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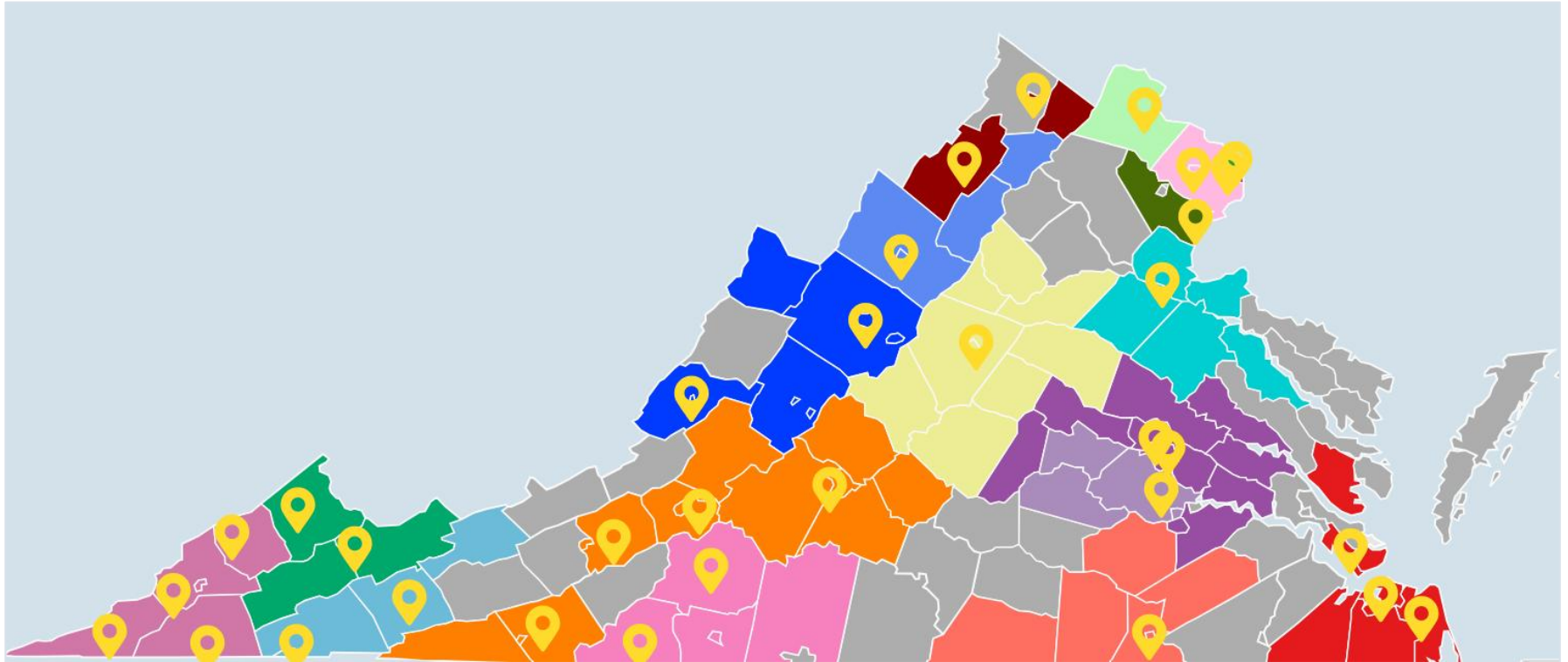
Review of Funding and Support for Virginia's Children's Advocacy Centers

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CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS COVERAGE MAP



There are 19 CACs in Virginia, 10 of which have satellites. 14 are non-profit based, 4 are Government based, and 1 is hospital based.

75% of localities are covered by CACs.

FY26 STATEWIDE CAC SNAPSHOT



Virginia Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) reported substantial service volume across core investigative, advocacy, and treatment functions.

7,390

New cases

New alleged child victims referred to and served

10,880

Alleged victims served

Forensic interview, medical, mental health, multi disciplinary team (MDT) and/or advocacy

26,635

MDT cases reviewed

Across 944 MDT case-review meetings

8,941

Forensic interviews

Conducted by Virginia's CACs

47,867

Victim-service contacts

Support, advocacy, and case management

15,753

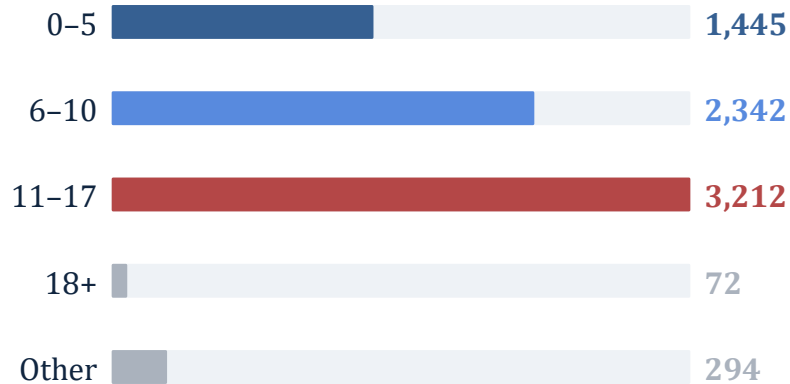
Mental health contacts

Treatment/counseling provided by CACs

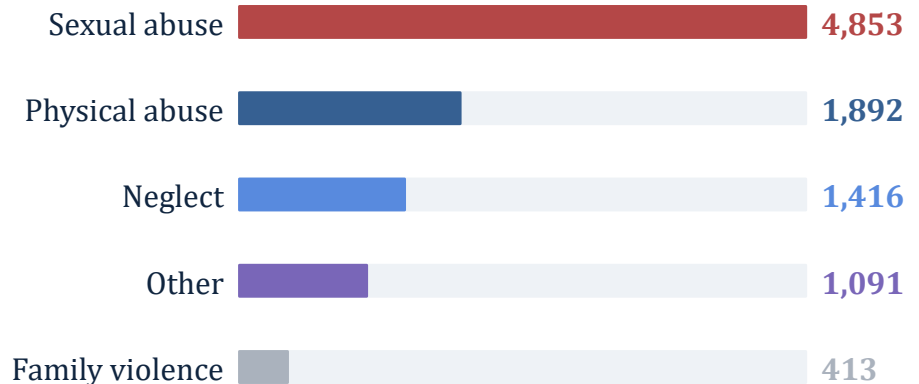
WHO CACs SERVED & THE TYPES OF CASES REPORTED



Age of new alleged child victims



Reported/suspected victimization types



Additional FY26 indicators

282

310

A child may have more than one reported/suspected victimization type.

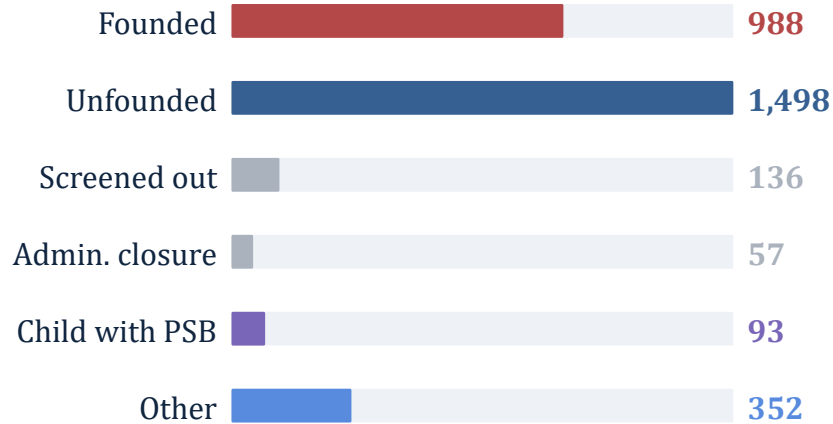
problematic sexual behavior (PSB)
suspected or identified

sexual exploitation or sex trafficking
suspected or identified

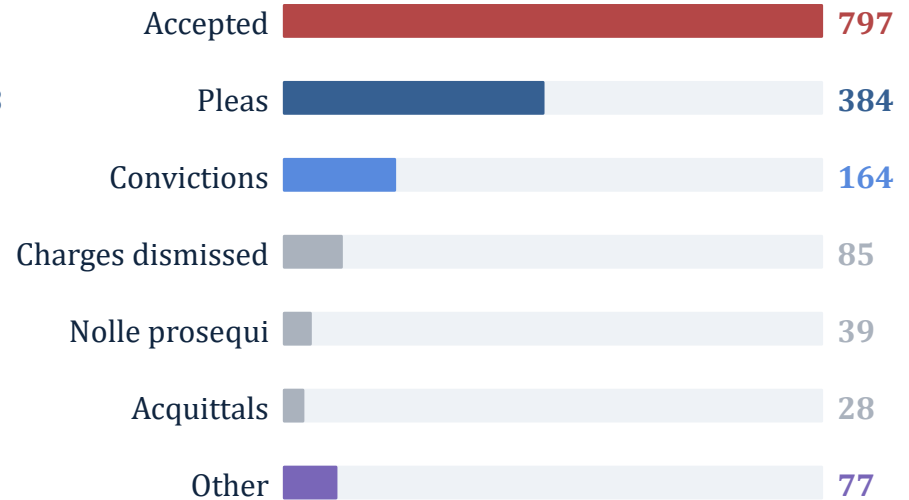
FY26 CPS AND PROSECUTION DISPOSITIONS



Child Protective Services dispositions



Prosecution dispositions



Source: FY26 CAC Statistical/Narrative Reports submitted to Virginia Department of Social Services – 18 reporting CACs.
Prosecution disposition data excludes Fairfax (SafeSpot CAC).



Commission on Youth CAC Survey on Funding

FY26 FUNDING SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS



16
CAC
responses

Self-reported
FY26
funding shares
and
operating
expenses

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**reported FY26
operating expenses
under \$1 million**

2 were between \$1
million and \$2 million
2 were above \$2
million

Reported range: about
\$342K to \$4.59M
Median ≈ \$660K

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**received more than
half of FY26 funding
from state sources**

6 reported a state
share of 70% or more
7 reported a state
share below 50%
Includes General
Fund/TANF direct
state funding

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**received less than
25% of FY26 funding
from local
government**

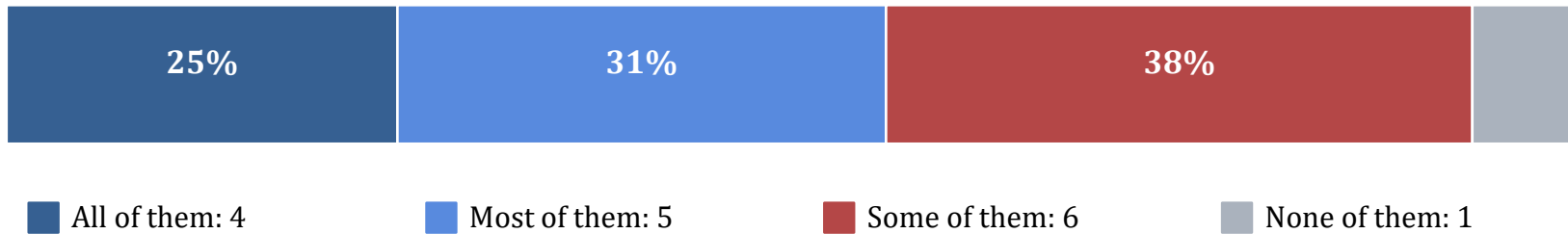
10 received less than
10% locally
Only 2 reported local
shares of 50% or more
Includes direct local
appropriations and
grants

- Most responding CACs are relatively small entities, with operating expenses below \$1 million.
- State support is the largest funding source for a majority of CACs.
- Local funding varies substantially, but most CACs reported relatively small local-government shares.

DIRECT LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT



Of the local governments/jurisdictions in your service area, how many provided direct financial funding in FY26?



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responding CACs reported that only some or none of the localities in their service area provided direct financial support.

LOCAL FUNDING VARIATIONS



A NON-PROFIT CAC

7

localities served

1,247

alleged child victims
served in FY26

\$35,381

total direct local
government
funding in FY26

≈6%

of FY26 funding came from
local government

Three of the seven localities
provided \$4,000 or less,
totaling \$5,383.

A GOVERNMENT-BASED CAC

67%

of FY26 funding reported as
direct local government
support

Local structures can look very
different where the CAC is
housed within local
government.

AN IN-KIND PARTNERSHIP

≈ \$72K

reported value of donated
office/facility space for one
non-profit CAC

Cash-only measures may
understate local support
where space, personnel,
utilities, or administrative
services are provided.

Anonymized examples from FY26 CAC survey responses



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42%

**non-government CACs
reported receiving in-kind or
non-monetary support from a
local government in FY26**

Examples reported by CACs



Facility space / rent

Donated or co-located space; some centers reported no rent expense.



Utilities and operations

Utilities, phones, technology, and related operating support.



Personnel / administrative support

Co-located staff, part-time administrative support, or county-provided services.



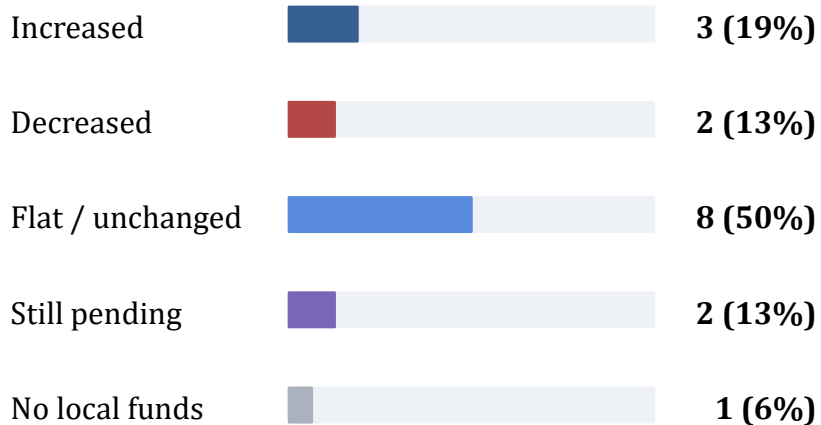
Legal and other government services

One respondent reported use of county attorney services in addition to facility support.

FY27 LOCAL FUNDING OUTLOOK



How committed local government funding compares with FY26?



What is the primary barrier to consistent, robust local funding?

6 of 15 cited a lack of available funds in local budgets.

2 of 15 said localities lack a clear understanding of the CAC's financial value/savings.

The remaining responses described varied circumstances, including budget processes, formal funding relationships/MOUs, and multiple overlapping barriers.

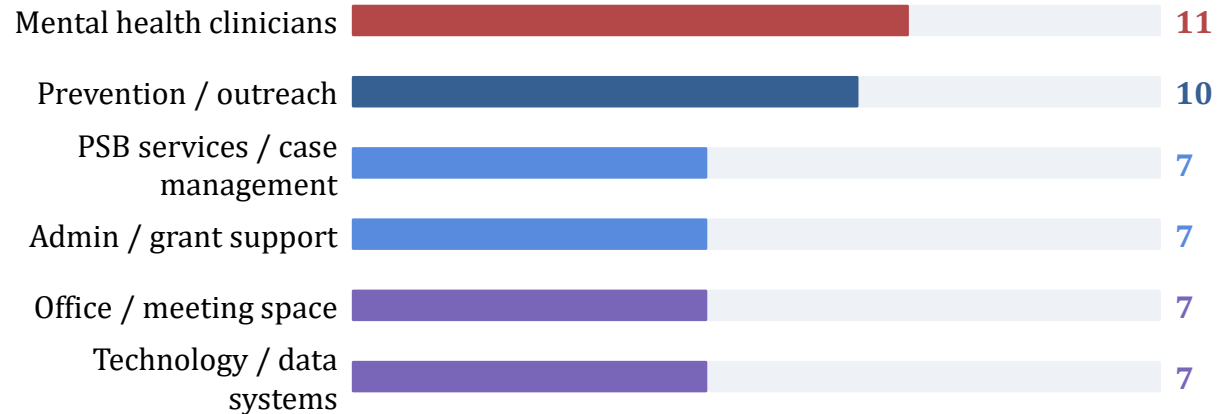
REPORTED UNMET NEEDS



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CACs reported unmet staffing, program, facility, or operational needs due to insufficient funding or resources.

Most frequently selected unmet-need categories?



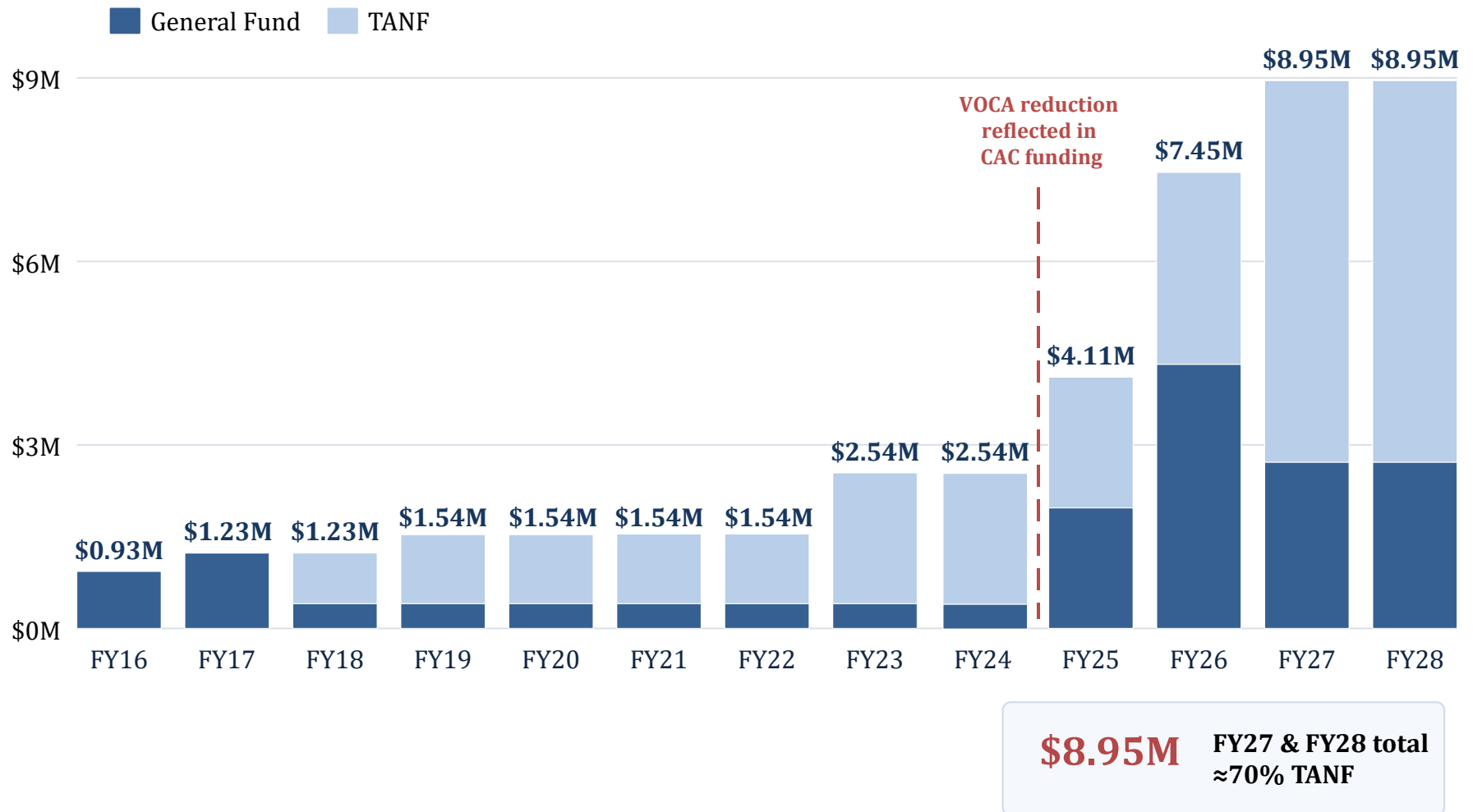
Why needs remain unmet?

75% unreliable/insufficient ongoing funding
69% insufficient local funding
50% short-term/temporary funding

Reported service impacts?

81% existing staff perform multiple roles
63% referrals made to outside providers
63% workload/burnout/turnover

STATE FUNDING HISTORY FY16-FY28



Source: Virginia Appropriation Acts, FY16–FY28.

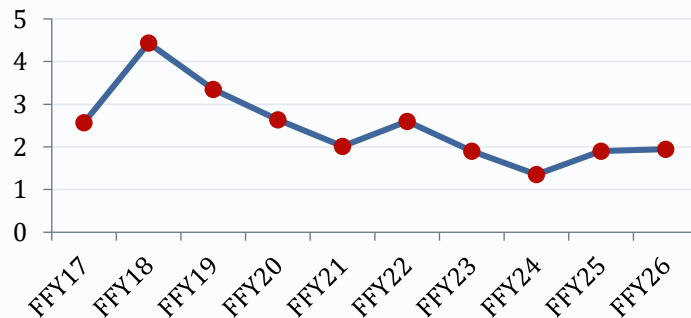
DCJS AND VOCA FUNDING CONTEXT



Dedicated CAC Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding declined sharply while the federal VOCA distribution cap also fell. The charts below show both the national and Virginia CAC context.

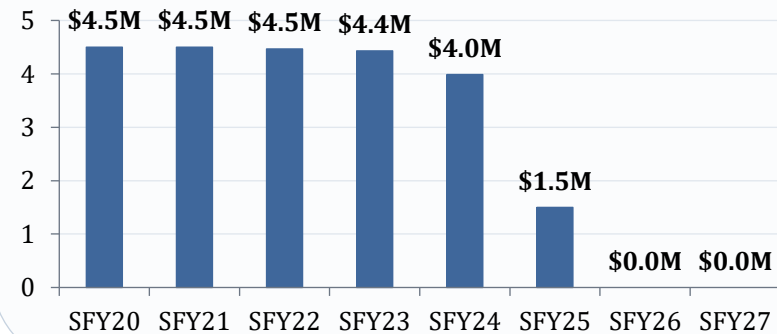
Federal VOCA distribution cap

Office for Victims of Crime
national cap, FFY17–FFY26 (\$ billions)



Dedicated Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) VOCA funding for CACs

Virginia pass-through amounts, SFY20–SFY27



Note: This slide addresses the dedicated statewide CAC VOCA pass-through; individual CACs have separately reported other federal or project-specific grants.

Dedicated CAC VOCA funding fell from about
\$4.5 million in SFY20 to \$0 in SFY26.

State GF/TANF now carries a larger role in sustaining the statewide CAC funding structure.

CURRENT STATE FUNDING FORMULA



\$2.7M

General Fund

FY27 and FY28 – each year

\$6.2M

TANF

FY27 and FY28 – each year

\$8.95M

Total state allocation

FY27 and FY28 – each year

Item 335 allocation formula – Adopted in 2015

4%

to CACVA

chapter support,
development,
continuation, and
sustainability

Remaining 96%

65% baseline allocation

Developing / associate: 100% of
base
Accredited: 150% of base
Accredited + satellite: 175% of
base

**35% needs/service
criteria**

25% child abuse rate per 1,000
25% child population
50% counties & cities served
through MOUs



Questions/Comments?

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