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*Henrico Social Services seeks foster parents for training, meeting set for Jan. 3*

The Henrico County Department of Social Services is looking for families to be trained as foster parents as the need for foster home placements has increased during the past year. Henrico has 94 children in foster care, up from 73 children in October 2011.

An orientation meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 3 in the Board Room of the Henrico Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive. Participants will learn about the needs of foster children; the traits of a successful foster parent; the process of working with program staff and the biological parents of a foster child; and the application and approval process.

"This is an opportunity for families to make a positive difference for youth in our community," said Shawn Rozier, assistant director of Social Services. "These kids have talents and gifts, dreams and hopes, but they need a stable home to live in while we work with their families on solutions to their problems."

Foster parents are asked to be available around-the-clock to bring children into their homes and provide short-term and potentially long-term care in a safe, stable environment. Foster homes are needed for children of all ages, children with special needs and sibling groups. Foster parents must be at least 21, have their own source of income and sufficient living space to care for a child. Foster parents can be single or married, with or without children of their own, male or female, and from all backgrounds, races and nationalities.

For information about foster parenting, call Georgia Phillips at (804) 501-7496 or Riva O'Sullivan at (804) 501-7182 or go to [www.henricocares.org](http://www.henricocares.org).

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CONTACT: David Sacks, Community Development Manager, Henrico County Department of Community Revitalization  
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*Henrico to celebrate rehabilitation, sale of home on Fayette Avenue*

A rehabilitated home at 629 Fayette Ave. will be sold this month to a first-time homebuyer following an extensive improvement project guided by Henrico County.

Representatives of the Henrico Department of Community Revitalization, Southside Community Development & Housing Corp., Better Housing Coalition and others will gather at the home on Thursday, Nov. 15 to celebrate its transformation.

The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will feature tours of the property and remarks by project leaders, Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton and Marie Bailey, who is scheduled to buy the home. The 1,576-square-foot, ranch-style property was built in 1953 in the Fayette Park subdivision, off Richmond-Henrico Turnpike near Richmond International Raceway.

Southside Community Development & Housing Corp., a nonprofit community development corporation, bought the vacant and dilapidated home in foreclosure for \$30,000, using funds provided to Henrico by the federal HOME program, which supports efforts to create housing for individuals with low and moderate incomes. Better Housing Coalition was hired as a contractor and recently completed more than \$70,000 in improvements.

The rehabilitation project highlights Henrico's approach to using HOME funds, a portion of which is set aside to help first-time homebuyers. With the Fayette Avenue project, the Department of Community Revitalization focused on a vacant property that had become blighted and a persistent challenge for the community and the county.

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*Henrico Health Department to offer free flu vaccinations Nov. 7*

The Henrico County Health Department and Richmond International Raceway will offer free seasonal flu vaccines from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the raceway's exhibition hall, 600 E. Laburnum Ave.

Vaccine is available to anyone age 3 or older on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. For information, call (804) 501-7250.

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CONTACT: Nicole Gore, Coordinator, Henrico Too Smart 2 Start Coalition, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services  
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*Henrico seeks nominations for Community Champions, Outstanding Youth awards*

Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services and the Henrico Too Smart 2 Start Coalition are seeking nominations for the 2012 Community Champions and Outstanding Youth Awards.

The Community Champions Award salutes adult volunteers and professionals for work to build a healthy community for young people through a variety of prevention and education programs. Previous honorees have worked to reduce risk factors for youth and helped them develop skills to become productive citizens.

The Outstanding Youth Award recognizes young people who provide exemplary service to an individual, agency or the community without compensation. Previous honorees have raised money for charitable causes, volunteered for nonprofit organizations and tutored at schools. To be considered, nominees must live in Henrico County, be enrolled in school and be age 12 to 18 as of Jan. 1, 2013.

To receive a nomination form or more information, contact Nicole Gore at (804) 222-8194, extension 3006, or [gor04@co.henrico.va.us](mailto:gor04@co.henrico.va.us). Forms also are available at [www.toosmart2start.com](http://www.toosmart2start.com). The deadline for nominations is Friday, Nov. 30. A ceremony honoring the award winners will be held Jan. 31.

The Too Smart 2 Start Coalition is a partnership between county and private agencies, businesses, school resources, law enforcement, community leaders, parents, youth and others.

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