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JBRI Foster Care Expands Reach with New Newport News Location

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. –The James Barry–Robinson Institute (JBRI) is proud to announce the opening of a new Newport News location for JBRI Foster Care in Fall 2026, expanding the organization’s ability to serve children, youth, and families throughout Hampton Roads.

For more than 30 years, JBRI Foster Care has proudly supported children and families across the region, helping connect children in need with caring, committed foster families. The opening of the Newport News office marks an exciting new chapter for the program and reflects the continued growth and success of JBRI’s foster care services.

Located in Newport News, the new office will provide greater access and convenience for families living throughout the Virginia Peninsula. Families will have a closer place to participate in foster parent trainings, attend community events, connect with JBRI Foster Care staff, and access ongoing support throughout their foster care journey.

Opening our Newport News location is an exciting milestone for JBRI Foster Care,” said Rob McCartney, CEO, The James Barry–Robinson Institute. “For more than three decades, we have been committed to supporting children and families in Hampton Roads. Expanding our presence to the Peninsula allows us to meet families where they are and make it easier for more people to learn about foster care, become involved, and ultimately make a lasting difference in the life of a child.”

The new location also represents JBRI’s continued investment in the community and its vision for the future of foster care in Hampton Roads. As the need for safe, supportive, and nurturing foster homes continues, JBRI Foster Care is working to make becoming a foster parent more accessible to individuals and families throughout the region.

“Foster care is about community,” added Rasheena Harris, Executive Director, JBRI Foster Care. “It takes families, neighbors, schools, organizations, and caring professionals working together to help children feel safe and supported. We are excited to have a stronger presence on the Peninsula and look forward to welcoming even more families into the JBRI Foster Care community.”

“Every child deserves to feel safe, and ensuring that children in foster care have the opportunity to thrive is a responsibility we all share,” said Mayor Phillip Jones. “Strong communities are built when we come together to support children and families who need us most. That means not only having caring foster families willing to open their homes, but also making sure those families have access to the resources, training, and support they need along the way. We are proud to welcome JBRI Foster Care to Newport News and to expand the resources available to families across the Peninsula. This new location is an important investment in our children, our families, and the future of our community.”

About JBRI Foster Care

For more than 30 years, JBRI Foster Care has been serving children and families throughout Hampton Roads, helping children in need find safe, stable, and nurturing foster homes. As part of the James Barry-Robinson Institute (JBRI), JBRI Foster Care is committed to strengthening families and building a community of caring adults who are prepared to support children through every stage of their foster care journey. Through foster parent recruitment, training, ongoing support, family engagement, and community partnerships, JBRI Foster Care works to ensure foster families have the resources and support they need to help children thrive.

To learn more about becoming a foster parent or supporting children in foster care, visit JBRIfostercare.org.

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