



Virginia's Kids Belong At a Glance

Building Bridges for Better Outcomes

- VKB builds strategic partnerships between business, faith, and government leaders to address the major issues that challenge Virginia's foster care system.
- We recruit and ultimately increase the number of foster and respite parents in the system.
- We resource birth/foster/kinship and adoptive parents through the process and build connections to increase retention through community engagement.
- We empower kids in foster care to share their stories and advocate for themselves to identify the best permanency options for them, including: reunification, adoption, long-term foster care, or independent living.

A Family for Every Child
A Supportive Community for Every Family
Hope for Every Community



Local Connections

2023 Goals

- ↑ Recruitment & Retention of Foster/Respite Families
- ↑ Permanency Options & Positive Permanency Outcomes
- ↑ Child Welfare Workforce Retention
- ↑ Prevention Efforts to Decrease the Number of Kids & Families Coming into Care

Our Why?

- **50%** of foster families quit after 1 year and less than 8% are still fostering after 5 years.
- Higher than average turnover/burnout rates for child welfare workers.
- VA is tied for **50th in permanency** with over 500 kids aging out of care without adequate support.
- Faith communities are the logical solution to meet felt and tangible needs for kids and families.

Statewide Impact

I Belong Project

- Kids eligible for adoption advocating for themselves through video recruitment tools.
- Individual status tracking & support through final adoption.
- Over 50% of kids have been matched with prospective adoptive families within 12 months.
- 70 kids scheduled for filming in 2023.



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