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Safe & Sound

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COMMISSION ON YOUTH
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**END THE PHENOMENON OF KIDS IN FOSTER CARE
SLEEPING IN OFFICES, HOTELS AND ER UNNECESSARILY
(BY JULY 1ST)**



Problem

**IN 2021, OVER A 6 MONTH PERIOD, 162 KIDS WERE DISPLACED
324 PER YEAR OR 27 PER MONTH AVERAGE.**



Solution

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR GLENN YOUNGKIN LAUNCHED THE SAFE AND SOUND TASK FORCE ON APRIL 1, 2022, WITH A MULTI-AGENCY, MULTI-SECTOR, & CHILD-CENTRIC APPROACH.

Results

**THE AVERAGE FOR JUNE AND
JULY WAS 3 PER MONTH, AN
89% DECREASE.**



Thank you!

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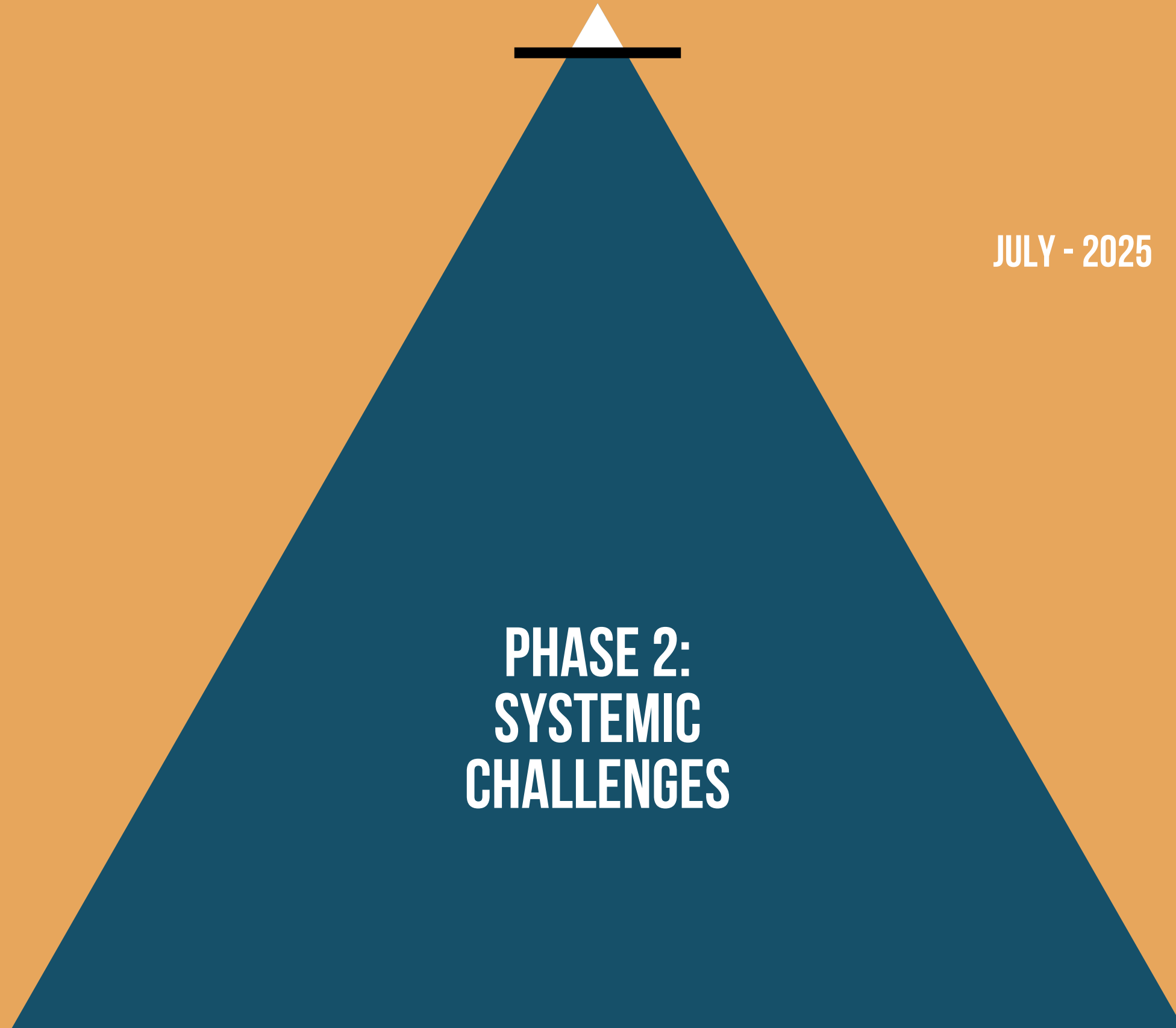
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**PHASE 1:
DISPLACED KIDS**

APRIL - JUNE

JULY - 2025

**PHASE 2:
SYSTEMIC
CHALLENGES**



OBJECTIVES

Reduce the unnecessary use of congregate care for children in foster care

OBJECTIVE 1

Affirm the importance of the family unit by increasing the number of intact families

OBJECTIVE 2

Leverage public/private partnerships to operationalize the community's role in supporting vulnerable kids and families

OBJECTIVE 3

OBJECTIVE ONE

**Reduce the average length of stay for children in foster care by 30%
Find family-based placements for the 100 kids who have been in
congregate care the longest.**

OBJECTIVE TWO

**Reduce the number of birth, kinship, foster and adoptive family
disruptions by an average of 20%.**

OBJECTIVE THREE

**Launch a statewide, Governor's office-led Community Engagement
effort that educates, equips & engages 1000 Virginians to provide
volunteer wrap around support to vulnerable children and families.**



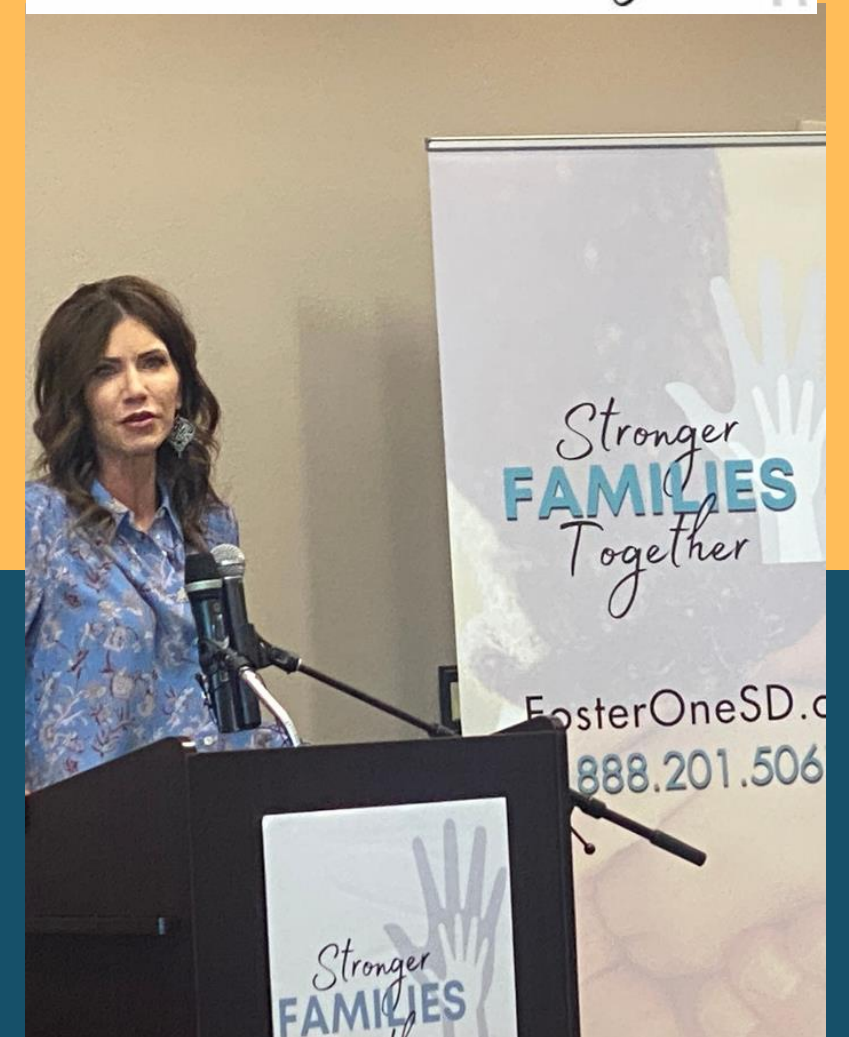
42% increase in foster families in 12 months



Surpassed recruitment goals 5 years straight, 40+% increase yearly



400% increase in foster parent training class size in Henrico County



Set 5 year high recruitment record in year 1 of program

RESULTS