

County of Dinwiddie



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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 2023-2024

The Community Policy and Management Team of the Children's Services Act is submitting this request for funding for fiscal year 2024. The Community Policy and Management Team has consistently established policies and review for services to fund our families. CPMT reviews these services and 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 child & parent interactive therapy, individual & family therapy, therapeutic day treatment, outpatient counseling, functional family therapy, multi-systemic therapy, psychological/psychiatric evaluations, family support partner services and intensive care coordination. Medicaid and private insurance 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 specific 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. The State has reported that this wraparound funding will be increased for youth and local budgets to allow additional services. 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 2023-2024

CSA Total Projected Expenditures: \$2,557,326.02

Dinwiddie's 2023 CSA budget allocation from the Office of Children's Services is \$2,024,736.00 (\$1,344,830.00 – State & \$679,906.00 – Local). Thomas Brothers' data base system indicated that CSA encumbrances are presently at \$2,324,841.84. Dinwiddie's FY2022 close out amount was \$2,179,243.98. There tends to be a need for a CSA supplemental to complete the closure of the fiscal year.

There have been significant challenges to provide services in the community as well as out of home placements. This is due to staffing issues as well as limitations on placements for youth with extreme mental health, autism, intellectually & developmental areas of need. This has resulted in parents and guardians having delays in placing youth in group homes/residential settings. Families are not able to access waivers through our state programs to assist in this area. The Governor, State and Local stakeholders have acknowledged this dilemma and have created some workgroups & processes to start to target this gap. Dinwiddie has seen an increase in children coming into foster care especially as sibling groups. Our Social Services office has been able to identify relatives to transition youth to kinship care as well as future adoptions. The use of treatment foster care services has been helpful to connect youth with permanent families. This upcoming year it had been reported that special education private day school placements would be transitioned to local public schools. The Virginia General Assembly, the Secretaries of Education & Human Resources convened a work group to develop a plan to consider the administration and use of Children's Services Act (CSA) funding for private special education day schools and residential facilities. "Virginia's Department of Education and the Office of Children's Services Act (OCS) held workgroup meetings to create a draft report that was completed. (1) A plan that may result in the transfer of CSA funds currently reserved for children requiring an educational placement in a private special education day school or residential facility to the VDOE (2) The use of CSA funds to pay for services delivered directly to students with disabilities in a public school to enable those who are at risk of out-of-public-school placements to remain in the least restrictive environment (3) The most effective use of CSA funds to transition students from out-of-public-school placements to public school, the transitional services that are appropriate direct services to be covered, the criteria for students to qualify for such funding, the necessity to modify the definition or criteria, and whether CSA funding should be expanded to include ongoing support for students with disabilities following the 12-month transition period; and (4) The types of direct services and supports that should be provided to students in the public school setting using CSA funds."