



## How the State Legislature Can Help

### **Housing**

1. Strategically increase investments in the Virginia Housing Trust Fund to expand the supply of homes for low-income households by supporting a budget amendment to add \$150 million over the biennium.
2. Establish the 5,000 Families Pilot Program to provide ongoing rental assistance to low-income families with children by supporting a budget amendment of \$100 million over the biennium.

### **Education**

3. Create a Certified Student Support Agency designation that allows data sharing from schools to approved agencies.

### **Shelter & Homeless Support Services**

4. Fund the Virginia Eviction Reduction Pilot (VERP) and expand the program to serve additional localities.
5. Extend pay-or-quit notice requirements from 5 days to 14 days to reduce evictions.

### **Economic Mobility**

6. Address the Benefits Cliff beginning with childcare support subsidies.

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## How Localities Can Help

### **Housing**

1. Increase affordable housing through funding and zoning.

### **Education**

2. Fund educational services to homeless children.
3. Engage school leadership to create a report on absenteeism, McKinney-Vento children, and associated costs.

### **Shelter & Homeless Support Services**

4. Increase financial support for the Housing Crisis Hotline.
5. Support the VA Eviction Protection Pilot Program (VERP) with both matching funds and advocacy for expansion.
6. Fund shelter and support services, including Rapid Rehousing.



## How the Federal Government Can Help

### Housing

1. Increase funding for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program.
2. Increase funding for the National Housing Trust Fund to increase access to housing for extremely and very low-income families.

### Education

3. Increase funding to support the needs of children identified as homeless through the McKinney-Vento-Act.

### Shelter & Homeless Support Services

4. Increase funding for homeless assistance through the Continuum of Care (HUD).

### Economic Mobility

5. Address the benefits cliff to support working families through solutions such as phased reduction guidelines, earned income tax credit, or child tax credit.

### Other

6. **Communicate and partner with ForKids** in the appropriations process for Congressionally Directed Spending once guidance has been issued.