

## Children in Foster Care with HOPE, Inc. 2007

### **Total Population:**

HOPE, Inc. currently serves 97 children in the Tidewater area. Most of these children were placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

### **Age:** Average age 13.11

<b>Averages are:</b> Under 1	1.0%
1-5	6.1%
6-9	14.4%
10-12	14.4%
13-15	27.8%
16-18	25.6%
19 and over	6.1%

### **Gender:**

Male - 36% Female - 63.9%

### **Race and Ethnicity:**

Black ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	61.8%
White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	31.9%
Hispanic	1.0%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0%
Unknown N/A	0%
Bi-Racial ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	3.0%

### **Length of Stay:**

The average length of stay for children in care with HOPE, Inc. as of December 31, 2007 was 234.88 days in care or 19.57 months.

### **Reunified:**

In 2007, 15.46% of the children discharged from HOPE, Inc. were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.\*\*

### **Adoption:**

In 2007, 1.03% of HOPE, Inc. children were adopted.\*\*

\*\* *Indicates a factor controlled by the State of Virginia.*

## Children in Foster Care In Virginia 2007

### **Total Population:**

8058 children were in the foster care system in Virginia on October 31, 2007. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

### **Age: (Virginia indicates a range of ages):**

<b>Averages are:</b> Under 1	3.0%
1-5	19.2%
6-9	12.8%
10-12	9.9%
13-15	19.8%
16-18	30.3%
19 and over	5.3%

### **Gender:**

Male: 52.11% Female: 47.88%

### **Race and Ethnicity:**

Black ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	43.5%
White ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	59.8%
Am. Indian/Alaska Native ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	0.4%
Unknown N/A	1.2%
2 or More Races ( <i>non-Hispanic</i> )	5.0%

### **Length of Stay:**

The average length of stay for children in care as of October 31, 2007 was 31.89 months.<sup>i</sup>

### **Reunified:**

31.0% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2006 were reunified with their birth parents and 5.6% children were placed with relatives.<sup>i</sup>

### **Adoption:**

Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2007, 19.6% were had a successful adoption.

<sup>i</sup> [http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/about/reports/children/foster\\_care/2007](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/about/reports/children/foster_care/2007): Foster Care Demographic Report FY 2007



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