17:57:02 From ginny to Everyone:

Here’s **the code** - <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title20/chapter6.1/section20-124.3/>

18:00:30 From darcy to Everyone:

Thank you Ginny

18:00:47 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

WOOOOOW, that's so great to hear!!

18:05:40 From Barbara Barham to Everyone:

I was under the assumption that permanency had to be established within a year.

18:06:41 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

Right--the 1st Permanency Hearing is at 11 months, & permanency is supposed to be established then. They \*can\* get a 6-month extension at that time, but they must meet the legal bar of having made "marked progress" by that 11-month mark.

18:10:11 From Barbara Barham to Everyone:

If medical decisions need to be made, is the biological parent included in the decision?

18:18:46 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

YES--very intentionally & visibly building a cooperative relationship between foster parents & bio parents can be so powerful & positive!

18:19:36 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

Ensuring there have been facilitated introductions between the families is a first key step, but there could also be a journal kept each week between the 2 families, opening up the possibility of text contact between the 2, etc.

18:27:34 From Carter to Everyone:

Great question cristy!

18:37:34 From April Watson to Everyone:

1/3 of adoptions in Lynchburg are by relatives

18:41:12 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

And really, a foster parent should not be asserting themselves into a foster care case by filing for custody!

18:48:02 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

Such a good question! "What are we measuring children's success by?"

18:49:26 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

Measure a child's success by how they are able to navigate/resolve their relationships--so good!

18:49:35 From Mona Peglow to Everyone:

excellent point!

18:50:40 From ginny to Everyone:

But what if the parents can’t resolve relationships?

18:52:41 From Kathryn Thomas to Everyone:

15 out of 22 months

18:52:44 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

That's really the question, Ginny--and many of our parents come into a foster care case wounded in this area themselves. This is where we advocate for resources & services they may need to heal in this area.

18:52:54 From Beth Groover to Everyone:

Christy - curious as to what Chlo'e 's response is to the different adoptive placements with her personal experiences

18:53:15 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

Good question, Beth--do you mean kinship vs. foster placements?

18:53:34 From Beth Groover to Everyone:

Yes

19:13:26 From Ruth Plagenhoef to Everyone:

What IS "resolving relationships"..how do you judge if a child does this well?

19:16:29 From Alec Rooney to Everyone:

Importance of a parent accepting responsibility -- and even apologizing to a child -- is the best thing I have heard tonight. Thanks!

19:19:32 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

YES--before holding our parents accountable, we have to hold us/the system accountable for providing appropriate supports for families to allow them to be successful

19:20:35 From darcy to Everyone:

Good point, Chloe

19:24:16 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

And most often, cases where I've seen foster parents filing for custody has been in cases with very young children

19:25:50 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

YES--that is another reason to advocate for relatives to be approved as kinship foster parents DURING the life of the foster care case--they get so much more support & training during the life of the case!

19:29:46 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeh24KmIdmYkUL1sL0SkNYI_cEyURRMorWZT_K8inElhYJc6Q/viewform?usp=sf_link>

19:30:07 From Cristy Horsley to Everyone:

**Feedback Form for tonight's training:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeh24KmIdmYkUL1sL0SkNYI_cEyURRMorWZT_K8inElhYJc6Q/viewform?usp=sf_link>

19:37:51 From Chlo'e Edwards to Everyone:

I will add my CASA was MY ONLY resource and OUR kinship families only resource and CASA’s were limited. DSS wasn’t as involved or the GAL.

19:40:31 From Beth Groover to Everyone:

Thank you for all of your perspectives and for sharing your time with us tonight!!!

19:41:31 From April Watson to Everyone:

\*REGIONAL CLASSES\*!! :)

19:41:40 From Chlo'e Edwards to Everyone:

You can visit **last year’s policy priorities** here! This year’s GA priorities will be posted likely in mid-December. <https://vakids.org/our-news/blog/2021-legislative-session-advocating-for-kids-in-child-welfare>

19:42:04 From Darnell & Renee Wood to Everyone:

Thanks to everyone and Chlo'e thank you for sharing !!!

19:42:17 From Jerry Croke to Everyone:

As a one time CASA volunteer I've really appreciated everyone's input. .From the lawyers, the councilors, and to Chloe's personal insights.

19:42:26 From April Watson to Everyone:

Kinship Navigator Program includes Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Campbell, Nelson, and Lynchburg. We offer 3 -5 training sessions/year.

19:43:28 From Chlo'e Edwards to Everyone:

View our **workshop on racism in the foster care system** here by Allison Gilbreath- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=558s_7fSndk>

19:44:07 From April Watson to Everyone:

Chlo'e - I really appreciate these resources and hearing about your policy knowledge as well as lived experience. Thank you!

19:44:26 From Jeff Bennett to Everyone:

Enjoyed it. Thank you for the invite. And thank you all for what you do!

19:44:47 From Lorna Rexrode to Everyone:

Thanks everyone!

19:44:56 From Mary Dawn to Everyone:

Thank you

19:45:15 From Carter to Everyone:

thanks so much really great training