

## Documentation of Eligibility Form

## Child in Need of Services (CHINS)

**Funded through the Children's Services Act (CSA)**

Family Assessment and Planning Teams (FAPTs) or approved alternative Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs), will use this standard eligibility documentation form to provide consistent application in determining CHINS eligibility across all local CSA programs. Localities shall use this form to document that the decision regarding the child's eligibility was made in accordance with the Code of Virginia and the State Executive Council for Children's Services Policy 4.1.1.<sup>1</sup>

<b>Name of Child:</b>	
<p>The FAPT (or approved MDT), in accordance with SEC Policy 4.1.1 and the policies of the CPMT, determines and documents that there are sufficient facts that the following criteria are met:</p>	
<p><b>The child meets the statutory definition of a Child in Need of Services (<a href="#">Code of Virginia, §16.1-228</a>):</b></p> <p>"Child in need of services" means (i) a child whose behavior, conduct, or condition presents or results in a serious threat to the well-being and physical safety of the child; (ii) a child who remains away from or deserts or abandons his family or lawful custodian during one occasion and is demonstratively at risk of coercion, exploitation, abuse, or manipulation or has been lured from his parent or lawful custodian by means of trickery or misrepresentation or under false pretenses; or (iii) a child under the age of 14 whose behavior, conduct, or condition presents or results in a serious threat to the well-being and physical safety of another person.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> A J&amp;DR court has found that the child is in "need of services" in accordance with §16.1-228;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>A copy of the court order is attached.</b></p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> The FAPT or approved multidisciplinary team has determined that the child's behavior, conduct, or condition meets the statutory definition above.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> The FAPT has not determined that the child meets the statutory definition above.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>The parent/guardian has been advised of their right to appeal the determination of the FAPT.</b></p>	
<p>If the FAPT/MDT made the determination, briefly describe in <b>specific terms</b> the facts and time frames on which the Team based its conclusion that the child's behavior, conduct, or condition presents or results in a serious threat to the well-being and physical safety of the child; the has remained away from or deserted or abandoned his family or lawful custodian during one occasion and is demonstratively at risk of coercion, exploitation, abuse, or manipulation or has been lured from his parent or lawful custodian by means of trickery or misrepresentation or under false pretenses; the child's behavior, conduct, or condition presents or results in a serious threat to the well-being and physical safety of another person if the child is under the age of 14:</p>	

<sup>1</sup> This checklist does not apply to abused or neglected children as defined in §63.2-100, as they are otherwise eligible for foster care prevention services.

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