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**EVICTON MORATORIUM TO END MONDAY IMPACTING THOUSANDS  
New Resources Available for Rent and Mortgage Assistance**

**NORFOLK, VA** - June 25, 2020 - On Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, the eviction moratorium currently in place in Virginia is scheduled to be lifted impacting thousands of households in Hampton Roads. Simultaneously, many new funding sources, including the Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program announced by Governor Northam today, will start becoming available across the region to assist households with back rent and mortgage payments.

The Housing Crisis Hotline, operated by ForKids, is expecting a significant increase in call volume as the Governor rolls out new state rental assistance Monday. The Hotline will begin taking applications for rent and mortgage financial assistance as a result of the Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program announced today. \$50 million in CARES Act funding will provide help to Virginia households experiencing housing instability due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

ForKids CEO Thaler McCormick said, "The great news is there are many new resources available. The challenge is getting households connected quickly. There are numerous and varying eligibility requirements depending on where you live and your personal economic situation. Our goal is to connect people quickly to the resources for which they are eligible."

**Anyone needing rent or mortgage assistance as a result of the pandemic is encouraged to call the Housing Crisis Hotline at (757) 587-4202.** The Hotline serves 14 cities and counties in Hampton Roads connecting households with a housing crisis to available local services. Hotline staff will carefully assess each caller's situation to match them to programs for which they may be eligible, including Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program and various other local assistance. Callers are cautioned to be patient due to high call volume.

[ForKids, inc.](http://www.forkids.org) is a non-profit agency founded 31 years ago with a mission of breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty for families and children. ForKids has evolved into one of the largest service providers to homeless families in Virginia and operates the Regional Housing Crisis Hotline for 14 cities and counties across Hampton Roads as well as Resources757.org, a searchable data base of community resources. ForKids' programs assist over 290 families and 580 children each day, touching the lives of over 70,000 individuals each year. The agency's 100 employees provide housing, education and wrap around services for families experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness. For more information, please visit [www.forkids.org](http://www.forkids.org), call (757) 622-6400 or follow them on [Facebook](#).