



## **Frederick County, Virginia**

Children's Services Act  
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### **Children's Services Act (CSA)**

#### **Information Sheet**

Frederick County believes that families and home communities provide the best environments for raising children. As a community we will pursue and encourage collaborative activities that will ensure the provision of child-centered, family-focused, strength-based and community-based services. Our goal is to preserve families and provide appropriate services while protecting the welfare of children and maintaining safety of the public.

The Children's Services Act is a Virginia law designed to help at-risk children, youth and their families. (2.2-5200). State and local agencies, parents and private providers work together to plan and provide services and supports. Each community has local teams, referred to as the Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) and the Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT), which decide how to plan and provide services and supports.

**CPMT** – The Community and Policy Management Team coordinates efforts, manages the availability funds, and sees that eligible youth and their families get help.

**FAPT** – The Family Assessment and Planning Team reviews the strengths and needs of the youth and family and collaborates to determine the most clinically appropriate and least restrictive services available.

**CSA Coordinator** – The Children's Services Act Coordinator is a principal advisor to the (CPMT) and (FAPT) concerning families and youth.

These teams are comprised of representatives from:

- Northwestern Community Services Board
- Court Services Unit
- Department of Health
- Department of Social Services
- Public Schools
- Private Providers
- Parent Representatives

## CSA ELIGIBILITY

Services under the Children's Services Act may be available to a child/youth who meets at least one of the following descriptions:

- Requires private placement for special education
- In foster care or are eligible for foster care
- Eligible for services through a Child in Need of Services (CHINS) Parental Agreement
- Have significant emotional and behavioral problems and may require services not available from any agency, require services from multiple agencies, or may be at risk of residential placement.

Eligibility is determined by various laws and by the Community Policy and Management Team. CSA eligibility is also determined by the availability of funds.

Prior to the use of CSA Funds, all other resources and funding streams, including community partners, Medicaid and Private Insurance, must be exhausted.

Any services provided through the CSA process are limited to a short term, planned period of time and availability of funds.

## Co-Payments

Families may be required to make financial contributions toward community based services based upon a sliding fee scale.

## DCSE

When a youth meets the criteria for a Child in Need of Services, and is placed out of the home through a CHINS Parental Agreement, those services are considered Foster Care Services as defined in the Code of Virginia § 63.2-905 ii & iii. The parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of youth who receive Foster Care Services are referred to the Department of Child Support Enforcement.

## Appeals

Appeals strictly related to funding by the Children's Services Act may be made to the Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT).