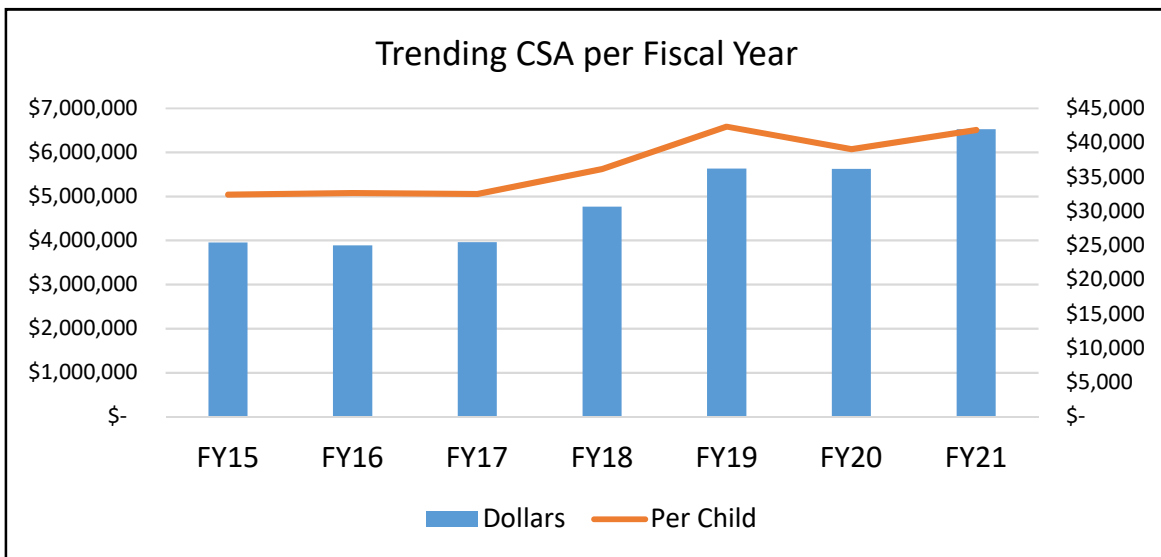


The **Children’s Services Act (CSA)**, formerly the Comprehensive Services Act, for at-risk youth and families establishes a single state pool of funds to purchase services for clients. The state funds, combined with local community funds, are managed by local interagency teams which plan and oversee services to youth. FY21 ended with total expenditures of \$6,524,637 and average cost per child was \$41,825. This was an increase per child of \$2,783 from FY21’s disbursement.

FY21 again saw growth in the number of youth in foster care. Many of these youth have behavioral and emotional needs that necessitated therapeutic foster home placements. In addition, more youth aging out of foster care are utilizing the Fostering Futures program. This program allows youth who age out of foster care to continue to receive supports and services from ages 18 to 21, including funding for Independent Living Apartments. Community-based services expenditures also increased in FY21

Residential costs, including residential education and the local Medicaid match, were higher in FY21. However, the average length of stay for youth in residential treatment facilities decreased by 59 days from FY20 to FY21. Private Day special education expenditures increased 18% from FY20 to FY21, but FY20 expenditures were lower than normal due to impacts from COVID-19.



The local **FAPT (Family Assessment and Planning Team)** meets with representatives from each county human services agency and a local community provider to recommend youth services. In FY21, 156 youth were served in Hanover County, which was an additional 12 youth from FY20.

