

# The Possibilities Project: Independent Living Arrangement

## Empowering Foster Youth Ages 18-21



**WINNER VAGHC** 2016 Virginia Governor's Housing Conference  
**BEST HOUSING PROGRAM or SERVICE**

### Our Collaboration

**The Possibilities Project is a collaboration between two Richmond-based nonprofits:**

#### **Children's Home Society of Virginia**

A full-service adoption agency, committed to building lifelong relationships for Virginia's at-risk youth and transforming our community so that all young people are able to thrive.

#### **Better Housing Coalition**

A community development organization, founded in 1988, focused on changing lives and transforming communities through high-quality, affordable housing.

## THE POSSIBILITIES PROJECT -INDEPENDENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT (TPP-ILA)

### Our Program

**Building brighter futures for teens aging out of foster care.** In partnership with The Better Housing Coalition, CHS is serving youth who are preparing to transition from foster care to independence. Our best-practice program model reaches a population that needs us—vulnerable young people who were released from foster care after they turned 18 and face dire outcomes without support and guidance. Virginia has one of the highest rates of youth aging out of foster care in the country.

Our research-based programs provide housing and a variety of trauma informed wrap-around supports to youth including clinical case management, job training, access to education, financial literacy and life skills.

We use our successful TPP model as the foundation for our TPP-ILA Program. Our goal is that at the end of their time in the TPP-ILA Program, our young adults are prepared to live independently. However, if they need additional support and time to reach their goals, it is possible to transition into our original TPP Program.

## The Possibilities Project— Independent Living Arrangement

[www.chsva.org/possibilities-project/our-program/](http://www.chsva.org/possibilities-project/our-program/)

### Information

*Program Manager, Diehdre Gregory, MA*  
804.353.0191 x336 ▪ [diehdre@chsva.org](mailto:diehdre@chsva.org)

### Donate & Support

*CHS President & CEO, Nadine Marsh-Carter*  
804.353.0191 x260 ▪ [nadine@chsva.org](mailto:nadine@chsva.org)

**Children's Home Society of Virginia**  
[chsva.org](http://chsva.org) ▪ 804.353.0191

**Better Housing Coalition**  
[betterhousingcoalition.org](http://betterhousingcoalition.org) ▪ 804.644.0546