

FOSTER CARE

As of March 1, there were 4783 children in foster care. An additional 482 18 through 20 year olds were being provided independent living services. On average 500 youth turn 18 while in foster care each year. The number of children served annually each year is around 7000.

The age break down for March 1 is below:

Less than 1	248
1 thru 3	868
4 thru 6	647
7 thru 9	636
10 thru 12	575
13 thru 15	854
16 thru 17	955

The VDSS website includes a variety of information about foster care in Virginia. This is the link to the description of services and policies:

<http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/fc/index.cgi>

This is the link to information about services for older youth:

<http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/fc/independent.cgi>

And, this is the link to VDSS' 5 year state plan

https://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/about/reports/children/annual_progress_services/APSR_2015.pdf It includes information about child welfare programs

beyond foster care, but it is the most comprehensive look at what we're working on.

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