



**Office of Children's Services**  
Empowering communities to serve youth



# Virginia Children's Services Act

## For Families

Your child and family can be referred to the CSA Program in your community through a local agency (Social Services, Schools, Community Services Board, or Court Services Unit), or parents/legal guardians can refer themselves.

Scan the QR code to find your local CSA Office and to learn more about the CSA Program.



## More Information :



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# Background

The Children's Services Act (CSA) is a law enacted in 1993 that establishes a single state pool of funds to purchase services for at-risk youth and their families. The state funds, combined with local community funds, are managed by local interagency teams who plan and oversee services to youth and families.

The CSA is a state supervised, local administered program. The state establishes policies that provide guidance to localities on CSA program administration and the utilization of the state pool of funds.

## CSA Believes...

- All families have strengths
- Families are experts of themselves
- Families deserve to be treated with dignity and respect
- Families can make well-informed decisions about keeping their children safe
- Outcomes improve when families are involved in decision-making
- A team is often more capable of creative and high-quality decision-making than an individual



## Eligibility

Services under the CSA Program may be available to a child or youth who meets at least one of the following descriptions:

- Has emotional or behavioral problems occurring over a long period time that require interventions
- At risk for residential placement due to serious behavioral/emotional problems
- Requires private placement for special education services
- In foster care or are eligible for foster care prevention services

# CSA Teams

The CSA assists families in creating and achieving positive change through its multidisciplinary teams.

## CPMT

The Community Policy and Management Team develops local policies and operating procedures for the CSA Program.

CPMT manages funding at the local level.

## FAPT

The Family Assessment and Planning Team looks at the strengths and needs of individual children and families, and with families, decides what services to provide and prepares a service plan.

## Membership

Both teams include Parents, public agencies (Social Services, Schools, Community Services Board, Court Services), private providers, and other local officials. Members commit their expertise, resources, and funding to provide services to their community's children and families.