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Director's Blog

Greetings from the Office of Children's Services (OCS). One of my favorite activities is to travel to meet with Children's Services Act (CSA) teams in their localities. In the past few months, I have had the opportunity to participate in two annual strategic planning sessions for Community Management and Policy Teams (CPMT) and Family Assessment and Planning Teams (FAPT). [Read more...](#)

7TH ANNUAL COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CSA CONFERENCE
MAY 1-2, 2018 ROANOKE, VA
CSA AT 25: HONORING THE JOURNEY
WWW.CPE.VT.EDU/OCS

The Office of Children's Services (OCS) is currently seeking proposals to provide training sessions of 1 1/2 hours in duration at the 7th Annual Commonwealth of Virginia CSA Conference. Presentations should relate to the conference theme and focus on topics such as: improving outcomes for children and families; partnering with youth, families, and stakeholders; implementation of best practices; and use of data informed decision making to continually improve the performance of CSA and outcomes for children and families. All proposals are due by December 1, 2017. Proposal acceptances will be sent out by December 15, 2017. [Click HERE](#) to download the proposal form.

Follow the "Annual Commonwealth of Virginia CSA Conference" on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CSAConferenceVA/>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/CSAConferenceVA>) for conference pictures and updated information on conference events.



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OCS Mission Statement

The mission of CSA is to create a collaborative system of services and funding that is child-centered, family-focused and community based when addressing the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youth and their families in the Commonwealth.

OCS Vision Statement

OCS envisions CSA as a national model in providing effective and innovate systems of care statewide for at-risk youth and families. We strive for CSA to be highly regarded as a leader in improving outcomes for children and their families; facilitating the highest quality technical assistance and training to strengthen the capacity of communities to implement CSA; maintaining high standards for sound fiscal accountability and responsible use of taxpayer funds; and partnering with families and all CSA stake holders to implement best practices and technology to continually improve the performance of CSA. OCS strives to maintain an enthusiastic, creative and knowledgeable staff empowered to work with CSA stakeholders to sustain the highest quality systems of care for Virginia's you and their

CANVaS 2.0 Update

You should soon see some long-awaited changes when you log into CANVaS 2.0! What's been bugging you the most? It's likely those **red** alerts you see every time you log in, right? [Read more...](#)



Audit Corner

How often have you given thought to this question “... why is the auditor so obsessed with documentation?” The purpose of an audit is to provide reasonable assurance to CSA stakeholders regarding the effectiveness of risk management, governance and internal control processes. [Read more...](#)



Performance Measurement

Under the direction of the State Executive Council for Children's Services (SEC), the Office of Children's Services (OCS) has developed a set of six key performance measures to help evaluate the performance of the Children's Services Act (CSA) program. [Read More...](#)



TA Questions of the Quarter



Can the Proposed Standard Contract, available on the OCS website be modified for local use? Who is responsible for completing the CANS for a child who is to be placed in a residential treatment facility? Are out-of-state school divisions allowed to charge public school tuition for children in foster care who are in placements (trial home, pre-adoptive, etc.) within their jurisdictions? If so, what agency (CSA, DSS, public schools) is responsible for paying the tuition cost? [Click HERE](#) for the answers...

Tips from the Business Manager



First, let me say “Thank You” to everyone for your support in processing the 2017 expenditures and closing the 2017 CSA Program Services Year. The total CSA expenditures state and local match for the 2017 Program Service Year is \$382,073,569. This is a 5% increase over the last year's expenditures. [Read more...](#)

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Training Calendar

Click [HERE](#) to learn about the training opportunities available throughout the state!!!

Guidelines for Submissions

If you have information you would like to share with your CSA colleagues around the state, please follow the guidelines for submission located [HERE...](#)

