

# VDSS - Youth Services (Independent Living)

## Highlights – November 2022

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### [2022 First Annual Permanency Conference: “The Journey to Permanency”](#)

The First Annual Permanency Conference: *“The Journey to Permanency”* will be on December 7 and 8, 2022 at the Embassy Suites in Hampton Virginia. The conference will kick off with an evening reception on December 7, 2022, and continue December 8, 2022, with a full day of workshops. Workshops will cover various topics relevant to child welfare professionals including Adoption Assistance, Domestic Violence, ICPC, The Youth Welfare Approach, DEI, LGBTQ+, Reunification, Kinship, and Concurrent Planning.

Registration is now live. The registration site also includes information about the hotel for overnight stays. Register now at: [First Annual Permanency Conference: The Journey to Permanency 2022 \(vdsspermanencyconference2022.com\)](https://vdsspermanencyconference2022.com)

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### JOIN US! Youth Services Team Check-ins

Come participate in a 30-minute open discussion with the Youth Services team about independent Living Services updates. *Bring your questions.* Click on link to join the meeting [VDSS Statewide Youth Services Check-ins w/ Project Life](#). Registration not required.

**Tuesday, November 1, 2022** @ 3:30pm (Topics-iFoster, education stability)  
**Tuesday, December 6, 2022** @3:30pm (Topics-TBD)

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### FAFSA

The 2023-204 FAFSA Form is Available NOW!

Contact, connect and assist all ETV eligible youth with completing their [FAFSA](#) form **TODAY!**



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### National Youth in Transition Database - NYTD Cohort 5 – FFY23



As of OCTOBER 1, 2022, **every** youth who is in foster care on their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, and/or any day within the 45 days following the youth's 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, is eligible for participation by taking the NYTD survey. The LDSS

is required to ask the youth to participate in a survey during the **45 days**

**after** the youth's 17th birthday. The [NYTD Eligible 17-Year-Old Cohort\\_5](#) list is posted on SafeMeasures. Please review the list at least once a month for updates and changes. Youth may receive a **\$25** incentive for participating in the NYTD survey. For more information on [conducting NYTD outcomes survey with youth at age 17](#), refer to Foster Care guidance section 13.13.

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## Education Stability Trainings

- Virtual Education Stability trainings have been broken into a two-part series. Content in Part 1 (general education), Part 2 (special education). [Registration is live](#). These trainings are free and open to all school staff, LDSS, LCPAs, and anyone interested in supporting students in foster care. **ALL Foster Care and Educational Stability Liaisons are strongly encouraged to attend.** Feel free to invite your supervisors, school counselors, school social workers, and anyone who works with foster care (administrative assistants, case managers, or your backups), as well as local or community partners.



November 17, 2022 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm • Part 1 • virtual • [register now!](#)

December 7, 2022 at 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm • Part 2 • virtual • [register now!](#)

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## IDEA of the Month!

Shout out to Arlington DHS for this idea!



In an effort to ensure that all children and youth in foster care maintain education stability and are connected to appropriate educational services in a timely manner.

LDSS who have a placement change notification email distribution list should consider adding your locality's school-Foster Care Liaison to this list.

This will give the Foster Care Liaison a heads up that a child/youth in foster in your locality has changed placements and a school enrollment may be needed.

Agencies who consider adding their locality's foster care liaisons to the placement change notification distribution emails should have a conversation with their Foster Care Liaison about the purpose and intent of adding them to this email list and that not all FC placement changes will involve a school age youth.



## Project LIFE

Level UP! 2022 Fall Statewide Youth Conference (November 11-13) IN-Person  
Registration is CLOSED!

Youth can still [register](#) to participate in the conference virtually. Virtual Registration closes on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

For more information visit the Project Life October Newsletter. [PLIFE November 2022 Newsletter](#).

Contact your Project LIFE Regional Consultant for any Independent Living training and/or group ideas or needs! - <https://www.vaprojectlife.org/our-people/>

Project LIFE is hiring for an IL Consultant in the Piedmont Region. For more details view the November Newsletter or view the job post [here](#).

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