

## Children in Foster Care with HOPE, Inc. 2006

### **Total Population:**

HOPE, Inc. currently serves 113 children in the Tidewater area. Most of these children were placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

### **Age:** Average age 12.57

<b>Averages are:</b> Under 1	1.76%
1-5	11.5%
6-9	14.1%
10-12	13.2%
13-15	21.2%
16-18	26.5%
19 and over	10.6%

### **Gender:**

Male - 48% Female - 52%

### **Race and Ethnicity:**

Black ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	61.0%
White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	32.7%
Hispanic	.8%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0%
Unknown N/A	0%
Bi-Racial ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	3.5%

### **Length of Stay:**

The average length of stay for children in care with HOPE, Inc. as of December 31, 2006 was 181.96 days in care or 15.16 months

### **Reunified:**

In 2006, 21.23% of the children discharged from HOPE, Inc. were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.\*\*

### **Adoption:**

In 2006, 4.42% of HOPE, Inc. children were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 9% were adopted by relatives.\*\*

\*\*Indicates a factor controlled by the State of Virginia.

## Children in Foster Care In Virginia 2006

### **Total Population:**

8150 children were in the foster care system in Virginia on December 31, 2006. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

### **Age: (Virginia indicates a percent range of ages):**

<b>Averages are:</b> Under 1	3.2%
1-5	18.5%
6-9	11.8%
10-12	9.9%
13-15	21.6%
16-18	29.8%
19 and over	5.2%

### **Gender:**

Male: 52.49% Female: 47.50%

### **Race and Ethnicity:**

Black ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	43.4%
White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	50.5%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0.4%
Unknown N/A	1.0%
2 or More Races ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	4.7%

### **Length of Stay:**

The average length of stay for children in care on December 31, 2006 was 32.35 months.<sup>i</sup>

### **Reunified:**

30.9% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2006 were reunified with their birth parents and 5.1% were placed with relatives.<sup>i</sup>

### **Adoption:**

Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2006, 20.1% were adopted.

<sup>i</sup> [http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/about/reports/children/foster\\_care/2006](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/about/reports/children/foster_care/2006)



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