

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2.1-752 and 2.1-754 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That §§ 2.1-752 and 2.1-754 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 2.1-752. Community policy and management teams; powers and duties.

The community policy and management team shall manage the cooperative effort in each community to better serve the needs of troubled and at-risk youths and their families and to maximize the use of state and community resources. Every such team shall:

1. Develop interagency policies and procedures to govern the provision of services to children and families in its community;

2. Develop interagency fiscal policies governing access to the state pool of funds by the eligible populations including immediate access to funds for emergency services and shelter care;

3. *Establish policies to assess the ability of parents or legal guardians to contribute financially to the cost of services to be provided; and, when not specifically prohibited by federal or state law or regulation, provide for appropriate parental or legal guardian financial contribution;*

4. Coordinate long-range, community-wide planning which ensures the development of resources and services needed by children and families in its community;

4- 5. Establish policies governing referrals and reviews of children and families to the family assessment and planning teams and a process to review the teams' recommendations and requests for funding;

5- 6. Establish quality assurance and accountability procedures for program utilization and funds management;

6- 7. Establish procedures for obtaining bids on the development of new services;

7- 8. Manage funds in the interagency budget allocated to the community from the state pool of funds, the trust fund, and any other source;

8- 9. Authorize and monitor the expenditure of funds by each family assessment and planning team;

9- 10. Have authority to submit grant proposals which benefit its community to the state trust fund and to enter into contracts for the provision or operation of services upon approval of the participating governing bodies; and

10- 11. Serve as its community's liaison to the state management team, reporting on its programmatic and fiscal operations and on its recommendations for improving the service system, including consideration of realignment of geographical boundaries for providing human services.

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

The family assessment and planning team shall assess the strengths and needs of troubled youths and families who are approved for referral to the team and identify and determine the complement of services required to meet these unique needs.

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

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

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

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

4. *Where parental or legal guardian financial contribution is not specifically prohibited by federal or state law or regulation, or has not been ordered by the court or by the Division of Child Support Enforcement, assess the ability of parents or legal guardians to contribute financially to the cost of services to be provided and provide for appropriate financial contribution from parents or legal guardians in the individual family services plan;*

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

5- 6. Recommend to the community policy and management team expenditures from the local allocation of the state pool of funds; and

6- 7. Designate a person who is responsible for monitoring and reporting, as appropriate, on the

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- 57** progress being made in fulfilling the individual family services plan developed for each youth and
58 family, such reports to be made to the team or the responsible local agencies.