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Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families

Item 153	First Year - FY1997	Second Year - FY1998
Protective Services (45300)	\$85,724,581	\$90,824,581
Financial Assistance for Child and Youth Services (45303)	\$85,724,581	\$90,824,581
Fund Sources:		
General	\$77,304,583	\$82,404,583
Federal Trust	\$8,419,998	\$8,419,998

Authority: Title 2.1, Chapter 46, Code of Virginia.

A. Out of the appropriation, \$1,000,000 from nongeneral funds the first year and \$1,000,000 from nongeneral funds the second year shall be paid into the trust fund on the books of the State Comptroller, designated as "Community Services Trust Fund for Youth and Families." The Fund shall be used to provide incentives for selected communities in developing cost-effective community and early intervention services for troubled and at-risk youth and their families. New community services shall target youth, and their families, who have severe emotional and/or behavior problems, who are in or at imminent risk of out-of-community placements and who can appropriately and effectively be served in the home or community. At least 25% of the funds cited in this paragraph must be used to provide early intervention services for young children who are abused or neglected or who are at risk of developing serious emotional and behavior problems.

B. The Department of Education shall serve as fiscal agent to administer funds cited in Paragraphs A and C. The Director of the Department of Planning and Budget shall have authority to transfer the amounts cited in each of these paragraphs to the Department of Education.

C.1. Out of this appropriation, \$76,666,034 from the general fund and \$8,419,998 from nongeneral funds the first year and \$81,766,034 from the general fund and \$8,419,998 from nongeneral funds the second year, shall be used for the state pool of funds, pursuant to § 2.1-757, Code of Virginia. Proration is authorized to the extent these funds are not adequate to cover the full costs pursuant to Title 2.1, Chapter 46, Code of Virginia.

2. The State Executive Council shall provide localities with technical assistance on ways to control costs and on opportunities for alternative funding sources beyond funds available through the state pool.

D. The funding formula to carry out the provisions of the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families is as follows:

1. Base year funds for localities. No locality shall be allocated less state funds in accordance with § 2.1-757, Code of Virginia, than it received for the base year which is defined as fiscal year 1995. The match for a locality to draw this base year allocation of state funds shall be the same dollar amount as the locality paid in fiscal year 1995 to match state funds.

2. Formula for state funds. a) The following formula shall be used to compute a locality's allocation of state dollars in excess of the amount it received in the base year which is defined as fiscal year 1995: total youth population age 0-17 years as reported in the United States Census (33.33 percent); food stamp recipients in households with a child under the age of 18 as reported by the Department of Social Services (33.33 percent); founded and reason to suspect child protective services complaints as reported by the Department of Social Services (17.75 percent); seriously emotionally disturbed or learning disabled children as reported by the Department of Education (10.34 percent); and juvenile court intake complaints as reported by the Department of Youth and Family Services (5.25 percent).

b) The data used to compute this formula shall be based on the latest available information and updated once each biennium.

c) The amount to be allocated by formula is defined as appropriations in excess of fiscal year 1995 expenditures.

3. Local match. A locality's match for all state funds that exceed the amount it received in the base year shall be computed by using each locality's per capita revenue capacity as determined by the Commission on Local Government divided by the statewide per capita revenue capacity. The resulting ratio for each locality shall be multiplied by an aggregate local share of 45 percent. Each local share shall then be adjusted according to income in each locality, as determined by dividing the median adjusted gross income for all state income tax returns in each locality by median adjusted gross income for all income tax returns statewide. Local share shall not exceed 80 percent of the total new funds allocated by the formula established by this act. The data used to compute local match rates shall use the most recent information published by the Commission on Local Government and shall be updated once each biennium.

4. Local Administrative Costs. Out of this appropriation, an amount equal to one percent of the state funds in the fiscal year 1994 pool not to exceed \$638,549 shall be allocated among all localities for administrative costs. Every locality shall be required to appropriate a local match based on the ability to pay measure in Paragraph D. of this Item. Inclusive of the state allocation and local matching funds, every locality shall receive the larger of \$5,000 or an amount equal to one percent of the total pool allocation. No locality shall receive more than \$25,000 inclusive of the state allocation and local matching funds.

5. Definition. For purposes of the funding formula in the Comprehensive Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families, "locality" means county or city.

E. Any unexpended balance in this item on June 30, 1996, shall not revert to the general fund but shall be reappropriated for expenditure in the succeeding year.