

# VDSS - YOUTH SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

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## NYTD

### NYTD 17 YEAR OLD SURVEYS

Make sure you are tracking youth entering foster care that may require a NYTD survey to be completed in a short timeframe.

There has been at least one LDSS that had to complete a NYTD survey on the same day the youth entered foster care due to the 45-day timeframe.

Checking SafeMeasures regularly!



Remember:

- Youth MUST be surveyed within **45 days** after turning 17, not before.
- Completed surveys must be entered into OASIS within 5 business days of completion.
- NYTD Survey Form - FUSION - [Services for Youth and Young Adults page](#).

## ETV Corner

### FAFSA - 2026-2027 NOW OPEN!

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

### ETV STUDENT APPLICATION

[ETV Student Application](#) has been updated to offer more space for grants and scholarships.

### NEW ETV FLYER

Updated [ETV flyer](#) to reflect ETV eligibility for student who returned home from foster care.

NEW

## New, New, New

### NEW HIRE

Nadine Greene-Hicks as our new Youth Service Program Specialist (Chafee Program, NYTD)!

[nadine.g.hicks@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:nadine.g.hicks@dss.virginia.gov)

### NEW NUMBER, WHO DIS!

#### Monica Cabell

Office - 804-726-7576 (Letha's old #)  
Cell - 804-418-0550

#### Nadine Greene-Hicks

Office - 804-726-7576 (Monica's old #)  
Cell - 804-398-0327



## Educational Stability

### NEW SCHOOL

#### Jessie Forman

New VDSS Foster Care Educational Stability State Point of Contact. LDSS, Schools and Providers are encouraged to reach out with any questions or support needs.

[Jessie.Forman@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:Jessie.Forman@dss.virginia.gov)

Phone - 804-366-4058



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## Resources

### Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) Program

#### UPDATES - NOW SUPPORTING OLDER YOUTH

Now defines YOUTH as a person who has not reached 26 years of age. LDSS may want to consider accessing PSSF funding for youth who are not eligible to access Chafee funds or when Chafee funds are not available. VDSS PSSF Program and Youth Services Team will be working together to assist

LDSS in determining the appropriate funding source

Please contact: PSSF Program Administrator - Mimi Kennedy for additional information

[mirely.kennedy@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:mirely.kennedy@dss.virginia.gov)

### Undocumented Families

[Guide for Parents who are Undocumented \(Illinois\)](#)  
[Spanish version](#)

### Drive To Thrive

Updated Drive to Thrive Guidebook - [FUSION](#)

## RESPONSIBLE PARENTING CURRICULUM

### OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS: FOSTERING RESPONSIBLE PARENTS

The Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE) partnered with VDSS to developed and are offering a Responsible Parenting Curriculum to prepare youth and young adults for the realities of parenthood.

#### About the Program

**What:** Nine interactive modules delivered online or in person

**Why:** Educate youth/young adults about the financial, legal, and emotional responsibilities of parenthood

**Compensation:** Participants aged 18+ will receive \$75 upon completing all nine modules and associated surveys

#### Who We're Looking For:

- Youth/ Young Adults interested in a parenthood learning experience about the realities and responsibilities of parenting.
- LDSS, Local partners and organizations willing to provide/host an in-person Responsible Parenting workshop
- Facilitators who are passionate about working with youth and young adults. Facilitators will be compensated for leading these sessions.

\*\* Youth under 18 in foster care, VDSS encourages local agencies to use Chafee funds (BL 862) to provide the \$75 incentive for participation.\*\*

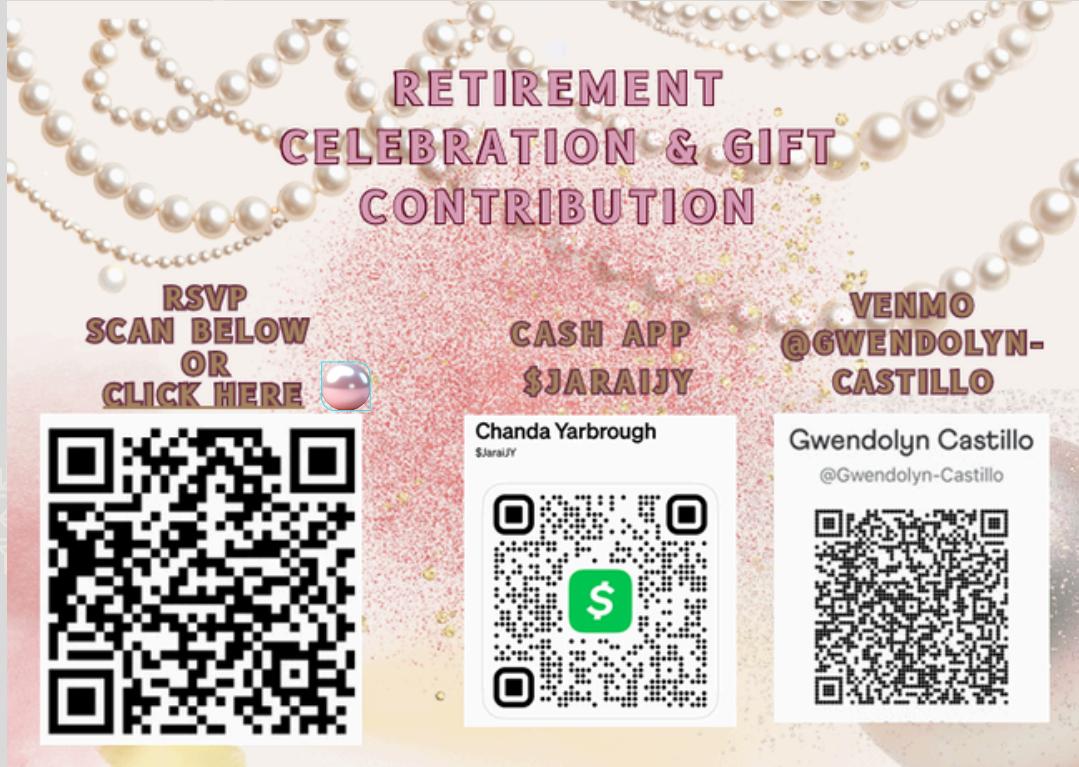
#### [Fostering Responsible Parents Course - YouTube](#)

Interested in providing this curriculum to an individual youth or as an IL workshop?

Contact [Nadine.G.Hicks@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:Nadine.G.Hicks@dss.virginia.gov) to receive additional information!

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## CENTRAL - T



Join Project LIFE as we co - host with Crystal Coleman from Job Corps for



### KICKSTART YOUR CAREER AT JOB CORPS!



January 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm - 8pm

3900 W Broad St.  
Richmond Va 23230  
Shineforth Auditorium



Get the experience and skills you need to earn your high school diploma, start a career, go on to college, or join the military.



RSVP to T Murphy @ [tmurphy@shineforth.org](mailto:tmurphy@shineforth.org)

## NORTHERN - GEORGE



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### JOIN PROJECT LIFE FOR A Healthy Relationship Workshop



FEB. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM - 7PM

ANNANDALE SHINEFORTH OFFICE  
6935 COLUMBIA PIKE, ANNANDALE, VA 22003  
ROOM 306



Relationships aren't just romantic! Friendships, family, coworkers - they all matter. Join us to learn what makes relationships healthy (and what doesn't). Food and raffle prizes provided!



Join Project LIFE at Roanoke City DSS for a

### New Year Kickoff Workshop!

2026

January 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm

1510 Williamson Road NE, Roanoke VA

Start 2026 with a celebration! Join us for delicious food, fun vibes, and exciting prizes you won't want to miss!

RSVP to Matt Raiten at [matt.raiten@roanokeva.gov](mailto:matt.raiten@roanokeva.gov) or Cierra Emory - Clegg at [cemory-clegg@shineforth.org](mailto:cemory-clegg@shineforth.org)

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## WESTERN - AMBER

Join DePaul & Project Life for a Vision Board Workshop

January 21  
1:00 PM  
19474 Midwest Circle  
Abingdon, VA

Are you ready to live alone?

A virtual workshop in partnership with Commonwealth Catholic Charities

January 26  
@ 4:30pm

RSVP to [asteffey@shineforth.org](mailto:asteffey@shineforth.org)

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