



FY 2016 Community Report

“Helping People Triumph over Hardships to Promote Healthier Futures Within Our Community”

Department Highlights

Robin DeWaters, Self-Sufficiency Specialist, received the Department’s first “Leadership Choice Award for Outstanding Contributor” for her outstanding work coordinating the agency’s Volunteer Program. Robin’s work resulted in an increase in volunteer hours by 148%. As of the end of FY2016, volunteers have provided the agency with 3,012 hours valued at \$69,217.

The DSS Protective Services team was recognized at the 2016 Virginia Child Abuse Prevention Conference in Richmond for winning the 2016 Child Welfare Certificate of Appreciation Award for their Safe Sleep Campaign efforts. The Safe Sleep Campaign is a program to increase awareness and educate the community about the dangers of unsafe sleeping environments for infants.

Between July 2015 and June 2016 an average of 56% of our SNAP applications and 44% of our Medicaid applications were submitted online through CommonHelp, a web-based customer portal where citizens can manage their SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, Childcare and Energy Assistance programs.

Safe Sleep Campaign

\$4,287
contributed



70
portable cribs
distributed

Services

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Childcare Assistance Child Protective Services
Children’s Services Act (CSA)
Foster Care & Adoptive Services

ADULT

Adult Guardianship Adult Medicaid
Adult Protective Services
Resource Family Training Program

FINANCIAL

Community-Based Eligibility Worker Program
Energy Assistance
Medicaid for Families & Children
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW)

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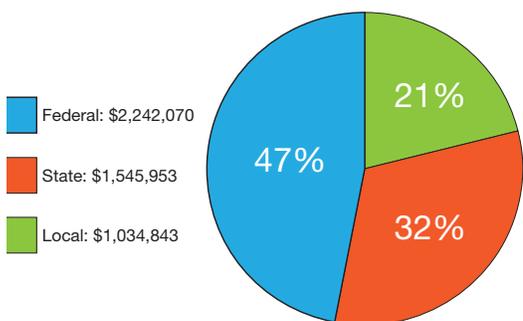


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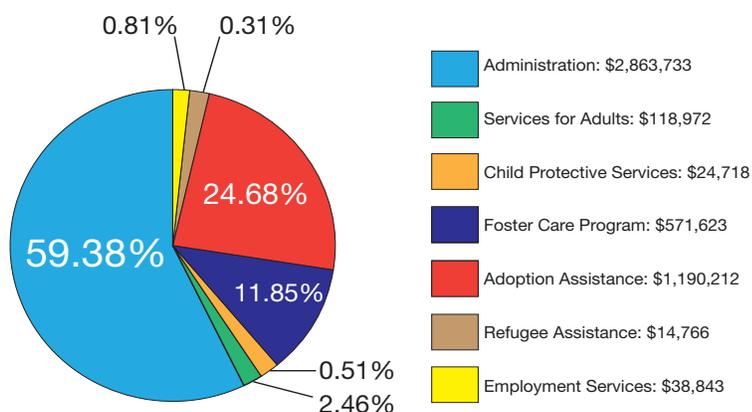
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Financial Data

Funding



Expenses



By the Numbers

Our Beliefs

Vision: All individuals and families are successful.

Mission: Helping people triumph over hardships to promote healthier futures within our community.

We at DSS strive to achieve our **VISION** and **MISSION** by living our shared beliefs which drive how we operate across every level through these **CORE VALUES**:

- Embrace Empathy
- Act with Integrity
- Exhibit Respect
- Deliver Quality

"Your success is our success!"

1 out of every 3 City Residents received financial assistance and/or healthcare coverage.

372 children received child care assistance.

134 families received TANF benefits.

86% of children in Foster Care were in a family-based placement exceeding the State goal of 85%.

284 people participated in the 19 in-service training opportunities offered through the Resource Parent Training Program.

17 children in Foster Care were discharged to permanency, 17.5% were safely reunified with their biological parents, 65% were adopted and 17.5% were placed with relatives.

Fuel assistance was provided to 604 families/individuals totaling \$171,844 in benefits.