

County of Dinwiddie



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Virginia Juvenile Community
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Children's Services Act (CSA)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors
Kevin Massengill, County Administrator
Anne Howerton, Deputy County Administrator/Finance & General Services
Dinwiddie County CPMT

FROM: Angel Young-Gill, Director of Children's Services
Dinwiddie Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT)
Children's Services Act (CSA)

RE: Children's Services Act Budget 2022-2023

The Community Policy and Management Team of the Children's Services Act is submitting this request for funding for fiscal year 2023. The Community Policy and Management Team has provided oversight, guidance for services and funding to our families. The use of these services and engagement are part of this process.

The residential services rate is 41.97% for this locality. The use of community-based services is 16.79% and has increased in its usage with families. Some of these services are parent coaching, therapeutic day treatment, intensive in home services, outpatient counseling, family therapy, functional family therapy, multi-systemic therapy, community stabilization, residential crisis stabilization units, mobile crisis response, family support partner services and intensive care coordination. Medicaid can cover several of these now.

Our neutral match rate is steady at 33.58% for services such as treatment foster care, regular foster care homes, special education private day school placement and residential educational services.

Wraparound Services for Students with a Disability funds can be used for youth to assist in maintaining them in the community, school and home. These funds can be used for youth who have an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP). This can aid in maintaining a child in school, home and the community. If you have any questions regarding this request please feel free to contact me.

Children's Services Act {CSA}
Dinwiddie Community Policy and Management Team
Budget Request 2022-2023

CSA Total Projected Expenditures: \$2,747,141.00

Dinwiddie County's 2022 CSA budget allocation from the Office of Children's Services is \$2,244,866.00 (\$1,491,140.00 – State & \$753,826.00 – Local). Our Thomas Brothers data base system has the current CSA encumbrances at \$2,003,262.69 for this current fiscal year. Dinwiddie's CSA fiscal year 2021 close out amount was \$2,181,706.90. A CSA Supplemental will be requested to complete the closure of this operational year.

The COVID-19 pandemic has tested youth and families mental health stamina. There has been an increase in needed services, staff and interventions to maintain and support youth and families in all aspects of life. Though the need for mental health support is instrumental, the implementation has been challenging due to limited staff, engagement with families and follow through with services when initiated. The State and Localities have seen private day school placements increase in communities. Youth need additional support and interventions to be sustained in their school, home, out of the home placements and in the community. The Office of Children's Services reported "FY2021, special education expenditures rose 1.9%, while all other categories combined declined by 1.5%." Special education accounted for 46% of the total CSA expenditures in FY2021. It indicated that there was a decline in out of home placements that has been consistent over the past five year. The use of community-based services has increased in usage, which is a positive factor. Dinwiddie's match rates continue to be 33.58% for the neutral rate, 41.97% for residential services and 16.79% for community-based services. The State entities and the Office of Children's Services Act have emphasized family engagement at the local and state level to address local needs and programs. The Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) and Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) work with families and partners to offer prevention and intervention at all levels. We access non-mandated and mandated funding to provide the least restrictive environment for our children and families. This department provides review and oversight on all services that are used through our Continuous Quality Improvement process. The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) through Social Services was initiated and allows both teams to engage with families based on their status. The state had a report on the 'Cost Study of Private Day Special Education Programs' & JLARC (Joint Legislative Audit & Review Commission) reported on Virginia's Juvenile Justice System for 2021.