONER

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Terry McAuliffe  
Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.  
Co-Chairman, Senate Finance

The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.  
Co-Chairman, Senate Finance

The Honorable S. Chris Jones  
Chairman, House Appropriations

Daniel Timberlake  
Director Department of Planning and Budget

**FROM:**

Margaret Ross Schultze

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**SUBJECT:**

Report on Item 346 of the 2016 Appropriation Act – Adoption of Children in Foster Care

I am pleased to submit the Department of Social Services' quarterly report pursuant to Item 346 (F) of the 2016 Appropriation Act. Item 346 (F) provides \$1,500,000 in the first year and \$1,500,000 in the second year to implement pilot programs that increase the number of foster care children adopted. It requires the Department of Social Services to report quarterly on the use and effectiveness of this funding, including the number of additional children adopted from foster care and the types of ongoing supportive services provided as a result of the expenditure of these funds. If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this report, please contact me at (804) 726-7011.

MRS: kc

Attachment

**Department of Social Services**  
**Quarterly Report on Adoption Contracts**  
**(April – June 2017)**

**Post Adoption Services – FAM-15-083**

There are three contractors providing post adoption services under this funding stream. The contracts were established to increase and expand the coverage area for post adoption services identified as underserved areas in Virginia. The Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E.) is providing services in the Eastern Region (*e.g., cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson City, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, Williamsburg; and Gloucester, and James City counties*) and the Piedmont Region (*e.g., Franklin, Craig, Bedford, Campbell, Botetourt, Rockbridge, Roanoke, and Amherst counties, and cities of Lynchburg, Roanoke and Salem*). DePaul Community Resources is providing services in the Piedmont Region (*e.g., Amherst, Alleghany, Appomattox, Bedford, Campbell, Charlotte, Craig, Halifax, Henry, Mecklenburg, Pittsylvania, and Roanoke Counties and the cities of Danville, Martinsville, and Roanoke*). Frontier Health is providing services in the Western Region (*e.g., Lee, Scott and Wise Counties and the City of Norton*).

During this quarter, C.A.S.E. provided family and individual counseling services to 25 families and 32 adopted youth. C.A.S.E.'s post-adoption services for professionals have increased the listings of adoption competent therapists in Virginia from six (6) to ten (10) therapists. DePaul provided case management, family counseling, and support group services to 35 families and 56 adopted youth. This quarter, 34 out of 35 families served remained intact and 85% of families reported improvement in overall family functioning. Frontier Health provided support groups, family and individual counseling, case management, and crisis intervention services to 138 families and 175 children. The contractors have continued to receive consistent feedback from families that the services provided were critical to preserving the adoption of a child with special needs and a history of trauma. All contracts have been renewed for SFY18.

**Extreme Recruitment® - FAM-15-093**

There are four contractors providing child specific adoption recruitment services under this funding stream. Extreme Recruitment® is a race to permanency for youth who have parental rights terminated and have been waiting the longest for an adoptive family or those who have characteristics that put them at risk of aging out of the system without permanency. The contractors are working in partnership with the youth's permanency team to find persons related by blood or kinship (*i.e., former foster families, teachers, coaches*) who may be prospective permanency resources for the youth or a significant reconnection for the youth to ensure support after foster care. The contractors are C2Adopt, United Methodist Family Services (UMFS) Tidewater, UMFS Northern VA and Radford Department of Social Services. C2Adopt is providing services to all of the localities in the Central Region. UMFS Tidewater is contracted to provide services in the Eastern Region (*e.g., Accomack, Brunswick, Dinwiddie, Franklin, Gloucester, Greensville-Emporia, Isle of Wight, James City, Mathews, Northampton, Prince George, Southampton, Surry, Sussex and York-Poquoson counties; and the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg*). UMFS Northern VA is contracted to provide services in the Northern Region (*e.g., cities of Alexandria, Arlington, Fredericksburg, Manassas, Manassas Park; and Clarke, Culpepper, Fairfax, Fauquier, Frederick, Greene, Harrisonburg-Rockingham, King George, Loudon, Louisa, Madison, Orange, Page, Prince William, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren and Winchester counties*). Radford DSS is contracted to provide services in the Western Region (*e.g., City of Radford; and Montgomery, Floyd, Grayson, Giles and Washington counties*).

During this quarter, C2Adopt had 11 active cases and one (1) new referral. C2Adopt identified an average of 80 relatives for each child served. UMFS Tidewater served nine (9) children and UMFS Northern VA served three (3) children this quarter. Approximately 70 relatives were identified for each child and two (2) reconnections have occurred for the youth served by UMFS. Radford DSS provided services to two (2) youth and received three (3) new referrals this quarter. The Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition conducted the second bi-annual site visit with the Extreme Recruitment contractors this quarter. All contracts have been renewed for SFY18.