Children's Services Act (CSA)

What is the Children's Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families?

Known also as the CSA, it is a Virginia law designed to help troubled youths and their families. State and local agencies, parents and private service providers work together to plan and provide services. In each community, local teams decide how to do this.

The Community Policy and Management team:

(CPMT) coordinates agency efforts, manages the available funds, and sees that eligible youths and their families get help.

The Family Assessment and Planning team:

(FAPT) looks at the strengths and needs of the individual youth and families, decides what services to provide, and prepares a service plan with input from families.

Both teams include parents, staff from community services boards, court service units, the departments of health and social services, the public schools and private providers. In some localities, these teams go by different names and may also include other members.

How can I find out if my child is eligible?

Contact your local Children's Services Act Coordinator – Rachel Lewis, CSA Coordinator for Suffolk/Franklin & Isle of Wight at Post Office Box 1818 Suffolk, VA 23439. You may also call 757-514-7335 or Email: rlewis@suffolkva.us

Need more information?

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