

**Legislator Priorities**:

The Fostering Futures program will largely be a budget item, but there are also companion bills that will enact the program requirements into code.

Our priorities for advocating for Fostering Futures to legislators will be:

* the [Senate Finance Health & Human Resources subcommittee (and staff)](http://sfc.virginia.gov/subcommittees/health_hr.shtml), and
* the [House Appropriations Health & Human Resources subcommittee (and staff)](http://hac.virginia.gov/subcommittee/health_human_resources/health_human_resources.htm).

However, the bill will start in and be heard by:

* the [Senate Rehabilitation and Social Services committee](http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?161+com+S9), and
* the [House Health, Welfare & Institutions committee](http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?161+com+H12)

So the members of those groups are important, as well, as are the full Senate Finance and House Appropriations committee members.

**Most important decision-makers we want to prioritize:**

***Senate*:** Norment, Hanger, J. Howell, Newman Dunnavant

* Also Mike Tweedy, who is the Senate Finance staff person for Health & Human Resources

***House*:** C. Jones, Landes, O’Bannon, Cox, Peace, Ingram, Dr. Garrett, Stolle

* Also Del. Scott Lingamfelter, who is on Appropriations and is carrying the Fostering Futures bill this year, although he is not on the HHR subcommittee. We want to make sure he knows there is great support behind him as he patrons the Fostering Futures bill.
* And Susan Massert, who is the House Appropriations staff person for Health & Human Resources

[Contact information for Senate members](http://apps.senate.virginia.gov/Senator/index.php)

[Contact information for House members](http://virginiageneralassembly.gov/house/members/members.php)

**In addition**, the final budget outcome for Fostering Futures may be decided in the final stages of budget negotiations, by a select panel of General Assembly members who are named **Budget Conferees**: a few members from each chamber who negotiate the final budget bill to be sent to the Governor for consideration. We will not be able to confirm these conferees until they are officially named towards the end of the legislative session, but we may have enough of an idea of who they will be to be prepared ahead of time.

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