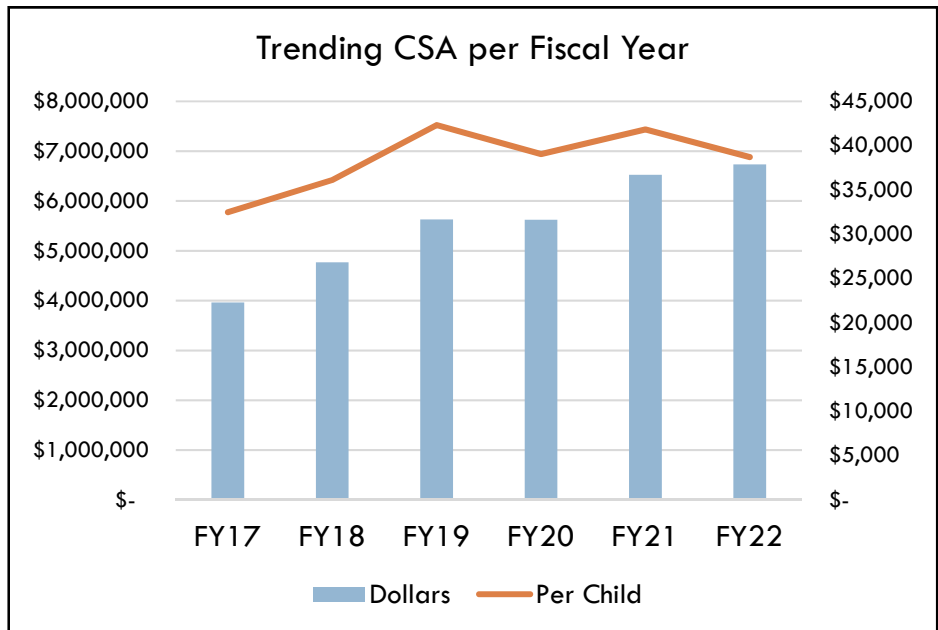


DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS)

Children’s Services Act (CSA) 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. FY22 ended with total expenditures of \$6,734,197, with average cost per child \$38,702. This was a decrease in average cost per child of \$3,122 from FY21’s disbursement.

The category with the highest growth from FY21 to FY22 was Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC). FY22 expenditures for TFC totaled \$1,274,000, which is higher than prior fiscal year by \$481,000. Expenditures for youth in locally approved foster homes, relative foster homes, and foster youth ages 18 to 21 participating in Fostering Futures also increased. In FY22 expenditures for those foster youth increased by \$100,000. Lastly, Community-based services expenditures totaled \$1,212,000, which is a \$6,500 increase from FY21.



Residential costs, including residential education and the local Medicaid match, were lower in FY22. However, the average length of stay for youth in residential treatment facilities increased by 41 days in FY22. The largest expenditures category, Private Day Special Education, totaled \$3,027,000. This represents a decrease from FY21 by \$128,000 or 4%.

The local **FAPT (Family Assessment and Planning Team)** meets with representatives from each county human services agency, a local community provider and parent representative to recommend youth services. In FY22, 174 youth were served in Hanover County; this was an additional 18 youth from FY21.

