

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA 2014-15 IMPACT REPORT

Transforming Lives By Building
Strong, Permanent Families

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THE IMPACT OF PERMANENCY



With the adoption of 26 children and potential adoption of 28 children CHS achieved, **54 CHILDREN** have found or will find permanency.



It costs an average of **\$43,500** per child per year to provide foster care. **Total savings to Virginia: \$2.35 million**



1 IN 5 CHILDREN who "age out" of foster care will become homeless after age 18. Supporting the homeless costs an average of \$40,000 per person per year. **Total savings to Virginia: \$2.16 million**

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OUR INFANT PROGRAM

INFANT ADOPTION

9 INFANTS were placed and are now thriving with their new adoptive families, including **6 special needs infants**

For the past 3 years, **MORE THAN 50%** of infants placed for adoption at CHS have had special medical needs



TEMPORARY INFANT CARE

6 at-risk infants were provided with **257 DAYS OF CARE** by CHS trained and supervised families following their births to mothers in crisis

0 of these birthmothers were then able to parent the baby, and **6** chose to place their babies for adoption

BIRTH PARENT COUNSELING

55 birth parents were offered unbiased, confidential counseling, which CHS provides at no charge 24/7 to ensure birth parents in crisis get the help they need

Total financial benefit to clients:

\$215,310

OUR FOSTER CARE ADOPTION PROGRAM

FOSTER CARE ADOPTION

80 FOSTER CHILDREN of all ages, races, and backgrounds worked with CHS toward the goal of permanency:

38 girls | 42 boys
33 children who were part of sibling groups
39 children over age 10

26 FOSTER CHILDREN

were adopted by their new permanent families:

14 girls | 12 boys
14 children who were part of sibling groups
9 children over age 10

28 FOSTER CHILDREN

were matched with potential permanent families:

15 girls | 13 boys
12 children who were part of sibling groups
4 children over age 10



POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT

44 families received post-adoption support services, which CHS provides at no charge to ensure adoptive families stay strong, and to reduce a child's emotional and behavioral challenges

Total financial benefit to clients:

\$381,938



INFANT ADOPTION FACTS

At-risk birth mothers face issues like substance abuse, domestic violence, homelessness, mental illness, incarceration, unemployment, and lack of education.

14% of pregnancies are reported as unwanted.*



Nearly 50% of pregnancies are unplanned.^

Women who are not intending to get pregnant are more than 2x as likely to obtain prenatal care late or not at all. Lack of prenatal care is associated with negative child outcomes.+



Births of drug-dependent infants have doubled in the past 4 years, with 1 born every 25 minutes in the U.S.**

*National Health Statistics Report No. 55, July 24, 2012, ^Finer LB and Zolna MR, New England Journal of Medicine, 2016, +2004, americanprogress.org, ++ Vanderbilt University Journal of Perinatology 2015

FOSTER CARE ADOPTION FACTS

Sibling groups are more difficult to place with permanent families.

The age at which a child becomes difficult to place is 6 years old. The older a child gets, the less likely they will be adopted.



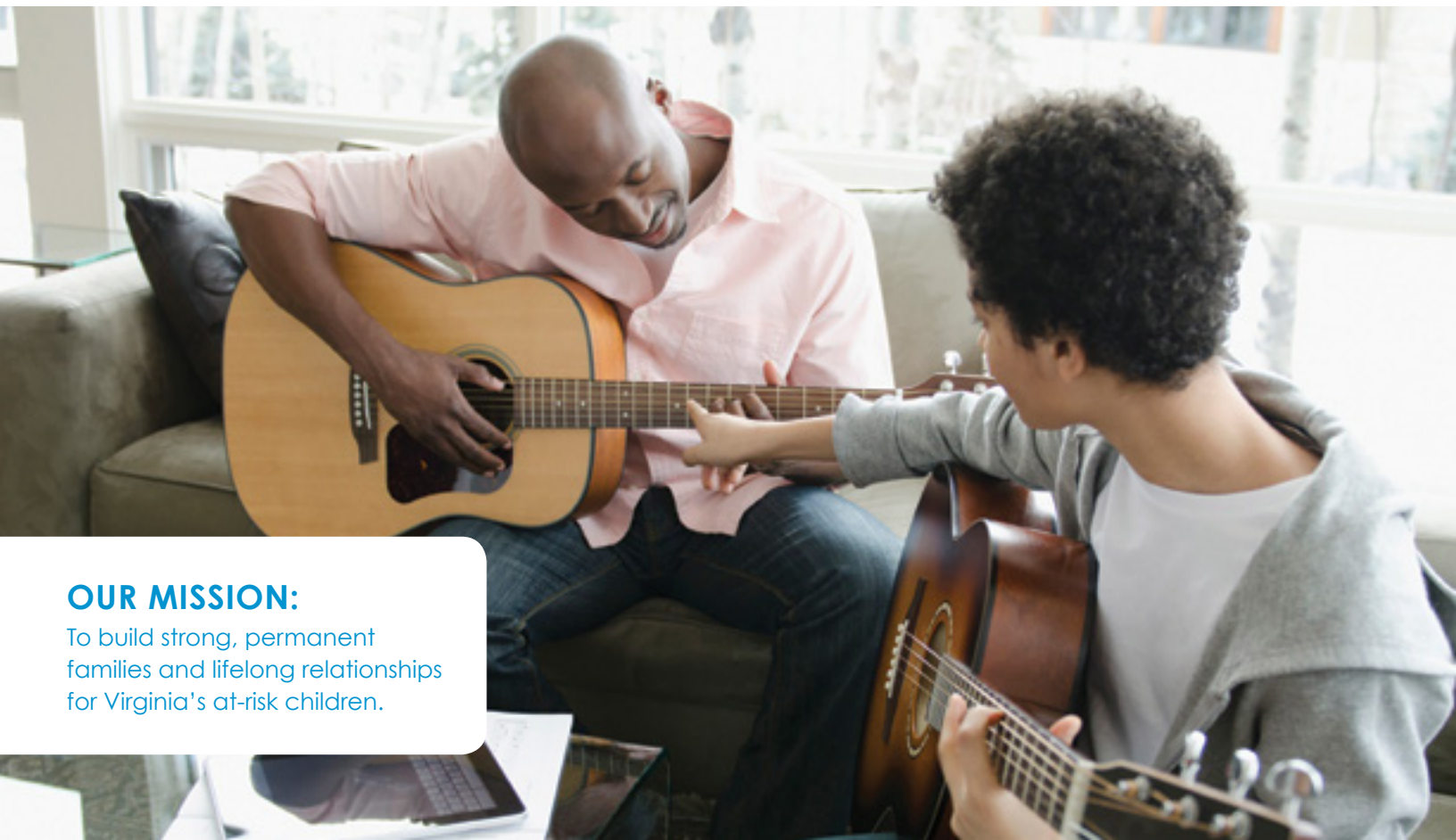
Virginia ranks worst in the country for the rate at which children age out of foster care without permanent families.^

More children age out of foster care in Virginia (24.8% of all children in care) than the national average of 10%.*

40% of adopted children have special healthcare needs, versus 19% of all children.+

There are more children age 13–21 in Virginia foster care (44% of all children in care) than the national average of 34.5%.*

^Council on Virginia's Future, 2015, *2011, ChildTrends Policy Scan with federal AFCARS data, +2012, ChildTrends Adopted Children



OUR MISSION:

To build strong, permanent families and lifelong relationships for Virginia's at-risk children.