

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 2.1-754 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Comprehensive Services Act*  
 3 *family assessment and planning team.*

[S 1350]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 2.1-754 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 2.1-754. Family assessment and planning team; powers and duties.

9 The family assessment and planning team, in accordance with § 2.1-746, shall assess the strengths  
 10 and needs of troubled youths and families who are approved for referral to the team and identify and  
 11 determine the complement of services required to meet these unique needs.

12 Every such team, in accordance with policies developed by the community policy and management  
 13 team, shall:

14 1. Review referrals of youths and families to the team;

15 2. Provide for family participation in all aspects of assessment, planning and implementation of  
 16 services;

17 3. *Provide for the participation of foster parents in the assessment, planning and implementation of*  
 18 *services when a child has a program goal of permanent foster care or is in a long-term foster care*  
 19 *placement. The case manager shall notify the foster parents of a troubled youth of the time and place of*  
 20 *all assessment and planning meetings related to such youth. Such foster parents shall be given the*  
 21 *opportunity to speak at the meeting or submit written testimony if the foster parents are unable to*  
 22 *attend. The opinions of the foster parents shall be considered by the family assessment and planning*  
 23 *team in its deliberations;*

24 ~~3.~~ 4. Develop an individual family services plan for youths and families reviewed by the team which  
 25 provides for appropriate and cost-effective services;

26 4. 5. Where parental or legal guardian financial contribution is not specifically prohibited by federal  
 27 or state law or regulation, or has not been ordered by the court or by the Division of Child Support  
 28 Enforcement, assess the ability of parents or legal guardians, utilizing a standard sliding fee scale based  
 29 upon ability to pay, to contribute financially to the cost of services to be provided and provide for  
 30 appropriate financial contribution from parents or legal guardians in the individual family services plan;

31 ~~5.~~ 6. Refer the youth and family to community agencies and resources in accordance with the  
 32 individual family services plan;

33 ~~6.~~ 7. Recommend to the community policy and management team expenditures from the local  
 34 allocation of the state pool of funds; and

35 ~~7.~~ 8. Designate a person who is responsible for monitoring and reporting, as appropriate, on the  
 36 progress being made in fulfilling the individual family services plan developed for each youth and  
 37 family, such reports to be made to the team or the responsible local agencies.

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