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Date: February 15, 2022

To: Licensed Child-Placing Agencies

From: Tara Ragland, Director, Division of Licensing Programs

Subject: Virginia’s 2022 Foster Parent Survey

The purpose of this memo is to inform licensed child-placing agencies (LCPA) of a foster parent survey implemented by Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS), Division of Family Services (DFS) for Virginia’s approved kinship, foster and adoptive families. Please share Virginia’s 2022 Foster Parent Survey with all licensed child-placing agency (LCPA) approved foster families as soon as possible. The survey will take no more than 15 minutes to complete and each family should respond only once. The deadline for completion of the survey is March 8, 2022.

LCPAs can use the paragraph below to email or text the survey information to approved foster families:

We are sending you this link to Virginia’s 2022 Foster Parent Survey, which is intended to reach all foster parents in Virginia in order for Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS), Division of Licensing (DOLP), and Division of Family Services (DFS) to better understand and support foster families who serve Virginia’s children. The survey will take no more than 15 minutes to complete and each family should respond only once. The deadline for completion of the survey is March 8, 2022. Participation in the survey is voluntary and neither DOLP, nor DFS staff members will have access to the identity of families who respond. Survey results will provide VDSS with regional and statewide data related to the demographics of Virginia’s foster families, the profile of children that families are committed to serving as well as training needs. Data gathered from the survey may be included in Virginia’s Annual Report on the Five Year State Plan for Child and Family Services that is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and used to guide VDSS program decisions over the next few years. Thank you-
This survey has also been distributed by DFS to foster families approved by local departments of social services. Data gathered from the survey may be included in Virginia’s Annual Report on the Five Year State Plan for Child and Family Services that is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Please contact your licensing inspector with any questions.