# Office of Children's Services

# **Definitions of Mandate Types (MTs)**

**Purpose:** This document delineates definitions of Mandate Types for localities for use by localities in reporting in order to receive state reimbursement for expenditures under the Children's Services Act.

#### MT 1 Foster Care Abuse/Neglect Prevention

Use this MT for children and families receiving home/community-based foster care prevention services following referral from a local Department of Social Services (LDSS) because of abuse/neglect concerns in the family.

### MT 2 Foster Care Abuse/Neglect – DSS Non-Custodial Agreement

Use this MT when a child is placed in a foster care placement through a DSS Non-Custodial Foster Care Agreement (NCFC) and the parent retains legal custody; NCFC agreements are typically used for out of home treatment placements for children with emotional/behavioral needs.

#### MT 3 Foster Care Abuse/Neglect – Local DSS Entrustment/Custody

Use this MT for children and families when a child is in the custody of, or entrusted to, the LDSS because of abuse/neglect concerns.

#### MT 4 Foster Care Child in Need of Services (CHINS) Prevention

Use this MT for children and families receiving home/community-based services to prevent **either** DSS foster care placement **or** placement through a CSA Parental Agreement based on the Family Planning and Assessment Team (FAPT) or court's determination that the child's "behavior, conduct or condition" meets the CHINS definition.

#### MT 5 Foster Care CHINS – CSA Parental Agreement

Use this MT for children and families when a child is determined to be a CHINS by the court or the FAPT and placed in a behavioral health treatment setting through an agreement between an agency designated by the Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) and the parent/guardian who retains legal custody ("CSA Parental Agreement").

#### MT 6 Foster Care CHINS – Entrustment/Custody

Use this MT for children and families when a child is determined to be a CHINS by the court and placed in the custody of, or entrusted to, the local DSS.

### MT 7 Foster Care – Court Ordered for Truancy

Use this MT for children and families when a child is determined to be a Child in Need of Supervision due to truancy and then court-ordered into foster care placement with custody granted to the local DSS

#### MT 8 Foster Care – Court Ordered for Delinquent Behaviors

Use this MT when a child is adjudicated as delinquent and then court-ordered into foster care placement with custody granted to the local DSS.

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#### MT 9 Wrap-Around Services for Students with Disabilities

Use this MT for children and families when a student with educational disabilities receives Special Education Wrap-around funded services in the home/community to prevent a more restrictive placement; services must be related to the child's disability as noted on the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

#### MT 10 Special Education Services in an Approved Educational Placement

Use this MT for students with educational disabilities whose IEP requires an educational placement in private day or residential programs. The IEP team has determined that the private day or residential placement is the least restrictive environment in which the child can receive a "free and appropriate education" (FAPE). Effective July 1, 2021, also use this MT for students eligible for 12 months of transitional services in the public school settings as defined in COV, §2.2-5211.B.6.

#### MT 11 Non-Mandated

Use this MT for children who meet the statutory requirements for eligibility in a CSA target population (e.g., children with mental health needs who do not rise to the level of CHINS, youth served by the Court Services Unit) but do not meet the criteria for sum sufficient funding. (COV §2.2-5211 and COV §2.2-5212).

#### MT 12 Kinship Guardianship

Use this MT for children who meet the criteria for the Federal <u>or</u> State Kinship Guardianship Assistance program as specified in COV §16.2-1305 and §16.2-1306, respectively.

#### **Notes:**

The Code of Virginia allows for two categories of children and families who are to receive sum-sufficient funding. These two categories are 1) children receiving foster care services as broadly defined in COV  $\S63.2-905$ , which includes services through as CSA Parental Agreements (consequently MTs 1-8 and 12 refer to "Foster Care" even though they include services which are provided by agencies other than the local DSS); and 2) students with educational disabilities receiving either Special Education Wraparound funds (MT 9), and those whose IEPs require education in a private setting other than the public school or who are receiving time-limited transitional services in the public school setting (MT 10).

"Special Education Wraparound" refers to a specific limited allocation of CSA funds which are available for "students with educational disabilities" who meet the eligibility requirements found in SEC Policy 4.1.3.

Children served through the Non-mandated category (MT 11) have funding limited to the "protected" amount established for each locality each year.

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