



# VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## **Collaboration of Title IV-E and CSA**

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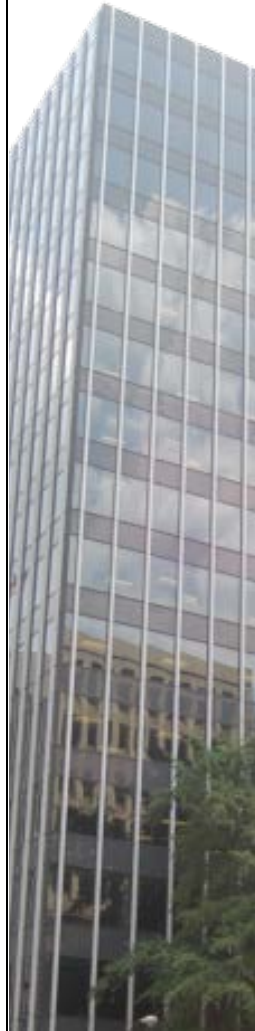
*Roanoke, Virginia*

*People helping people triumph over poverty, abuse and neglect  
to shape strong futures for themselves, their families and communities*



# VDSS and CSA connection

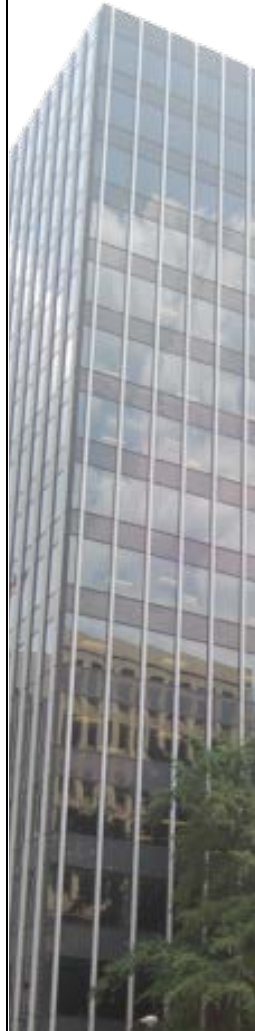
- A long history of collaboration
- Shared population serving the same children
- Both programs have a responsibility for fiscal accountability





# VDSS Title IV-E Team

- Program Manager
- Regional Teams
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Reviews





## What is Title IV-E?

The Federal Foster Care Program helps to provide safe and stable out-of-home care for children until the children are safely returned home, placed permanently with adoptive families or placed in other planned arrangements for permanency.





# What is Title IV-E?

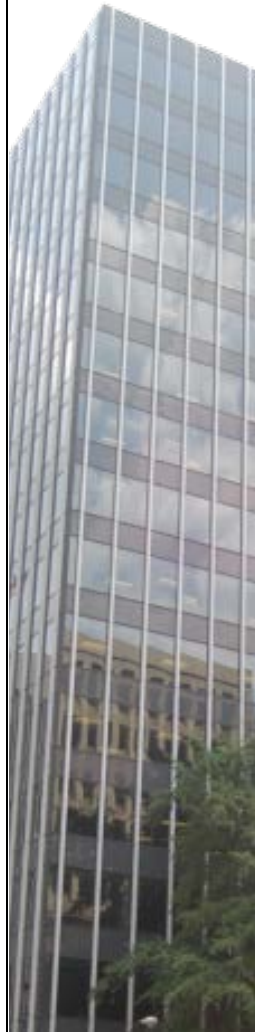
The program is authorized by title IV-E of the Social Security Act, as amended, and implemented under the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 45 CFR parts 1355, 1356, and 1357. It is an annually appropriated program with specific eligibility requirements and fixed allowable uses of funds. Funding is awarded by formula as an open-ended entitlement grant and is contingent upon an approved title IV-E plan to administer or supervise the administration of the program.



# Verifying the correct connection for the child



- New Case Validation Process
  - All foster care children
  - Timeframe
  - Instrument
  - Eligibility Determination Confirmation

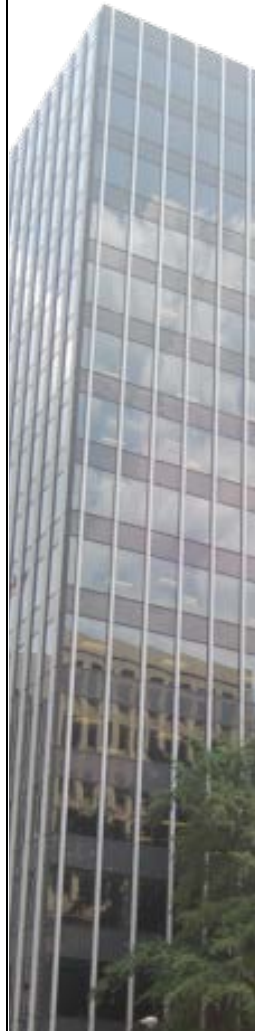




# What determines who pays....

Title IV-E general requirements for initial eligibility

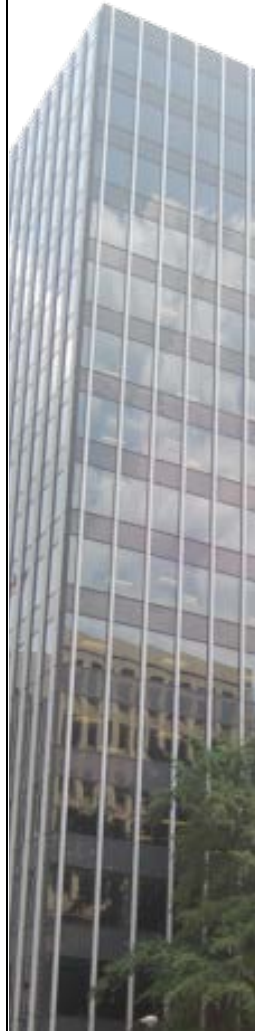
- Court orders
- Removal home
- Citizenship
- AFDC requirement from 1996





# Involving CSA

- Reports are provided to OSC



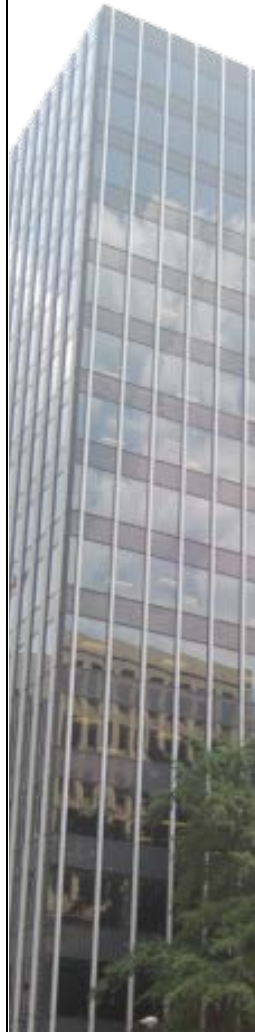




# Under Title IV-E, how is the term maintenance defined?

foster care maintenance payments is defined (in section 475(4) of the Social Security Act) as:

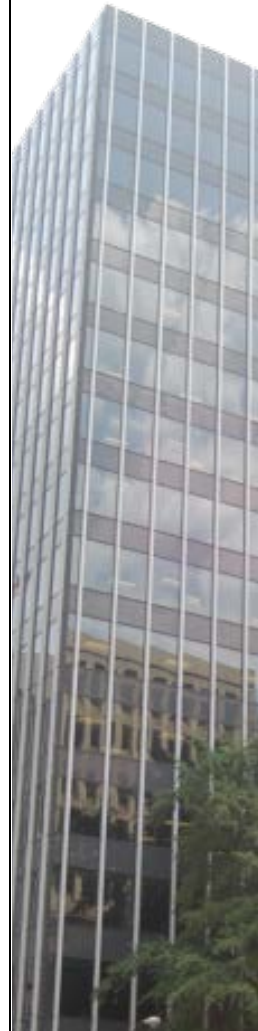
*“Maintenance means payments made on behalf of a child in foster care to cover the cost of (and the cost of providing) food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, school supplies, a child’s personal incidentals, and reasonable travel for the child to visit with family or other caretakers and to remain in his or her previous school placement.”*





# Current Maintenance Rates

<b><i>Maintenance Payment Rates</i></b>					
<b>Age of Child</b>	<b>Room and Board</b>	<b>Clothing</b>	<b>Personal care, Recreation, Reading</b>	<b>Monthly Allowance</b>	<b>Total Payment Rate</b>
<i>0 thru 4</i>	\$316	\$58	\$88	\$0	\$462
<i>5 thru 12</i>	\$362	\$74	\$95	\$10	\$541
<i>13 and older</i>	\$439	\$116	\$102	\$29	\$686
<b><i>Independent Living</i></b>					\$644
<b><i>Supplemental Clothing Allowance</i></b>					
<i>Age 0 thru 4</i>					\$309
<i>Age 5 thru 12</i>					\$386
<i>Age 13 and over</i>					\$464





# Items NEVER allowed by IV-E

Education

Counseling

Mentoring

In-Home Services

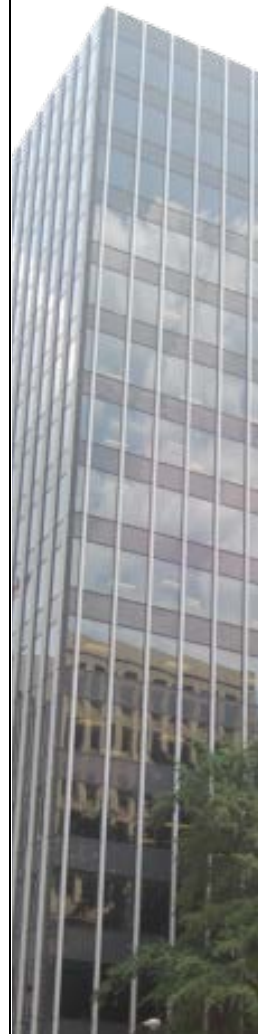
Case Management

Prescriptions

Eye glasses

Copies of birth  
certificates

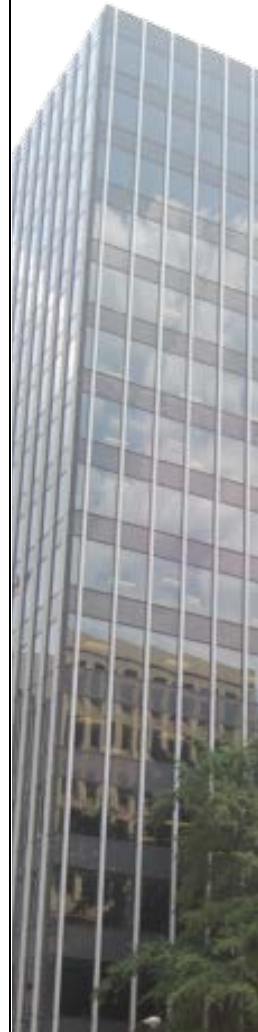
- Extra curricular activities (gymnastics, camps, boy scouts, etc.)
- Graduation items (caps and gowns, announcements, etc.)
- Equipment (computers, car seats, wheelchairs, etc.)





# Ongoing Reviews

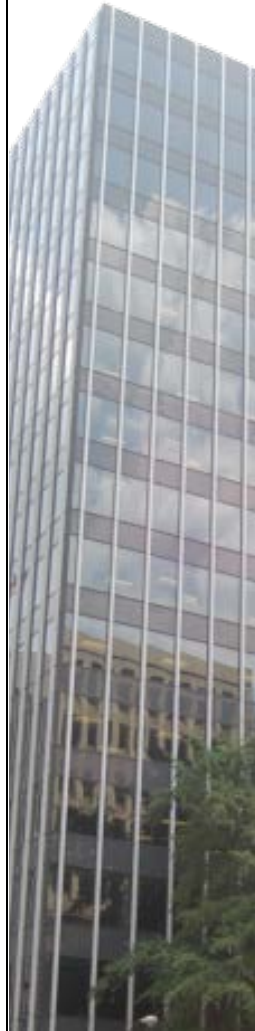
- Initial vs. Ongoing
- Review of All Ongoing IV-E Cases
- Federal Instrument



# Things that can interrupt IV-E payments



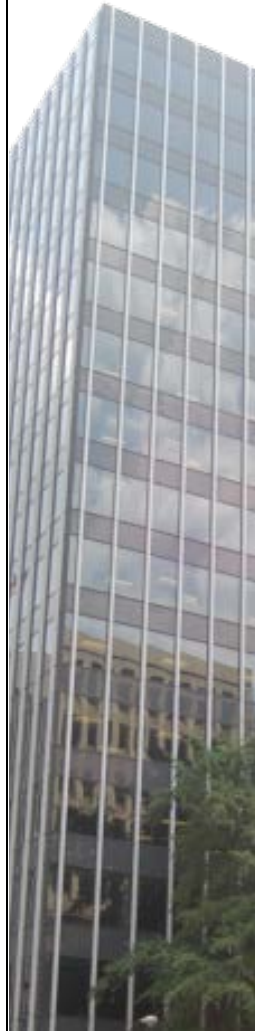
- Licensing and Safety Requirements for placement
- Ongoing judicial requirements
- Where the child is placed





# Who pays for what???

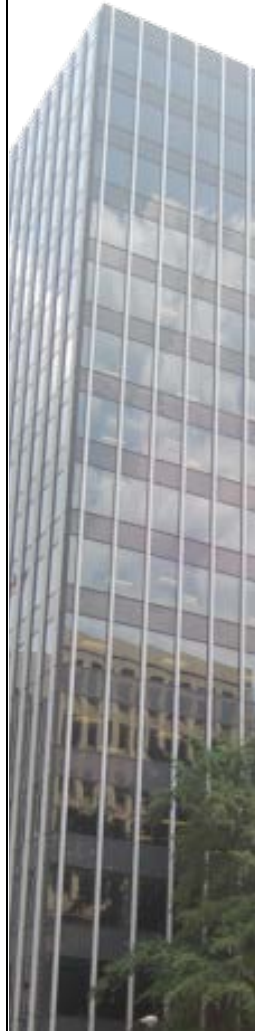
- Financial tracking
- SAS Data
- Federal, State and Local





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# Social Security Administration

- Federal implication of misuse of SSI and Retirement and Survivors Disability Insurance (RSDI)
- Responsibility of an organization payee

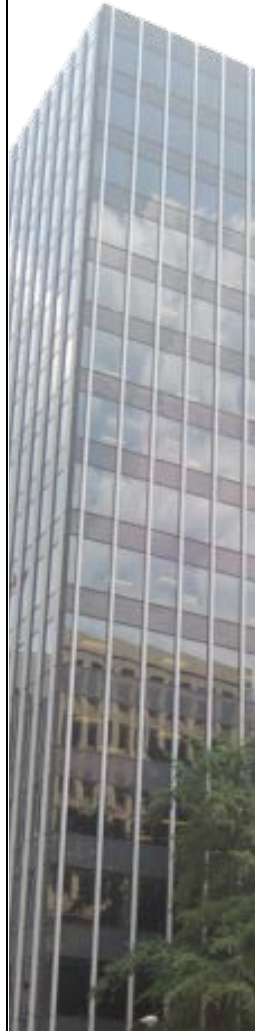




# Supplemental Security Income (SSI)



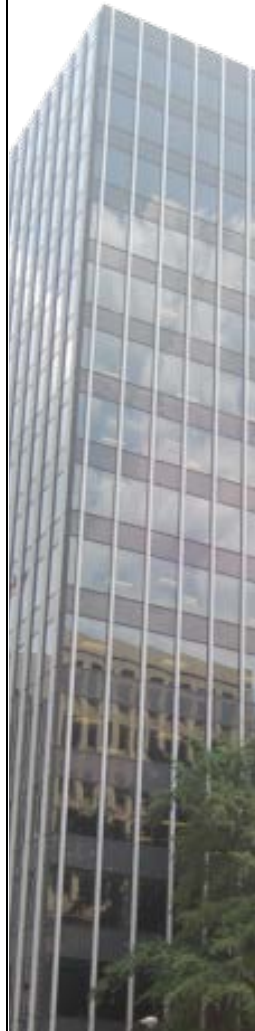
- Dollar for dollar – special welfare accounts





# Players that can impact Special Welfare Accounts and CSA

- Section 63.2-314 Code of Virginia
- Section 63.2-320 Code of Virginia
- Social Security Handbook
- Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities and Towns
- Department of Treasury, Division of Unclaimed Property
- Foster Care Guidance
- Title IV-E Guidance





# Resources for Title IV-E

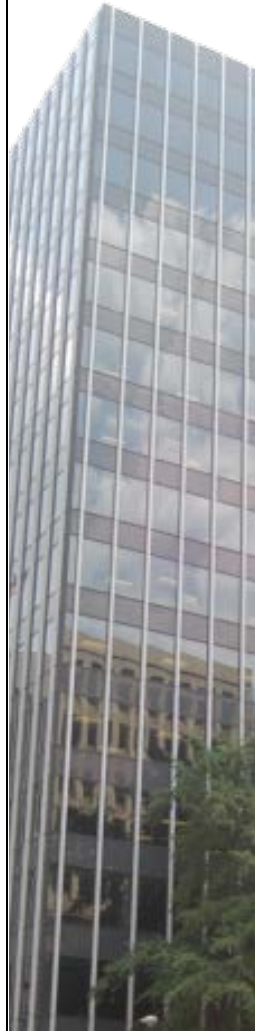
- Section 423 of the Social Security Act
- Chapter 45 Sections 1355 and 1356 of the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR)
- Federal Child Welfare Policy Manual
- VDSS Foster Care Guidance
- VDSS Title IV-E Manual
- VDSS Local Department Resource, Foster and Adoptive Family Home Approval Guidance
- Virginia Division of Licensing
- DBHDS Division of Licensing
- VDSS Local Finance Guidelines Manual





# How can CSA help?

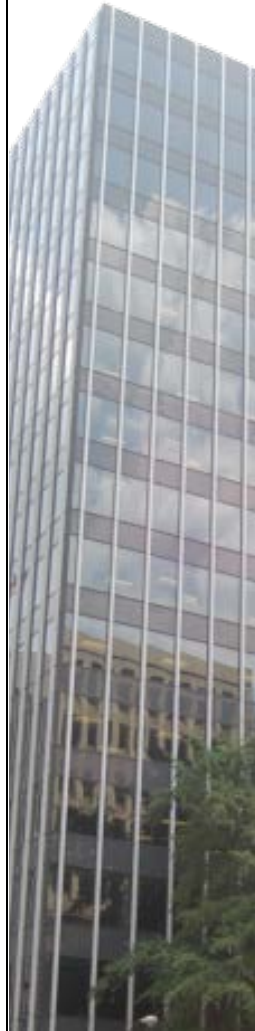
- Payment records
- Educating the “team”
- Local collaboration





## How can Title IV-E help?

- Continue to validate all new cases and conduct yearly case reviews
- Continue to provide OCS with copies of our reports and findings
- Continue to encourage LDSS to work with their local CSA office





Questions.....

