



You may seek legal advice or counsel prior to entering into this agreement or signing any documents or plans. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal help from your local Legal Aid office. You may search for your nearest office here: valegalaid.org, or call 1-866-LEGLAID.

Additional legal resources:

Virginia Lawyer Referral Services (VLRS)
vlrs.community.lawyer

Virginia Free Legal Answers
virginia.freelegalanswers.org

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance
vsdvalliance.org/get-help-ayuda/legal-services

Senior Legal Helpline (caregivers 60+)
Phone: 844-838-8238

Local Department of Social Services' Worker Name:

Worker Phone Number: _____

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VOLUNTARY PARENTAL CHILD SAFETY PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Parent Overview



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The Voluntary Parental Child Safety Placement Program is an option where you, as a parent, can select a caregiver to provide care and supervision to your child for up to 90 days while you work with the local department of social services to strengthen and reunify your family.



PROGRAM BENEFITS

The benefits to this option are:

- » You can choose the caregiver for your child and keep them in a familiar community (with local department of social services approval)
- » You can enter into the program without having to go to court.
- » You have the potential for reuniting with your child in 90 days or less if all safety concerns are addressed.
- » You, your child, and the caregiver will receive support and services from the local department of social services.



YOUR ROLE

Once you enter this program, you will need to provide the caregiver with all the necessary information about your child's medical, educational, and behavioral/mental health needs. You will then need to follow the agreed visitation arrangements and be involved with the planning and provisions of In-Home services with local department of social services.

YOUR RIGHTS

It is important that you are aware of your rights in this voluntary program. You have the right to:

- » Seek legal assistance before entering into the agreement.
- » Select who you would like to serve as your child's caregiver (with local department of social services approval).
- » Visit your child per the agreed-upon visitation arrangements.
- » End the agreement at any time, for any reason.
- » Understand that the local department of social services may take necessary legal actions at any point to safeguard the health and well-being of the child.

