



You may seek legal advice or counsel prior to entering into this agreement or signing any documents or plans. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal help from your local Legal Aid office. You may search for your nearest office here: [valegalaid.org](http://valegalaid.org), or call 1-866-LEGLAID.

**Additional legal resources:**

Virginia Lawyer Referral Services (VLRS)  
[vlrs.community.lawyer](http://vlrs.community.lawyer)

Virginia Free Legal Answers  
[virginia.freelegalanswers.org](http://virginia.freelegalanswers.org)

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance  
[vsdvalliance.org/get-help-ayuda/legal-services](http://vsdvalliance.org/get-help-ayuda/legal-services)

Senior Legal Helpline (caregivers 60+)  
Phone: 844-838-8238

**Local Department of Social Services' Worker Name:**

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**Worker Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For more resources,  
visit [dss.virginia.gov](http://dss.virginia.gov).**



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## VOLUNTARY PARENTAL CHILD SAFETY PLACEMENT PROGRAM

### Caregiver Overview



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**The Voluntary Parental Child Safety Placement Program is an option in which the parent selects a caregiver to provide care and supervision of their child for up to 90 days while the parent works with the local department of social services to strengthen and reunify the family.**

## CAREGIVER ROLE

If you choose to accept the role as the child's temporary caregiver in this program, your role will be to:

- » Provide the care and supervision for the child.
- » Maintain a positive relationship with the child and parent.
- » Protect the child from abuse and/or neglect.
- » Complete a caregiver assessment with the local department of social services which includes a background check (criminal and Virginia Central Registry for Child Abuse and Neglect) for all adults who live in the home.
- » Cooperate with local department of social services and allow observation of your home environment.
- » Follow the agreed visitation arrangements.
- » Be involved with the planning and provision of In-Home services with the local department of social services.

## SUPPORT

The parent will provide information about the child's medical, educational, and behavioral/mental health needs to ensure you have the necessary information to care for the child. You will receive services and support from local department of social services. They will provide you with information about services, supports, and financial assistance to help you provide for the child. The local department of social services will also explain the alternative option to become an approved kinship foster parent.

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- » The agreement to provide for the child is voluntary and can be ended at any time for any reason.
- » The local department of social services will visit the caregiver's home within the first two weeks of the child staying to ensure the needs of the child and caregiver are being met.
- » Understand that the local department of social services may take necessary legal actions at any point to safeguard the health and well-being of the child.

