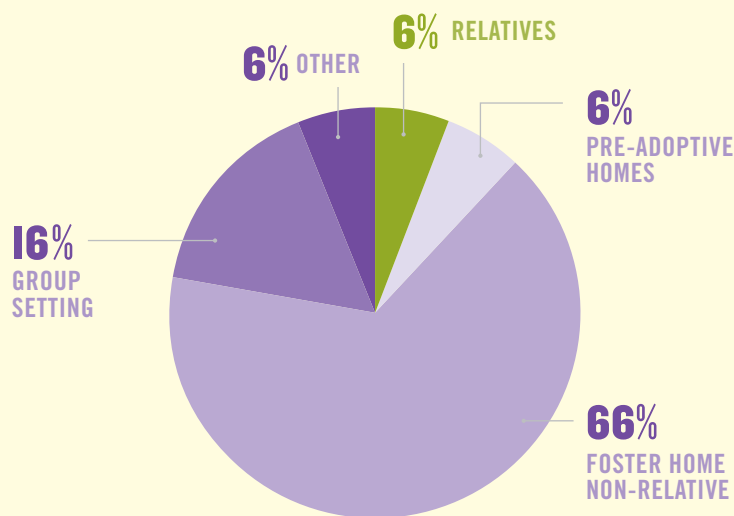


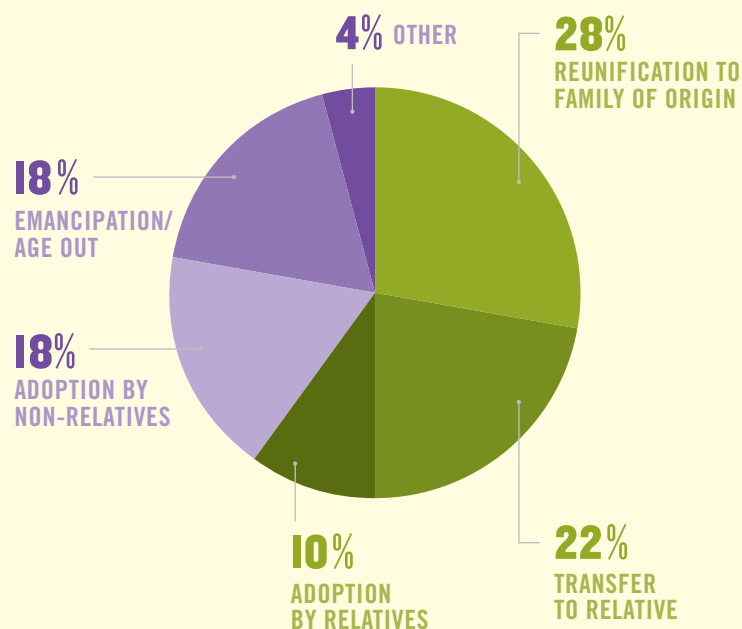
Success for kids in foster care relies on strengthening families

The majority of children leave care to live with their families

THE MAJORITY OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ARE PLACED IN NON-RELATIVE HOMES



3 OUT OF EVERY 5 KIDS WHO EXIT FOSTER CARE GO TO LIVE WITH FAMILY



Relative placement (Green) Non-relative placement (Purple)

WHEN CHILDREN EXIT FOSTER CARE TO LIVE WITH RELATIVES, THEY HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF BELONGING AND STAY CONNECTED TO THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR CULTURE

Research shows children who exit to family have better outcomes, but continue to face challenges

Families need assistance with:

-  Financial support when they take in relative children
-  Coordinated health and mental health services for children who experienced trauma
-  Educational stability for kids transitioning to new environments
-  Ability to connect to community resources

NOT ALL CHILDREN WHO EXIT THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM HAVE PERMANENT FAMILY CONNECTIONS

To help support youth who turn 18 while in foster care, Virginia has started the Fostering Futures program

In this program youth 18 to 21 years old receive:

-  Case management
-  Housing
-  Financial aid for education
-  Job training
-  Health insurance

* All sources available at vakids.org/kids-count-data/virginia-data