

# HANOVER CSA

An informational guide to Hanover Children's Services Act

## THE MISSION

To guide and manage a collaborative system of services and funding that is child-centered, family-focused and community-based for children in need.

## WE BELIEVE

All children and communities deserve to be safe;

In family and child-driven practice;

Children do best when raised in families;

All children need and deserve a permanent family; and

Partnering with others to support child and family success in a system that is child-centered, family-focused and community-based; and

How we do our work is as important as the work we do!



## **What is the Children's Services Act (CSA)?**

Virginia law designed to help at-risk youth and their families (§2.2-5200, *et seq.*). State and local agencies, parents and private service providers work together under the CSA to plan and provide services and supports. Each local community in the Commonwealth, including Hanover County, has two teams that assist children and their families in receiving these services and supports.

## **WHO ARE THE TEAMS?**

### **Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT)**

CPMT is the supervising team that oversees the administration of Hanover's local CSA program by coordinating agency efforts and managing the available funds for services.

### **Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT)**

FAPT is the interagency group that looks at the strengths and needs of each individual youth and family to develop a service plan and determine the services required to meet these unique needs. When FAPT meets, the parents/custodians and professionals share their opinions, knowledge, experience and expertise to assess the needs and strengths of the child and family. These discussions foster collaboration in developing the best possible plan to address the needs which brought the child and family to the CSA process. Follow-up meetings provide a time when progress towards goals is noted and the plan is adjusted, as needed.

**Each team** is comprised of a representative from the Community Services Board (CSB), Court Service (CSU), Social Services (DSS), Hanover Schools (HCPS), a private provider and a parent representative. The CPMT also includes a member from the local health department.

## **HOW IS MY INFORMATION SHARED?**

Team members keep all information obtained about a child and family during the process and while carrying out their responsibilities confidential. This information may not be shared except as permitted by law; a consent to release information is required prior to FAPT

## **WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES?**

Children who have been identified as needing one of the following are eligible for CSA services:

- ◆ Private Day placement for special education services
- ◆ Foster care placement or foster care prevention services
- ◆ Services for children determined to be a Child in Need of Services or a Child in Need of Supervision.

*To find out if your child is eligible, please contact the CSA Office.*

## **IS THERE A FEE FOR SERVICES?**

A parental contribution (or co-payment) is assessed for each family receiving eligible CSA services, on a sliding scale basis. A Family Income Worksheet, completed by the parent/custodian, is required prior to scheduling a FAPT.

