



*Henrico County*  
V I R G I N I A

# **Substance Abuse Efforts & Funding**



# EMPOWER HENRICO

Preventing, Treating and Combating Substance Use





# Significant OAA Programs

*Tackling epidemic from all sides – prevention, treatment & recovery with a focus on early intervention*

**Pregnant & Parenting Mothers**

\$1,104,652

**Kinship Navigator**

\$100,289





# Pregnant & Parenting Women

- **70% of women entering addiction treatment have children** and face more barriers to treatment than men because of caretaking responsibilities
- When women enter recovery housing, **30% lose custody of their children**
- In 2022, 42 pregnant women booked into jail and 71 receiving HAMHDS services
- **40-60%** of an individual's propensity of developing **SUD** may be due to genetic or household factors



## For moms in recovery

The library is here for you. It is easy to get a card.

Join us for free access to:

- **Books, ebooks, audiobooks, movies, and streaming.** We have everything from books to support your recovery, to thrillers, best-sellers, picture books for kids, and comic books for teens.
- **Public computers and Wi-Fi**
- **Special work and play stations** where you can use a computer with your baby right beside you
- **Wi-Fi hotspots you can borrow** for a month to have Internet at home
- **Enriching programs for adults** where you can learn new things, be creative, relax, and connect
- **Fun storytimes for newborns to preschoolers.** We read, sing, and play—and we have bubbles!
- **Programs for teens,** from improv, to anime clubs, coding, and crafting

Everything we have is free (except printing from the computers) and there are no fines on youth materials.

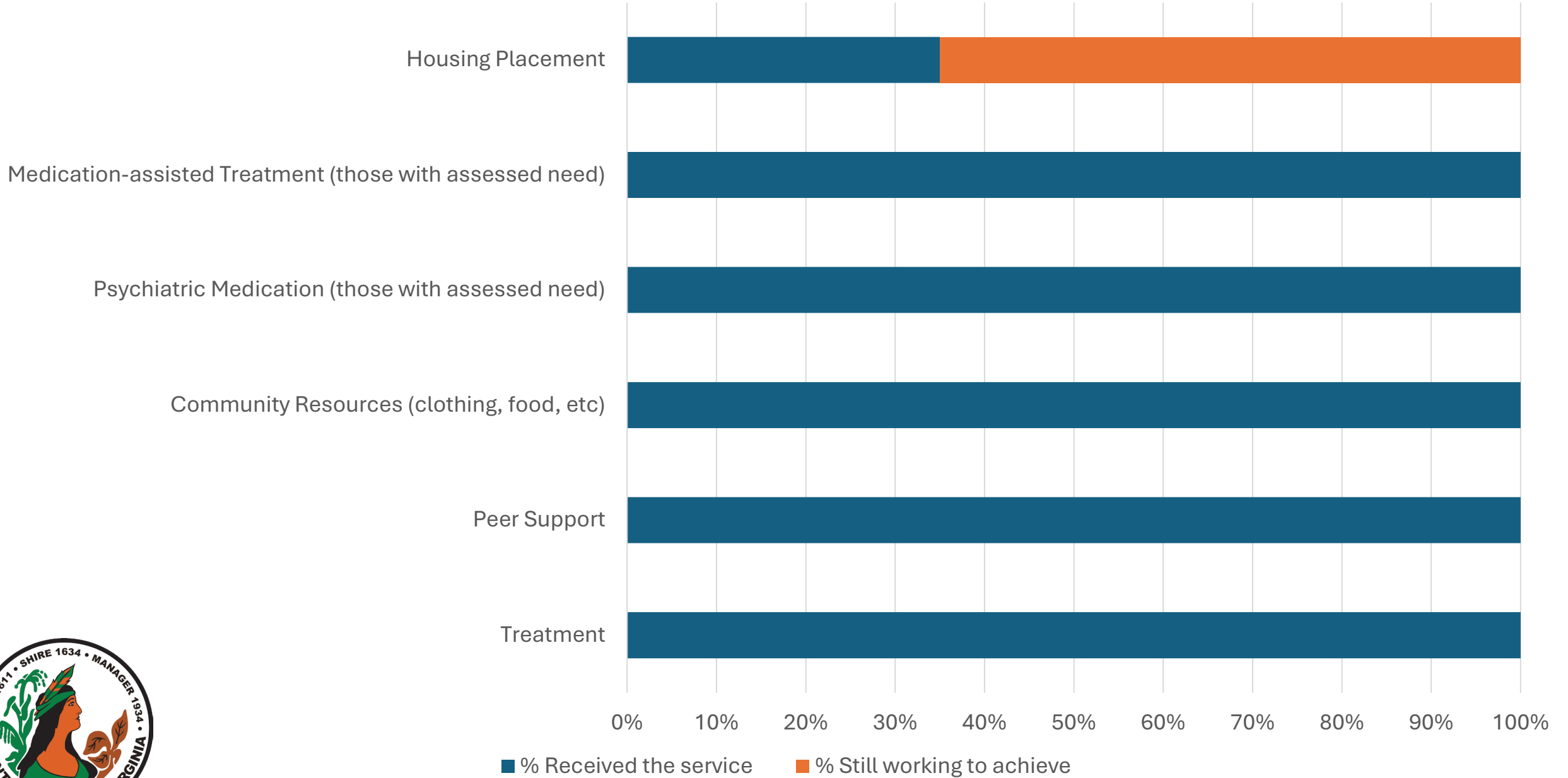
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# PPW Year 1 Outcomes - 23 Mothers







# Kinship Navigator

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From 2000 to 2017, JAMA Pediatrics reported a **147% increase in children entering foster care due to parental substance abuse**

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Virginia data showed that foster care youth placed with kinship caregivers achieve **permanency at 97% and 0% age out of foster care**

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**1 in 2 youth who age out of foster care develop substance use disorder**

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In January of 2024, Henrico DSS was serving 146 youth in foster care, **102 (70%) of those youth had parents or prior custodians with SUD**





# Kinship Navigator

Dedicated full-time position starting November 18<sup>th</sup> designed to be an expert in SUD resources, kinship placement and develop new program.

- Conduct permanency assessments, placement decisions
  - Referral database and other tools to link kinship caregivers to resources, such as treatment and education
  - Facilitate support groups
  - Collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to create network of SUD family preservation and foster care services
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# Other OAA Efforts

- Embedding Peer Support Specialists
  - Expansion of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
  - CONNECT pilot program
  - Non-profit partnerships to implement community-based programs
  - Support of new administrative positions
  - Small, but equally impactful projects
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