

Tazewell County Virginia Children's Services Act

What is Children's Services Act (CSA)?

The Children's Services Act (CSA) is a Virginia law passed by the 1992 General Assembly. The CSA was initially codified as the "Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families" and was renamed effective July 1, 2015. The CSA establishes a collaborative system of services and funding that is child-centered, family-focused and community-based to assess and meet the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youths and their families in the Commonwealth. Services are approved through a multi-disciplinary team process and monitored by the local CSA program. Funding is a shared responsibility of local and state governments. The goal is to provide appropriate services to a child while keeping them safely in their home and community. If a child needs an out-of-home placement, the intention is to return them to their home as quickly as possible.

Who is eligible for services through the CSA?

Services through the CSA may be available to a child who meets at least one of the following descriptions as noted in the Code of Virginia §2.2-5212 and described below:

§2.2-5212. Eligibility for state pool of funds. For purposes of determining eligibility for the state pool of funds, "child" means a person younger than 18 years of age or any individual through 21 years of age who is otherwise eligible for mandated services of the participating state agencies including special education and foster care services.

- The child has emotional or behavior problems that have persisted over a significant period of time or, though only in evidence for a short period of time, are of such a critical nature that intervention is warranted. The child is in, or is at imminent risk of entering, residential care. In addition, the child requires services or resources that are beyond normal agency services or routine collaborative processes across agencies, and requires coordinated services by at least two agencies.
- The child has emotional or behavior problems, or both, and requires placement for purposes of special education (**services identified by an IEP and IEP required**) in approved private school educational programs or for transitional services.
- The child requires foster care services or services to prevent foster care.

Tazewell County Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT)

The local governing body of Tazewell County appoints the Tazewell County Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT). This team has the responsibility for implementing the policies, procedures and requirements of the CSA, including the expenditure of funds, as identified in the Virginia State CSA Code §2.1-752.

CPMT membership is comprised of:

Directors of the following Human Service Agencies

- Community Services Board
- Department of Social Services
- Juvenile Court Services Unit
- Department of Health

Representatives of the following:

- Tazewell County Board of Supervisors
- Tazewell County Public Schools
- Tazewell County Department of Social Services
- Parent Representative
- Private Provider Representative

Tazewell County Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT)

The Tazewell County Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) is the multi-disciplinary process responsible for determining eligibility for CSA, exploring the strengths and needs of individual children and families, and recommending services.

FAPT Membership include representatives of the following community agencies who have the authority to access services within their respective agencies:

- Community Service Board
- Tazewell County Juvenile Court Service Unit
- Private Provider Representative
- Department of Social Services
- Tazewell County Public Schools
- Parent Representative

Office of Children's Services (CSA) State Website Link

<https://www.csa.virginia.gov/>