

AGENDA
State and Local Advisory Team (SLAT)
February 3, 2022
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Virtual Meeting

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- **Welcome / Opening** Lesley Abashian

- **Public Comment**

- **CSA Coordinator Report- CSA Virtual Meetings Best Practices** Julie Dubee,
Hanover CSA

- **Legislative Items Linked to CSA** Rebecca Vinroot

- **CSA Acronym List** Lesley Abashian

- **Family First Update** Em Parente

- **SLAT Nomination Committee** Lesley Abashian

- **OCS Updates**
 Technical Assistance for Low-Performing Localities Courtney Sexton
 Updates & Locating Governor's Office Information Zandra Relaford

- **SLAT Member Reports**

 State Representatives
 - DOH Jeannine Uzel
 - DJJ Linda McWilliams
 - DSS Em Parente
 - DBHDS Nina Marino
 - DMAS Ashley Harrell
 - DOE Sabrina Gross

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| o DSS | Rebecca Vinroot |
| o CSA | Mills Jones |
| o CSB | Lisa Madron |
| o CSU | William Stanley |
| o J&DR Court | Honorable Ashley Tunner/ Honorable Richard Campbell |
| o Parent | Cristy Corbin |
| o Private Provider | Shannon Updike |
| o Schools | Susan Aylor |
| o Local/Municipality | Lesley Abashian |

- **Adjournment**

Next SEC Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2022 (tentative)

Next SLAT Meeting Scheduled for Thursday May 5, 2022

CSA Commonly Used Terms and Acronyms

Acronym/Term	Description	Definition
AA	Adoption Assistance/ Adoption Subsidy	A monetary payment or payment for services provided to adoptive parents and other persons on behalf of an adopted child who has special needs and who meets eligibility criteria. AA is managed by the Virginia Department of Social Services.
AMS	Account Management System	An online directory that identifies individuals filling various local CSA roles. The AMS must be kept current by local CSA personnel.
BID	Best Interests Determination	Determining the best school placement in order to ensure educational stability for a child in foster care. Parties to the BID process may include the child, parent/legal guardian, school representative(s), other individuals the family wants to include, and other key partners. Safety and permanency are at the center of the decision-making process.
CANS	Child and Adolescent Strengths and Needs Assessment	The mandatory state assessment tool for all children and youth participating in CSA-funded services.
CANVaS		The internet-based version of the Virginia CANS.
CBDRS	Child Based Data Reporting System	An internal CSA reporting system used by some local CSA programs to submit the CSA LEDRS file to the Office of Children's Services (OCS).
CHINS	Child in Need of Services	Defined in the Code of Virginia, §16.1-228. Families of children and youth with severe emotional/behavioral problems who are seeking services are not required to petition the Court to establish CSA eligibility and to obtain services. The Family Assessment and Planning Team may determine a child to be "in need of services" and requiring foster care (prevention) services as defined in §63.2-905. Children determined to be a CHINS are eligible for CSA Parental Agreements. A CHINS is distinct from a Child in Need of Supervision (CHINSup) who may be, but is not necessarily eligible for CSA funded services.
CPMT	Community Policy and Management Team	The CPMT is the local governing entity for the CSA and has the authority to determine local policies and procedures regarding the use of CSA funds and operating procedures within the CSA's statutory framework. Members of the CPMT are local agency leaders with authority to commit their agency's expertise, resources, and funding to provide services to the community's youth and families. Specific requirements, duties, and authorities of the CPMT are outlined in §2.2-5204 – 2.2-5206, the Appropriation Act, and the policies of the SEC.
CPS	Child Protective Services	A program within the local and state departments of social services, the public child welfare agency, that helps ensure the safety and well-being of children in our community. CPS investigates and responds to reports of child abuse and neglect.

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CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement	The practice of ongoing review of a locality's CSA data and using data-driven decision making to improve performance and program implementation. This activity was once referred to as "Utilization Management."
CSA	Children's Services Act	A Virginia law that helps children and families have access to intensive services and supports when children and families have unmet behavioral health and related needs.
CSA Administrative Funds		Funds that are used to offset a locality's (non-services) cost of implementing the local CSA program.
CSA Parental Agreement	Parental Agreement	An agreement made between an agency designated by the CPMT (excluding the local department of social services) and a parent/legal guardian who retains custody of their child. The youth is placed outside of the home for behavioral health treatment with a local public agency on the FAPT providing case management. The parent/legal guardian is assessed for parental contribution to the cost of services. This agreement is an alternative for families who are voluntarily seeking services for a youth and does not need or want court intervention.
CSA State Pool	State Pool	The pool of funds provided by the state to fund the CSA. The Pool was created by combining specific agency funding streams. The state pool of funds is distributed to all CPMTs in accordance with the Code of Virginia and the Appropriation Act and requires that localities provide an established local matching share.
CSB	Community Services Board	The local public agency that provides services for mental health, substance use disorders, and intellectual/developmental disabilities.
CSU	Court Services Unit	Under the direction of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), this agency provided an array of services to the juvenile and domestic relations courts including delinquency and domestic relations activities. CSU personnel can provide case management for CSA services when supervising juveniles through court-ordered diversion, supervision, or CHINS.
DCSE	Department of Child Support Enforcement	The State Agency whose responsibilities include setting and collecting parental contributions for out-of-home placements funded by CSA.
DBHDS	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	State Agency that oversees the community services boards and services to individuals with behavioral health and intellectual/emotional disabilities.
DJJ	Department of Juvenile Justice	State agency that oversees the juvenile justice system including CSUs, local juvenile detention homes, VJCCCA, and the state juvenile correctional center.
DMAS	Department of Medical Assistance Services	State Agency that administers the Medicaid program.
DOE	Department of Education	State Agency that provides oversight to the public K-12 schools.

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DSS	Department of Social Services	State agency that oversees the child welfare system including the LDSS agencies.
FAPT	Family Assessment and Planning Team	The FAPT is the interagency, multi-disciplinary group responsible. FAPT is required to determine CSA eligibility, assess the strengths and needs of youth and families and identify, and determine the services required to meet these needs. FAPT is covered in in §2.2-5207 – 2.2-5209 of the Code of Virginia.
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	The federal law that grants parents authority over their child's educational records, which includes access by participants at CSA meetings (i.e., FAPT and CPMT).
FFPSA	Family First Prevention Services Act	Federal law that seeks to keep children safe, empower families, and minimize the need for foster care through the use of trauma-informed, evidence-based, foster care prevention services.
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act	Defined in the Code of Virginia §2.2-3700, FOIA guarantees citizens of the Commonwealth access to public records and meetings held by public bodies, public officials, and public employees. While conducting the business of the CSA is a matter of public interest, some activities are not subject to FOIA. For example, FAPT meetings are exempt due to the sharing of child- and family-specific information (unless the child and family requests in writing that their meeting be open to the public). CPMT meetings are subject to FOIA requirements except when reviewing child- and family-specific information or discussing other confidential issues.
FPM	Family Partnership Meeting	A family meeting facilitated by a trained, neutral 3 rd party for DSS-involved children and their families.
IACCT	Independent Assessment, Certification, and Coordination Team	A process through the Department of Medical Assistance to authorize Medicaid funding for residential treatment services.
ICC / HFW	Intensive Care Coordination / High Fidelity Wraparound	A service that works with youth who are in or at risk of out-of-home placement and their families, to facilitate remaining in the community. If placement outside the community is necessary, the ICC team helps the family develop the supports needed to ensure their child's safe, successful return home.
ICPC	Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children	A uniform law throughout the United States that ensures the protection of children who are placed across state lines for foster care and adoption. The ICPC process ensures that proposed placements are in compliance with state laws and regulations that are not contrary to the interests of a child. VDSS is responsible for approving and monitoring these placements.
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	Federal law that makes available a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to eligible students with disabilities and ensures special education and related services to these students.

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IEP	Individualized Education Program	Developed under federal regulations (IDEA) for students with educational disabilities. IEPs for private day and residential educational services are funded by CSA.
IFSP	Individual and Family Service Plan	A service plan required in conjunction with local CSA funding allocations for a specific case.
J & DR Court	Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court	The court that hears all matters involving juveniles (individuals under 18 years of age), such as criminal (delinquency) or traffic offenses, family matters (i.e. custody, support, or visitation), and family/child abuse cases.
LCPA	Licensed Child Placing Agency	Any individual or agency licensed to place children in foster homes, adoptive homes, child-caring institutions, or independent living arrangements.
LDSS	Local Department of Social Services	A jurisdiction's child welfare agency.
LEA	Local Education Authority	A public board of education or other legal public authority that provides administrative control or direction to public K-12 schools.
LEDRS	Local Expenditure and Data Reporting System	The system for integrated, required reporting for state CSA reimbursement and data collection.
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	Per regulations of the VDOE, LRE means that the maximum effort possible will be used to include students with disabilities, whether in public or private educational institutions or other care facilities, with children who are not disabled. Educational placement outside of the traditional school setting should only occur when the nature of the child's disability in a regular school setting with supportive interventions cannot be achieved satisfactorily.
MDT	(Alternate) Multi-disciplinary Team	As covered in SEC policy, an MDT may be used in lieu of a FAPT for case-specific service approvals by a local CSA program.
OCS	Office of Children's Services	OCS serves as the administrative entity of the State Executive Council for Children's Services to ensure that the decisions and policies of the Council are implemented in accordance with the powers and duties granted by statute in COV § 2.2-2649. Provides state oversight to local CSA programs.
Protected Funds	Non-sum Sufficient Funds	Funds designated or "protected" for CSA-eligible youth who do not fall within specific populations (i.e., students with disabilities whose IEP requires placement in private special education programs; youth receiving foster care services, or those with a CHINS determination). Unlike the sum sufficient funds, local CSA programs are not obligated to spend protected funds.
PRTF (also an RTC)	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (or Residential Treatment Center)	A non-hospital facility providing residential behavioral health to individuals under the age of 21.

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PSSF	Promoting Safe and Stable Families	Federal funding administered by state and local departments of social services for the prevention of foster care, family preservation, and reunification.
QRTP	Qualified Residential Treatment Program	A congregate care treatment setting designated under the Family First Prevention Services Act and authorized to accept title IV-E funds to support the placements of youth in foster care.
SEC	State Executive Council for Children's Services	The SEC is established to oversee the administration of the CSA in accordance with COV § 2.2- 2648.
SLAT	State and Local Advisory Team	The SLAT assists with cooperative efforts among stakeholders at the state and local levels and in the private sector to advise the SEC regarding CSA policies and to provide support to local community efforts in accordance COV §§ 2.2- 5202 and 2.2-5203.
Sum Sufficiency	CSA Budget Term	Means that the CSA state pool and required local matching funds must cover full cost of services to meet relevant federal mandates, regardless of the amount.
SOC	System of Care	A spectrum of effective, community-based services and supports for children and youth with or at risk for mental health or other challenges and their families, that is organized into a coordinated network, builds meaningful partnerships with families and youth, and addresses their cultural and linguistic needs; to ensure that all children, youth and their families have equitable and easy access to a continuum of quality, integrated and/or coordinated services, supports, and opportunities to promote resiliency and further their social, emotional, mental and behavioral health.
SOEI	Statement of Economic Interests	A written disclosure statement submitted by specific officers and employees of the Commonwealth and individuals other individuals, who are required to declare their financial interests as a requirement to serve in their roles.
SPED Wrap	Special Education Wraparound Funds	Designated funding for students with an educational disability to receiving services in the home/community (not in the school setting) to prevent a more restrictive placement.
Supplemental Funding Requests		Requests made to OCS for additional funding for the state share of costs that exceed the annual base allocation.
TFC	Treatment Foster Care	An alternative to foster care provided by LDSS recruited and supported families. Services to children are delivered primarily by foster parents trained, supervised, and supported by a licensed child-placing agency (LCPA). Treatment is primarily foster family based and is planned and delivered by a treatment team. Treatment foster care focuses on a continuity of services, is goal directed and results oriented, and emphasizes permanency planning for the child in care.

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TGH	Therapeutic Group Home	A placement for youth under age 21 that provides treatment services in a non-secure residential setting. Youth are provided a therapeutic structure of daily psycho-education activities, supervision, medication management, and mental health care in an effort to achieve therapeutic goals as clinically indicated.
T4E	Title IV-E	The title of the section of the Social Security Act that authorizes federal funds for foster care and adoption assistance.
UR	Utilization Review	A process that reviews the appropriateness and effectiveness of services makes recommendations for those services on an ongoing basis.
VAISEF	Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities	The association of private providers of specialized education and services for children and youth with special needs, and their families.
VCOPPA	Virginia Coalition of Private Provider Organizations	A private provider organization whose mission is “to serve as the unified voice for private providers to advocate for a quality system of services for children and families with special needs and challenges.”
VEMAT	Virginia Enhanced Maintenance Assessment Tool	VEMAT is the standard process used by the LDSS to determine the reimbursement rate for additional daily supervision (ADS) and support provided by foster parents to address the behavioral, emotional, and medical needs of children in foster care.
VJCCCA	Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act	VJCCCA establishes a community-based system of funding for youth involved in the juvenile justice system to receive services and sanctions to protect public safety and reduce recidivism and is described in the Code of Virginia, §16.1-309.2.
VLC	Virginia Learning Center	A web-based application (Learning Management System or LMS) that allows access to various training courses and tracks progress and completion of training.