



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Office of the Commissioner

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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

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' second quarter 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

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 contractors are Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E) 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 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 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 19 families and 23 adopted youth. DePaul has provided case management, family counseling, and support group services to 31 families and 43 adopted youth. Frontier has provided support group, family and individual counseling, case management, and crisis intervention services to 119 families and 150 adopted youth. Each contractor hosted events for adoptive families during National Adoption Month.

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 and available for youth who have parental rights terminated and have been waiting the longest for an adoptive family, or have characteristics that put them at risk of aging out of the system without permanent placement. The contractors are working in partnership with the youth's permanency team to find persons related by blood or kin-like relationships (i.e., former foster families, teachers, coaches) that may be a prospective adoptive permanency resource for the youth or a significant reconnection for the youth to ensure support that can be in place 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 to 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 received four new referrals, provided services to 20 youth, and identified matches and reconnections for 10 of the youth. Both UMFS offices have received three new referrals, provided services to 19 youth, and finalized one adoption. Matches and reconnections have been identified for all of the youth. Radford DSS has provided services to seven youth.