Virginia Safe and Sound Task Force

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To address the critical problem of high-acuity youth in unsuitable conditions, including sleeping in offices or hotels, Governor Youngkin initiated the Safe and Sound Task Force on April 1, 2022. The Task Force's three phases aim to secure safe placements for displaced youth, expand kinship placements, and implement policy changes to address root causes of gaps and needs in the child welfare system that affect all youth and families.

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TASK FORCE

Partners include
Governor's Office/HHR
VDSS
DBHDS
DMAS
OCS
DMAS
DJJ

Providers
Localities
VLSSE
Faith-based orgs
Advocacy orgs
Concerned citizens
Associations
Managed Care

End the problem of youth in foster care sleeping in offices

To address long-standing and recent challenges, including placement disruptions and high-acuity youth in foster care sleeping in local offices or other unsuitable locations, Governor Youngkin launched the Safe and Sound Task Force on April 1, 2022.

Address underlying root causes and foundational issues

Long term the Task Force seeks to identify and address underlying root causes and foundational issues contributing to the problem

Multi-system, multi-sector

The Task Force brings together state, local, and private partners for a multi-system approach because these are "all of our kids" and a coordinated, aligned response is necessary

Solution-Oriented

We are using new and existing services, models, programs, and ideas to resolve the problem and address underlying causes.

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