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MATCHING Technology for Children Waiting to be Adopted Comes to Virginia



Richmond, VA (April 24, 2017)- Family-Match is a data driven application developed by Adoption-Share, a tech non-profit organization with a mission to bring innovation to child welfare. Like never before, Family-Match applies data analytics and predictive models to help child service workers make the best placement decisions for children in foster care.

Adoption-Share believes that equipping case workers with the best of today's technology will bring unprecedented efficiency to help them make placement decisions for the children on their caseload. By providing an expansive repository of all eligible families in the Commonwealth of Virginia, placement workers can identify the families that are most compatible with the child in need of a permanent home.

"We believe compatibility matching for children in foster care will lead to more stable placements which is key to improving better outcomes for kids in foster care. We are thrilled to partner with the forward thinking leadership in Virginia and welcome the Virginia's Department of Social Services as the first state in the country to utilize the Family-Match Application. We can't wait to help the 740 kids currently waiting to be adopted in Virginia find permanent adoptive homes."

-Thea Ramirez, Founder and CEO Adoption-Share

"For anyone who has ever considered or attempted to adopt a child before, they know the overwhelming feeling of trying to find the right match for their family," said Carl Ayers, Director of Family Services for VDSS. "We are excited to embark on this innovative pilot with Adoption-Share in an effort to embrace emerging technologies that will connect waiting families with waiting children."

Adoption-Share will work closely with the Virginia Department of Social Services and Connecting Hearts, a charity of Deborah Johnston, Adoption Champion for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Participation in the Family-Match Demonstration Pilot is free and all home study approved adoptive families in the Commonwealth of Virginia are welcome to register for an invitation to signup at www.family-match.org/join. Participation is now open for licensed child placement agencies with offices in the Central and Eastern Region.

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Adoption-Share is a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization by the IRS and exists to leverage technology to bring efficiency, innovation, and reform to the private and public adoption process and to raise awareness about adoption in the United States.