



Children's Services Act

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Facts and Statistics about Foster Care Services Funded through the CSA

The Children's Services Act, administered by the Office of Children's Services, provides funding to children receiving foster care services (Code of Virginia §63.2-905), including the following:

- Children in custody of a local department of social services (LDSS) as a result of abuse/neglect or being a Child in Need of Services
- Children in non-custodial foster care agreements with a LDSS
- Children and families receiving services to prevent placement in foster care
- Children receiving independent living services
- Children in a Kinship Guardianship placement (effective 2018)

Services for Abused and Neglected Children

- 2017 – 7,020 Children, \$154.3M
- 2018 – 6,894 Children, \$155.1M
- Top 3 Services include Private Foster Care Support and Supervision, Residential Treatment and Basic/Enhanced Maintenance

Services for Children in Need of Services

- 2017 – 1,376 Children, \$28.9M
- 2018 – 1,410 Children, \$29.4M
- Top 2 Services include mostly Residential Treatment, but also some for Education, Room and Board

Services for Children in Foster Care and Prevention

- 2017 – 4,373 Children, \$24.7M
- 2018 – 4,227 Children, \$23.3M
- Top 3 Services include Family Support Services, Mentoring, and Individualized Support Services

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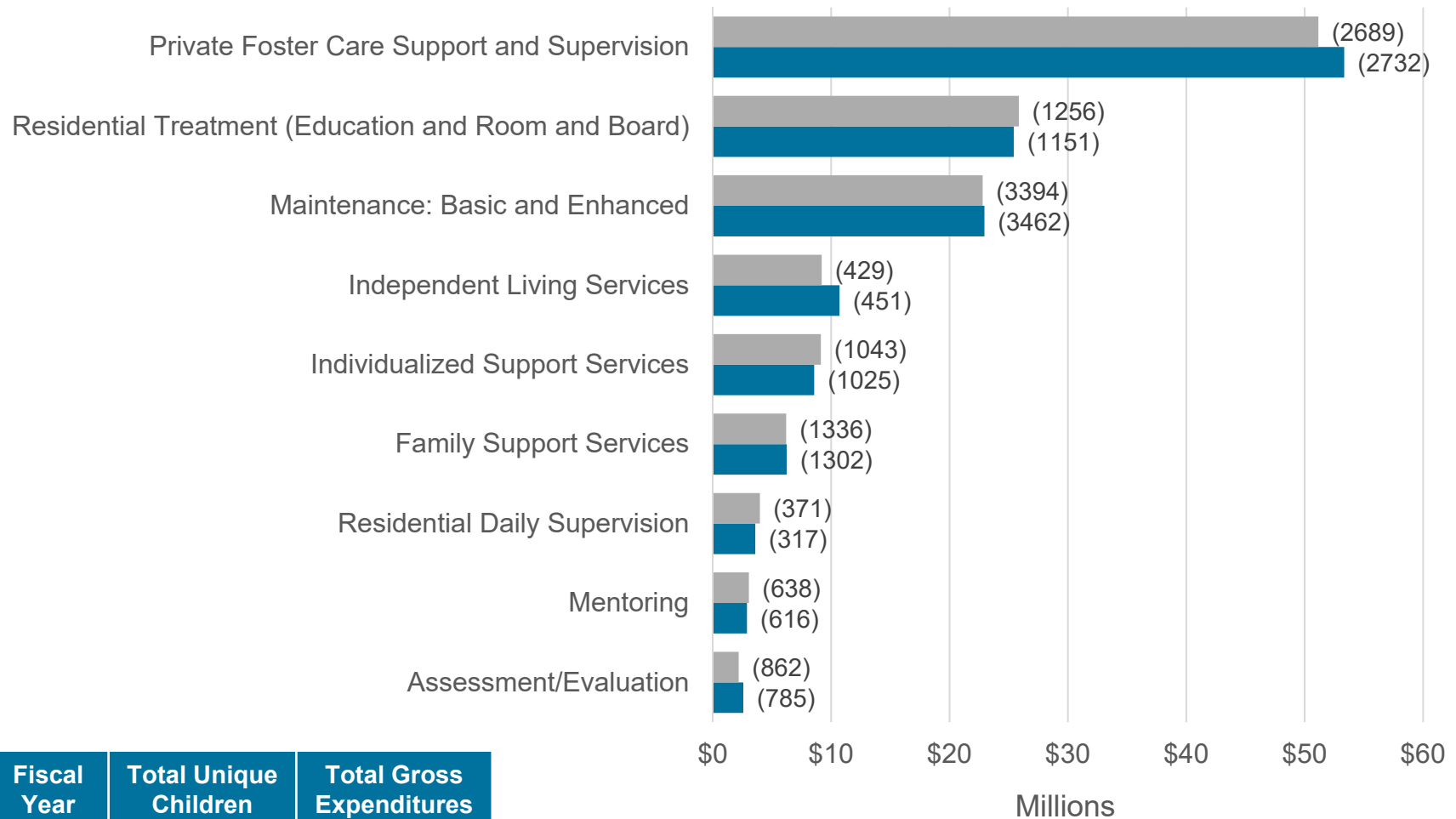
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Foster Care Services

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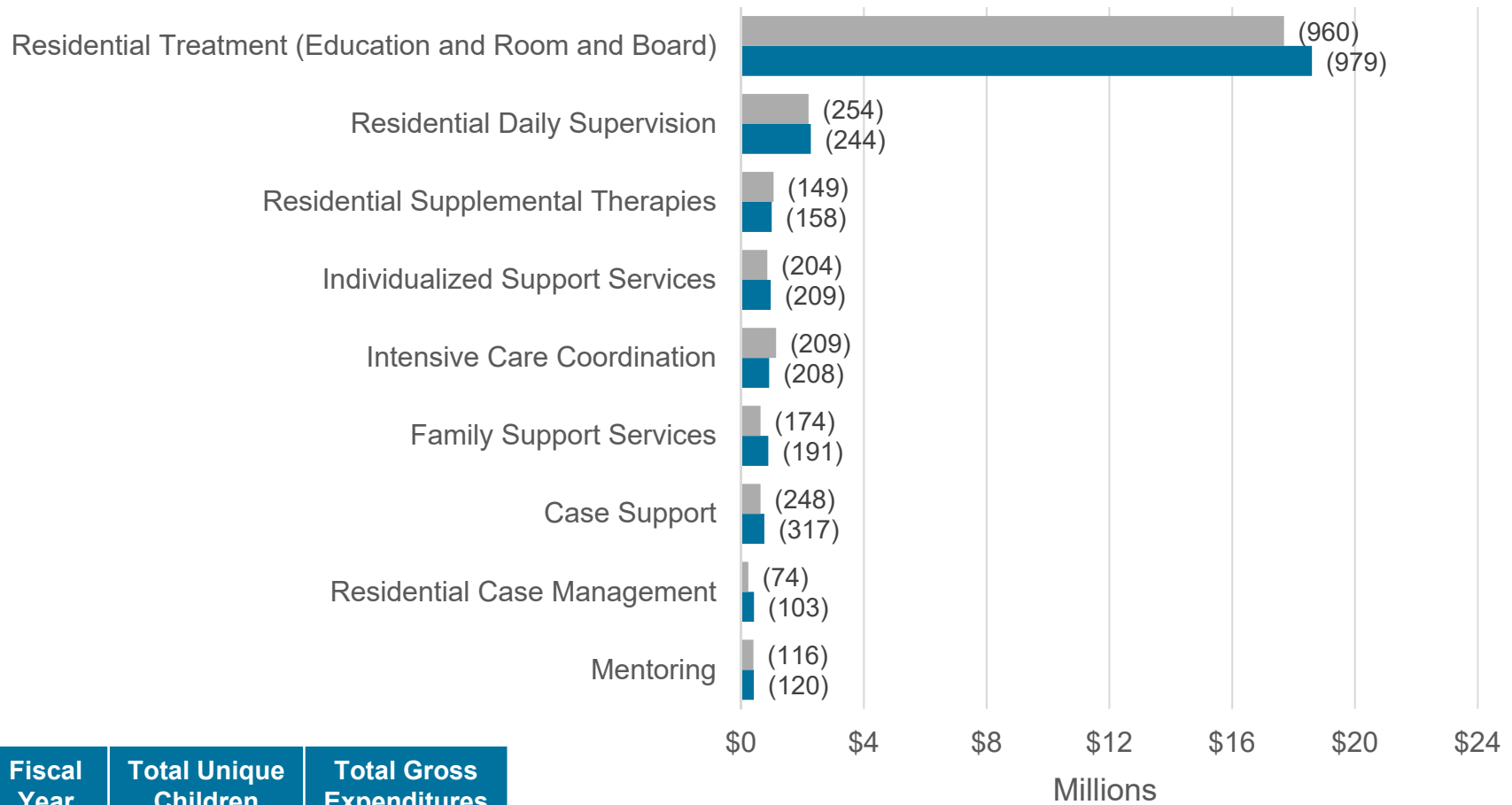
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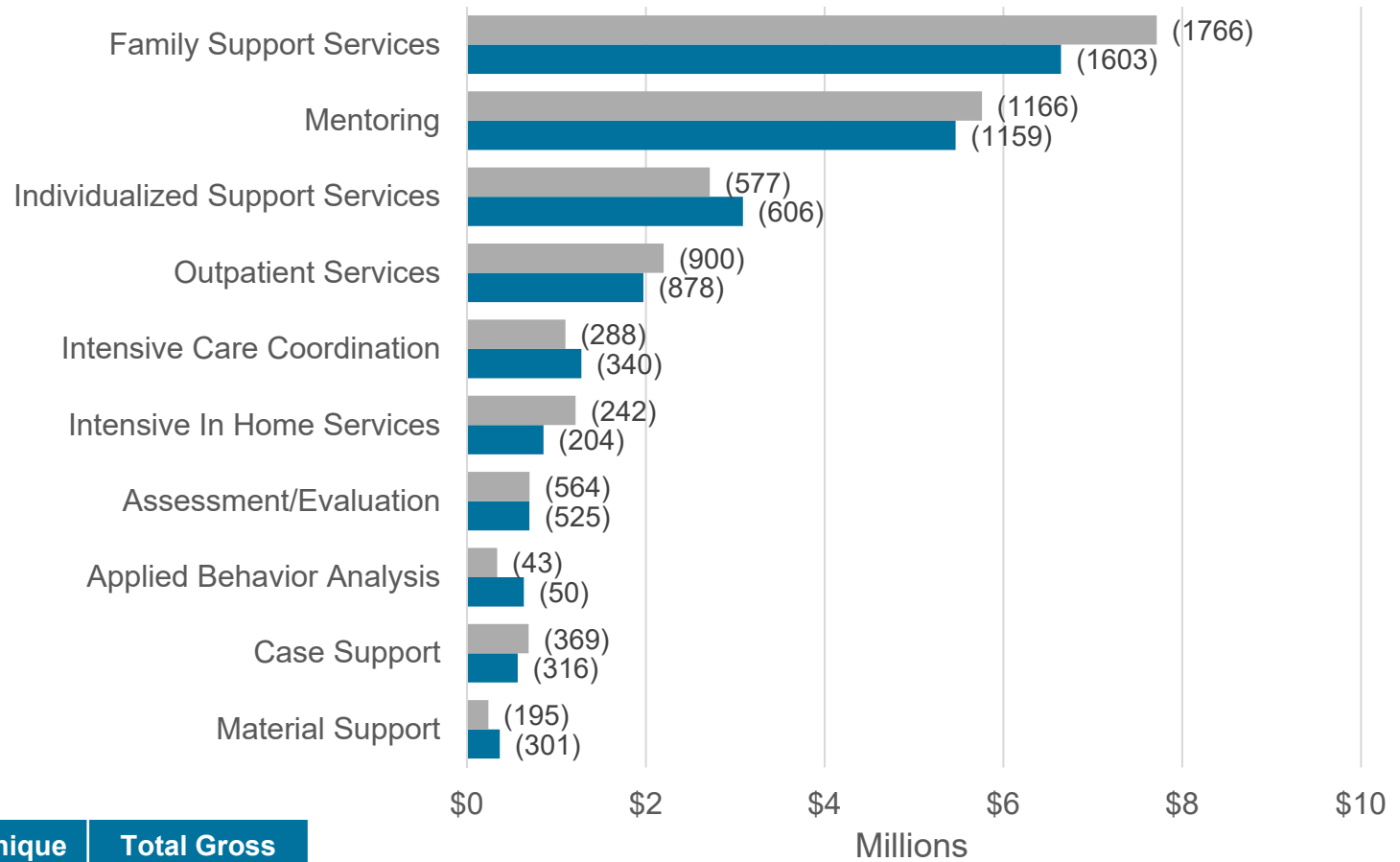
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Glossary

Service	Definition
Applied Behavior Analysis	ABA is the design, implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior. ABA includes the use of direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the relations between environment and behavior. ABA uses changes in environmental events, including antecedent stimuli and consequences, to produce practical and significant changes in behavior.
Assessment/Evaluation	Service conducted by a qualified professional utilizing a tool or series of tools to provide a comprehensive review with the purpose to make recommendations, provide diagnosis, identify strengths and needs, risk level, and describe the severity of the symptoms.
Case Support	Service may be purchased from a public child serving agency and includes basic case oversight for a child not otherwise open to a public child-serving agency, for whom a case manager is not available through the routine scope of work of a public child-serving agency, and for whom the worker's activities are not funded outside of the State Pool. Services may include administration of the CANS, collection and summary of relevant history and assessment data and representation of such information to the FAPT; with the FAPT, development of an IFSP; liaison between the family, service providers and the FAPT.
Family Support Services	A broad array of services targeted to provide assistance, support, and/or training in various community settings to build natural supports and functional skills that empower individuals and families towards autonomy, attaining and sustaining community placement, preserving the family structure, and assisting parents in effectively meeting the needs of their children in a safe, positive and healthy manner. The services may include but are not limited to skill building (parenting skills, fiscal management, coping skills, communication, interpersonal skills, supervised visitation, babysitting, non-foster care/maintenance day care, etc.) and behavioral interventions.
Independent Living Services	Services specifically designed to help adolescents make the transition to living independently as an adult. Services include training in daily living skills, as well as vocational and job training.
Individualized Support Services	Support and other structured services provided to strengthen individual skills and/or provide environmental supports for individuals with behavioral/mental health problems. Services are based on the needs of the individual and include training and assistance. These services normally do not involve overnight care by the provider; however, due to the flexible nature of these services, overnight care may be provided on an occasional basis. Service includes "Supportive In-home Services" licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

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Intensive Care Coordination	<p>Services, as defined by State Executive Council policy, conducted by an Intensive Care Coordinator (ICC) for children who are at risk of entering or who are placed in residential care. ICC providers must be trained in the High Fidelity Wraparound model of care coordination and receive weekly clinical supervision. The purpose of the service is to safely and effectively maintain the child in home, or transition/return the child to a relative's home, family-like setting, or community at the earliest appropriate time that addresses the child's needs. Services must be distinguished as above and extend beyond the regular case management services provided within the normal scope of responsibilities for the public child serving agencies. Services and activities include: identifying the strengths and needs of the child and his family through conducting comprehensive family-centered assessments; developing plans in the event of crisis situations, identifying specific formal services and informal supports necessary to meet the identified needs of the child and his family, building upon the identified strengths; implementing regular monitoring of, and making adjustments to, the plan to determine whether the services and placement continue to provide the most appropriate and effective services for the child and his family.</p>
Intensive In Home Services	<p>IIH services for Children/Adolescents under age 21 are intensive, time-limited interventions provided typically but not solely in the residence of a child who is at risk of being moved into an out-of-home placement or who is being transitioned to home from out-of-home placement due to documented clinical needs of the child. These services provide crisis treatment; individual and family counseling; and communication skills (e.g., counseling to assist the child and his parents to understand and practice appropriate problem-solving, anger management, and interpersonal interaction, etc.); and coordination with other required services. Service also includes 24-hour emergency response.</p>
Maintenance: Basic and Enhanced	<p>Basic: Payments made on behalf of a child in foster care to cover the cost of (and the cost of providing) food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, school supplies, a child's personal incidentals, liability insurance with respect to a child, and reasonable travel for the child to visit with family or other caretakers and to remain in his or her previous school placement.</p> <p>Enhanced: The amount paid to a foster parent over and above the basic foster care maintenance payment. Payments are based on the needs of the child for additional supervision and support by the foster parent as identified by the VEMAT.</p>
Material Support	<p>Payment for items or services for families when such assistance is not otherwise available but is necessary to prevent an out-of-home placement of a youth or assist with reunification. Payments may include, but are not limited to, support with housing and utilities costs.</p>

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Mentoring	Services in which children are appropriately matched with screened and trained adults for one-on-one relationships. Services include meetings and activities on a regular basis intended to meet, in part, the child's need for involvement with a caring and supportive adult who provides a positive role model.
Outpatient Services	Treatment provided to individuals on an hourly schedule, on an individual, group, or family basis, and usually in a clinic or similar facility or in another location (including the home). Outpatient services may include counseling, dialectical behavioral therapy, psychotherapy, behavior management, laboratory and other ancillary services, medical services and medication services.
Private Foster Care Support and Supervision	Services provided by a Licensed Child Placing Agency (LCPA) which include, but are not limited to, recruiting, training, assessing and retaining foster parents for the LCPA; making placement arrangements; purchasing/ensuring child has adequate clothing; providing transportation; counseling with child to prepare for visits with biological family; providing support and education for LCPA foster parents regarding management of child's behavior; providing ongoing information and counseling to child regarding permanency goals; preparing a child for adoption; 24/7 crisis intervention and support for both child and LCPA foster family; developing and writing reports for FAPT; attending and presenting at FAPT meetings; administering LCPA foster parent payments; identifying adoption placements; assessment of adoption placements; and arranging adoption placements. The provision of services will vary for each child based on that child's specific needs and the identified level of care. Services are provided at non-treatment levels of foster care as well as treatment levels of foster care.
Residential Case Management	A component of the total daily cost for placement in a licensed congregate care facility. Activities include maintaining records, making calls, sending e-mails, compiling monthly reports, scheduling meetings, discharge planning, etc.
Residential Daily Supervision	A component of the total daily cost for placement in a licensed congregate care facility. Activity supervision.
Residential Supplemental Therapies	A component of the total daily cost for placement in a licensed Level C residential treatment facility. Activity includes a minimum of 21 group interventions (outside of the 3-5 group therapies lead by a licensed clinician). The 21 interventions are goal-based with clear documentation/notes regarding the goal addressed, the intervention used, the resident's response/input, and plan for follow-up.

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Residential Treatment (Education and Room and Board)	A component of the total daily cost for placement in a licensed level C residential treatment facility. These education services are provided in a licensed, privately owned and operated Level C residential treatment facility to a child/youth with or without an individualized education program (IEP) who has been placed for non-educational reasons. Room and Board costs include room, meals and snacks, and personal care items.