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Dear Parent,

Your child and family may be eligible for assistance through the Children's Services Act (CSA) for At-Risk Youth and Families. The information provided in this document is intended to familiarize you with the Community Policy and Management Team, the Family Assessment and Planning Team, and local CSA office processes prior to your first FAPT meeting.

In 1992 the Virginia General Assembly passed the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families, subsequently its name was changed to the Children's Services Act. This law is designed to help troubled youth and their families. State and local agencies, parents, and private service providers work together to plan and provide services. In each community, local teams decide how to do this.

The goal of the Children's Services Act is to keep families together and provide services within the child's home and community whenever possible. Through a team of state and local agencies services are provided to:

- Preserve and strengthen families
- Identify needs and help families as early as possible
- Provide services in the least restrictive setting possible
- Develop individual service plans to meet the specific needs of children
- Increase the communication between families and county agencies.

The Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT) manages the cooperative effort in each community to better serve the needs of troubled and at-risk youths and their families and maximize the use of state and community resources.

The Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) assesses the strengths and needs of troubled youths and families who are approved for referral to the team and determines the complement of services required to meet those unique needs. The FAPT believes all families have strengths, deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, and that outcomes improve when families are involved in decision making. The local CSA office ensures compliance with state and local policy, monitors services for quality/cost effectiveness, and provides funding through state and local allocated funds.

After services have been implemented, the FAPT will review your child's progress at varying intervals. You are strongly encouraged to attend all FAPT meetings. You have the most important voice in decisions regarding your child.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

The Family Assessment and Planning Team  
Fauquier County, Virginia