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Subject: LDSS Information Request for LCPA Approved Homes with LDSS Placements

The attached file is being sent to child placing agencies from the Virginia Department of Social Services Email Distribution Service.

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This announcement is sent at the request of VDSS, the Division of Family Services, for information regarding LCPA approved families that have or had LDSS placements.



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This announcement is to inform licensed child placing agencies (LCPA) that local departments of social services (LDSS) need information on approved adoptive, foster, and resource parents.

The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS), Division of Family Services, is responsible for gathering data that is entered into the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). This information provides state and national foster care and adoption data during a federal fiscal year.

LDSS that have or had children and youth placed in a LCPA approved home will need the following required AFCARS information for all household members:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Head of Household #1
- Hispanic (Y/N)
- Race (Primary)
- Federally Recognized Tribe (Y/N), if yes, list tribe.
- Head of Household #2 (if two-person household)-include the information above.

While the LDSS will be reaching out to LCPA requesting this information, it would be helpful if each LCPA could contact the applicable LDSS with the above information. Sharing this demographic information will facilitate prompt reporting of federally required data.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

For questions, contact Julia Rubarth, VDSS Family Engagement and Resource Family Policy Specialist at julia.rubarth@dss.virginia.gov.