



# Albemarle County

## Legislation Text

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**AGENDA DATE:** 2/1/2017

**TITLE:**

Department of Social Services Annual Report

**SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:** Presentation of DSS FY16 Annual Report

**ITEM TYPE:** Regular Information Item

**STAFF CONTACT(S):** Walker, Letteri, Kamptner, Savides

**PRESENTER (S):** Debbie Stone, Advisory Board Chair

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Yes

**REVIEWED BY:** Douglas C. Walker

**BACKGROUND:** Pursuant to Virginia Code § 63.300, all counties in Virginia are required to establish a local board to oversee the provision of social services to its residents. The Board of Supervisors established the Albemarle County Department of Social Services Advisory Board in 1997. One of its required duties is to make an annual report to the Board of Supervisors, concurrent with the Department's budget presentation, concerning the administration of the public welfare program.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** Quality Government Operations: Ensure County government's capacity to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities.

**DISCUSSION:** The FY16 Annual Report provides a summary of the Department's programs and services, including the number of cases in each program area for the year, coupled with stories of some of those served. Also included are the Department's Key Performance Indicators and unaudited statements of financial resources. Of particular note in this report is the continued increase in the number of individuals served through our Department's Medicaid Program, as well as the increases in Adoption, Child Protective Services, Family Preservation Services, Adult Services and Bright Stars. One positive change is that due to our intensive family finding efforts and prevention services, the number of children in foster care has decreased. Finally, the workload measures data show that the department continues to operate with less than the required number of staff as determined by the 2008 VDSS Workload Measures study.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Funding for the Department of Social Services is included in the County's annual operating budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board receive the Department of Social Services Advisory Board's FY16 Annual Report as presented. No formal action is required.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Annual Report