VIRGINIA ADOPTION FACTS

TODAY 1,400 VIRGINIA CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ARE AWAITING ADOPTION

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1 OUT OF 5 KIDS
ages out of foster care at age 18 or older in Virginia (21.2%)

Rank = 50th/50

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16.2 MONTHS
average wait time for Virginia’s children before being adopted

Rank = 48th/50

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TEENS AREN’T ADOPTED?

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