

Foster Parent Appreciation & Recruitment Expo

In recognition of [National Foster Care Month](#), [Virginia Department of Social Services](#) (VDSS) will host its inaugural **Foster Parent Appreciation and Recruitment Expo** on Friday, May 18, at the [Hilton Richmond Short Pump Hotel](#) from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., to celebrate foster parents who are currently providing foster care services to children and youth, as well as offer resources and education to prospective foster parents. Experts will be on hand to discuss and share insights regarding such topics as the foster parent approval process, foster-to-adopt process and kinship placements.

The event is free and open to the public. Current foster parents and persons interested in learning more about Virginia's foster care process are encouraged to attend. Click [here](#) to RSVP (*preferred, but not required*). For more information about VDSS' ongoing foster care awareness efforts, visit [FosterVA.com](#).