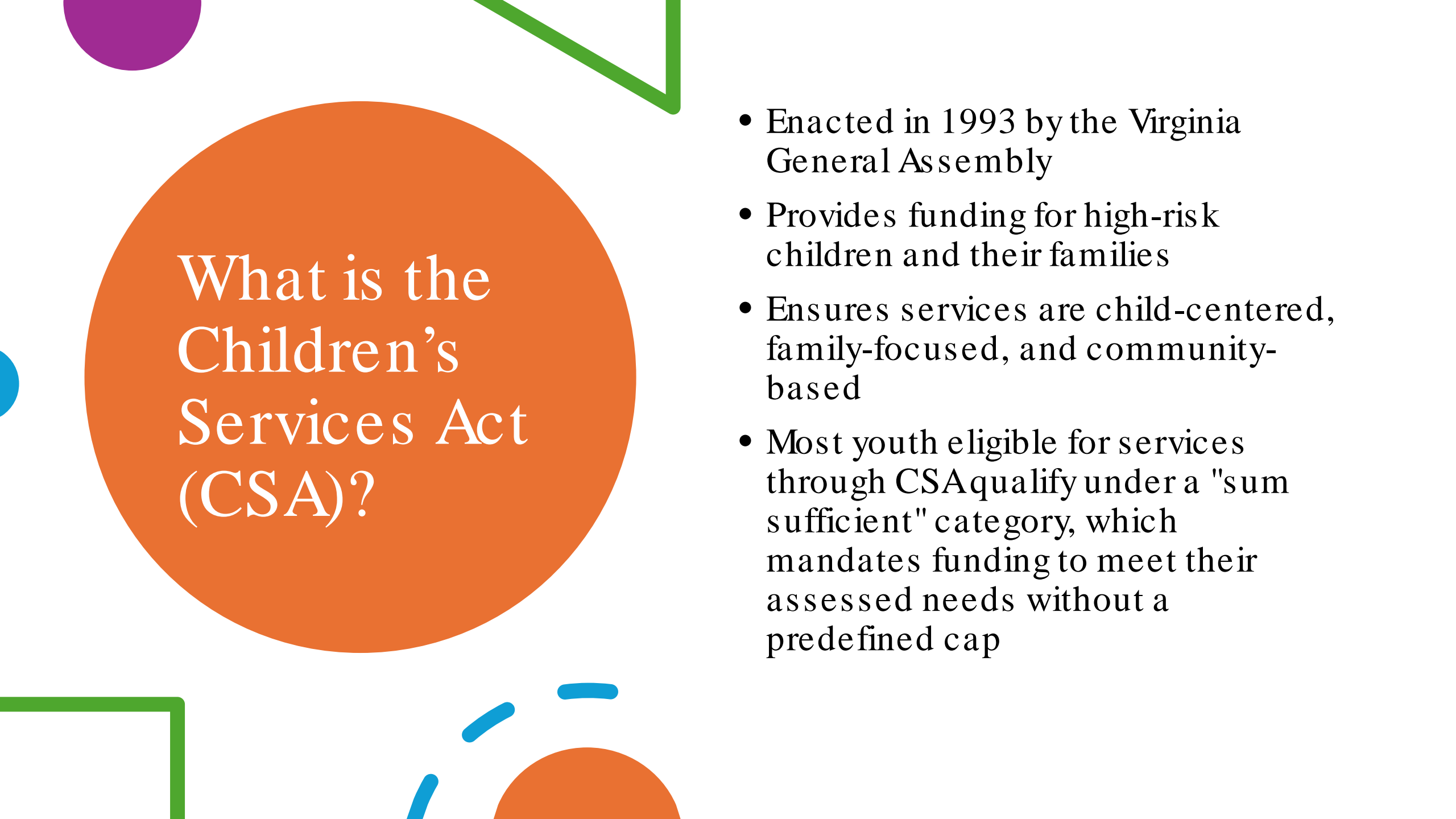


Overview of the Children's Services Act (CSA) and Budget Request

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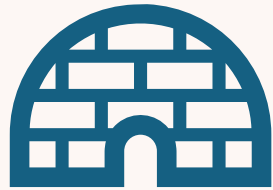
What is the Children's Services Act (CSA)?

- Enacted in 1993 by the Virginia General Assembly
- Provides funding for high-risk children and their families
- Ensures services are child-centered, family-focused, and community-based
- Most youth eligible for services through CSA qualify under a "sum sufficient" category, which mandates funding to meet their assessed needs without a predefined cap

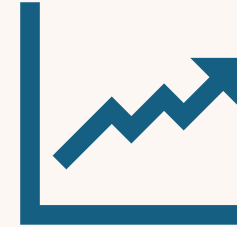
Who Does CSA Serve?

- Youth in foster care or juvenile justice
- Children with serious emotional or behavioral challenges
- At-risk children needing intervention to prevent foster care
- Students receiving Special Education services through private placement according to an IEP.

Why a Budget Increase is Needed (Overview)



16.91% Increase Requested:
\$468,199.22



Key Drivers of the Increase:

Rising number of children in foster care
Increased mental health needs
Higher costs of specialized care and inflation

Statewide and Local Trends Supporting the Increase

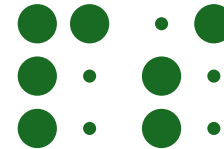
- Statewide Data:
 - 6% increase in youth served statewide (FY23-FY24)
 - \$542 million spent statewide, reflecting a 15% budget increase
- Local Data:
 - Youth served in congregate care settings increased from 8.33% to 17.58% this year, which carries the highest local match rate among all services.
 - FY23 served 20 private day school students; FY24 served 19, but costs rose by \$115,201

Policy Impacts Driving Expenditure Increases



Reimbursement Limitations:

Budget Bill proposes limiting reimbursement to localities to 2.5% over prior year rates, requiring additional local funds to cover rate increases



Legislative Changes:

Proposed bill may alter eligibility criteria, adding separate eligibility for youth with CHIN Services

Slide 5: Benefits of the Budget Increase



ENSURES TIMELY AND
EFFECTIVE SERVICES



REDUCES LONG-TERM
COSTS



PROMOTES COMMUNITY
SAFETY AND WELL-BEING



STRENGTHENS
PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN
LOCAL AGENCIES

Conclusion

- CSA supports at-risk children and families in Frederick County
- Budget increase is essential to meet demands and ensure quality services
- Call to Action: Approve the proposed budget increase



Thank You



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Questions?