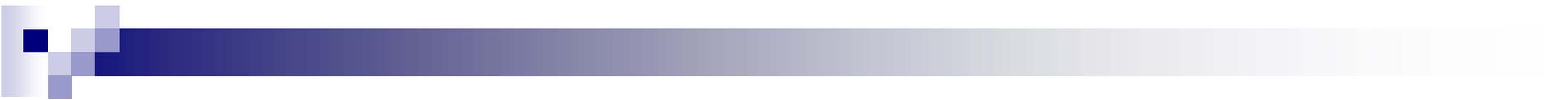
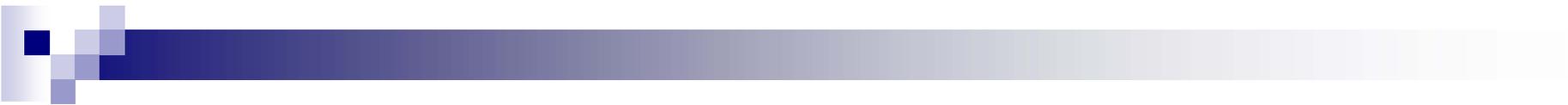


Barriers to Kinship Care in Virginia



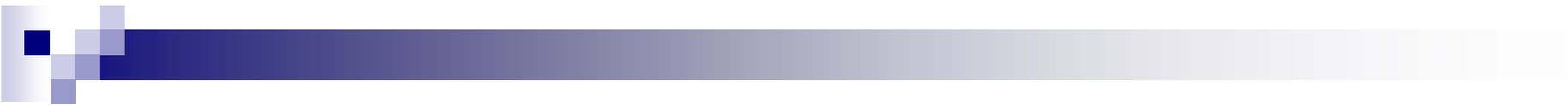
Barrier Crime Laws

- Review barrier crime laws in Virginia for foster and adoptive homes
- Review barrier crime laws in other states
- Comparison of Virginia's barrier crime laws with other states' barrier crime laws
- Comparison of Virginia's barrier crime laws with Federal standards



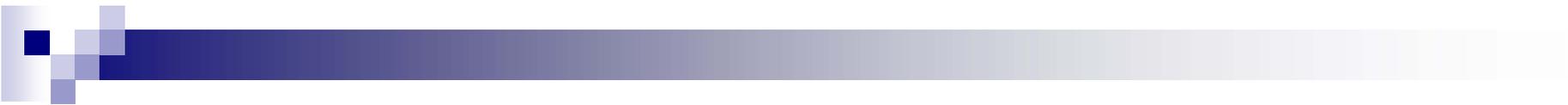
Barrier Crime Laws

- Review Virginia data to determine the number of kinship caregivers prevented from serving as relative foster parents and/or kinship caregivers as a result of barrier crimes



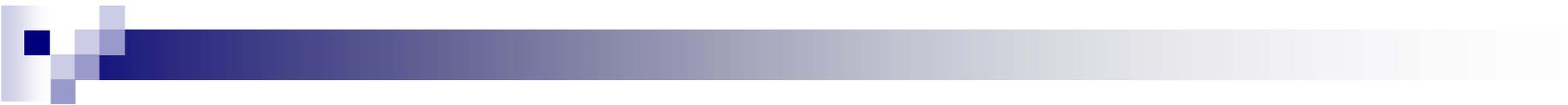
Barrier Crime Laws

- Review research data from other states regarding the correlation of barrier crime laws and the placement of children with kinship families



Barrier Crime Laws

- Review research data from other states to determine if less restrictive barrier crime laws impact well being of children placed with kinship caregivers



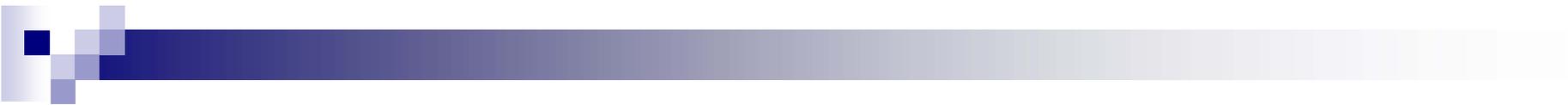
LDSS—Survey Research

- Survey local DSSs to determine number of children diverted from foster care and placed with kinship caregivers
- Survey local DSSs to determine local policies and services available to kinship caregivers



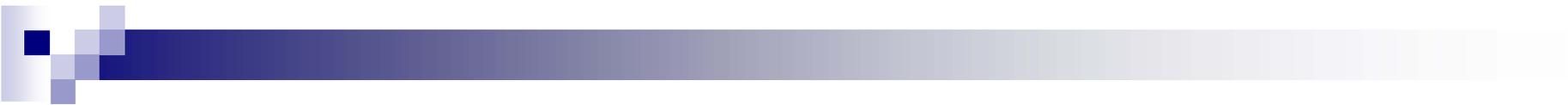
LDSS—Survey Research

- Survey local DSSs for input into suggested changes for Kinship Care practices



Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) Survey Research

- Survey local AAAs to determine local policies and services available to kinship caregivers
- Survey local AAAs for input into suggested changes for Kinship Care practices



Recommendations

- Evaluate creating a waiver for Virginia's barrier crime laws
- Synthesis findings from Virginia and other states regarding barrier crimes
- Synthesis findings from surveys from local DSSs and local AAAs