



Office of
Children's Services

Overview of the Children's Services Act

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CSA: A Very Short History

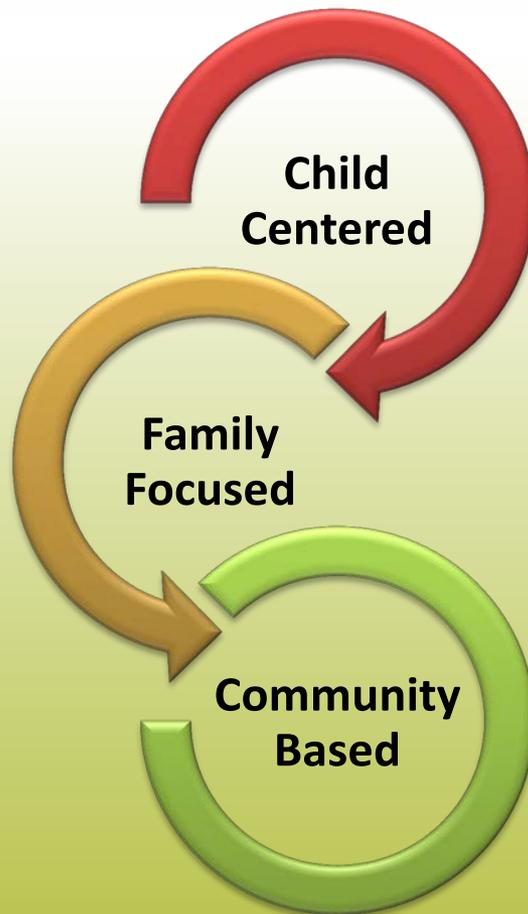
- Effective July 1, 1993
- Consolidated funding from seven funding streams and four agencies (DSS, DOE, DBHDS, DJJ) into a single “state pool”
- Established a state supervised, locally administered and operated system
- Created the structures and functions to operate the program (FAPT, CPMT, etc.)



- Purpose of the Act:
 - Preserve families, least restrictive environment, protect child welfare and public safety
 - Early identification and intervention
 - Services responsive to unique and diverse strengths and needs
 - Increase interagency collaboration and family involvement
 - Public / private partnerships
 - Community flexibility in use of funds and decision-making



System of Care Values





CHILD

DOE

Private Tuition
Assistance

DOE

Interagency
Assistance Fund
Placement of SWD

DSS

State and Local
Foster Care

DSS

Foster Care Block
Grant (Services)

DJJ

286 Special
Placement Funds

DJJ

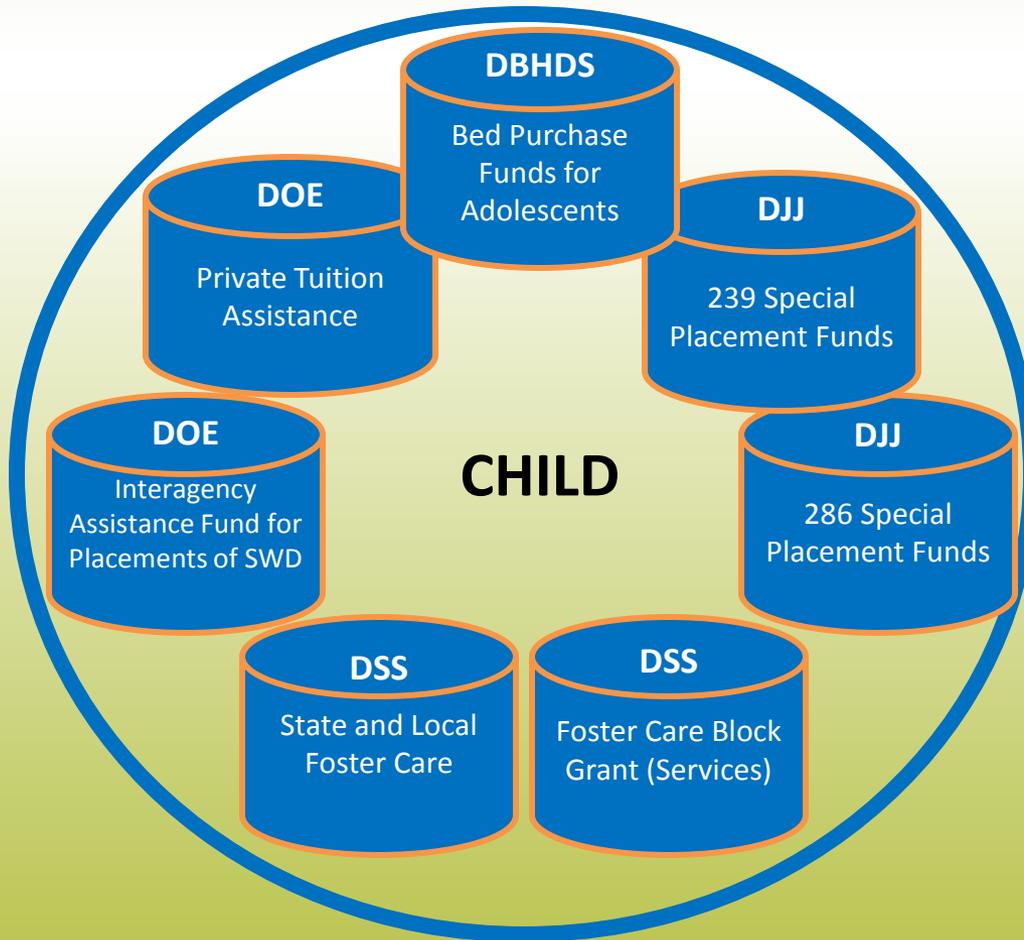
239 Special
Placement Funds

DBHDS

Bed Purchase
Funds for
Adolescents

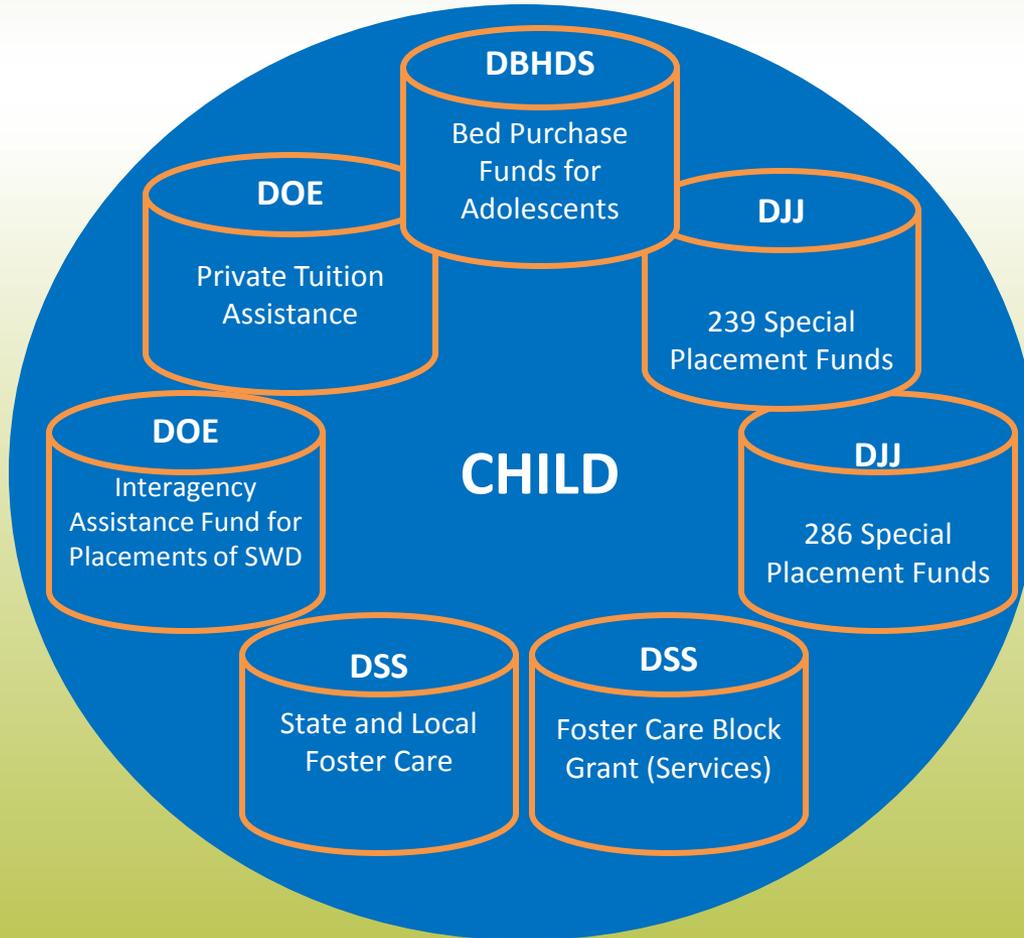


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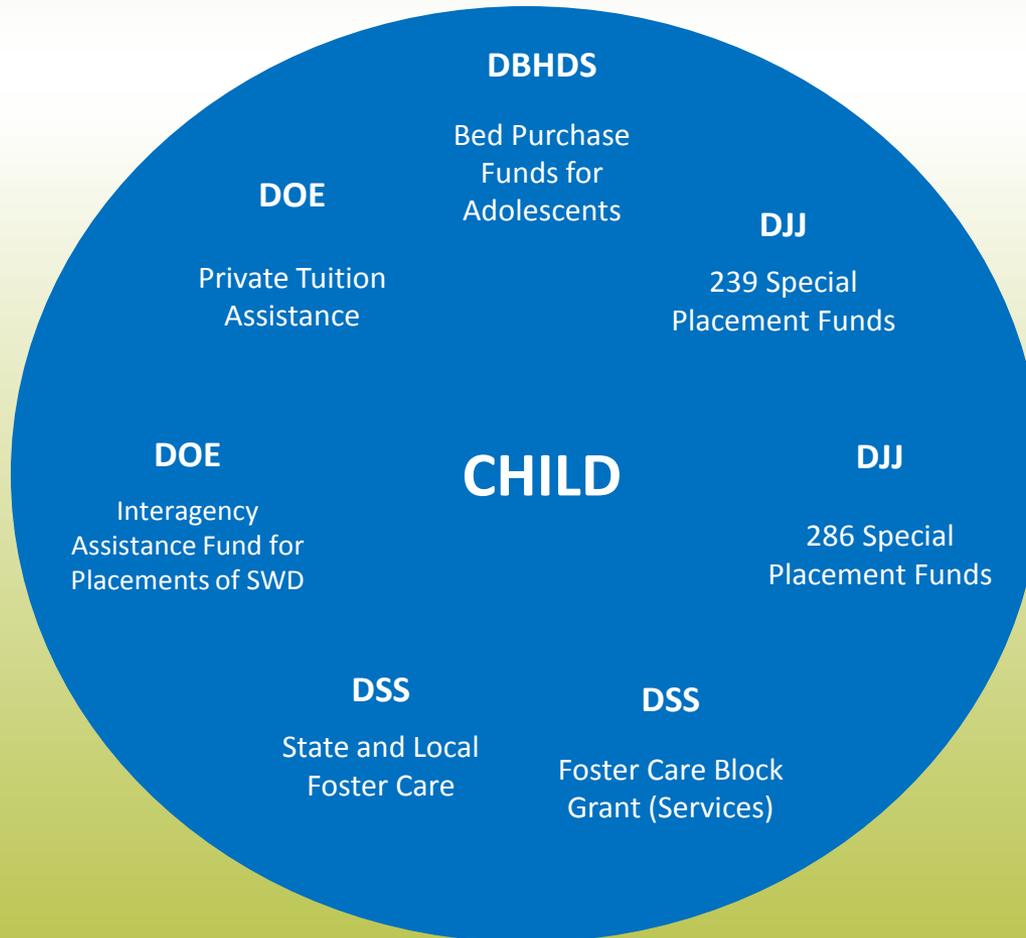


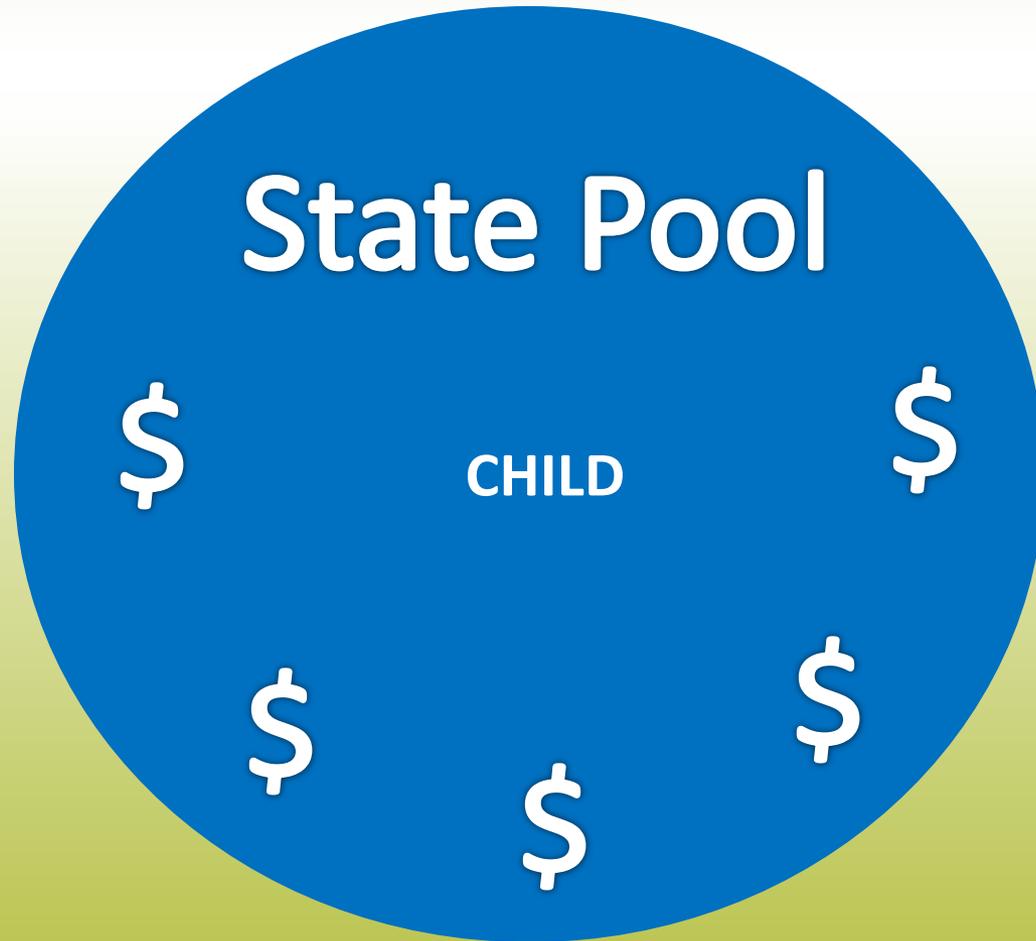
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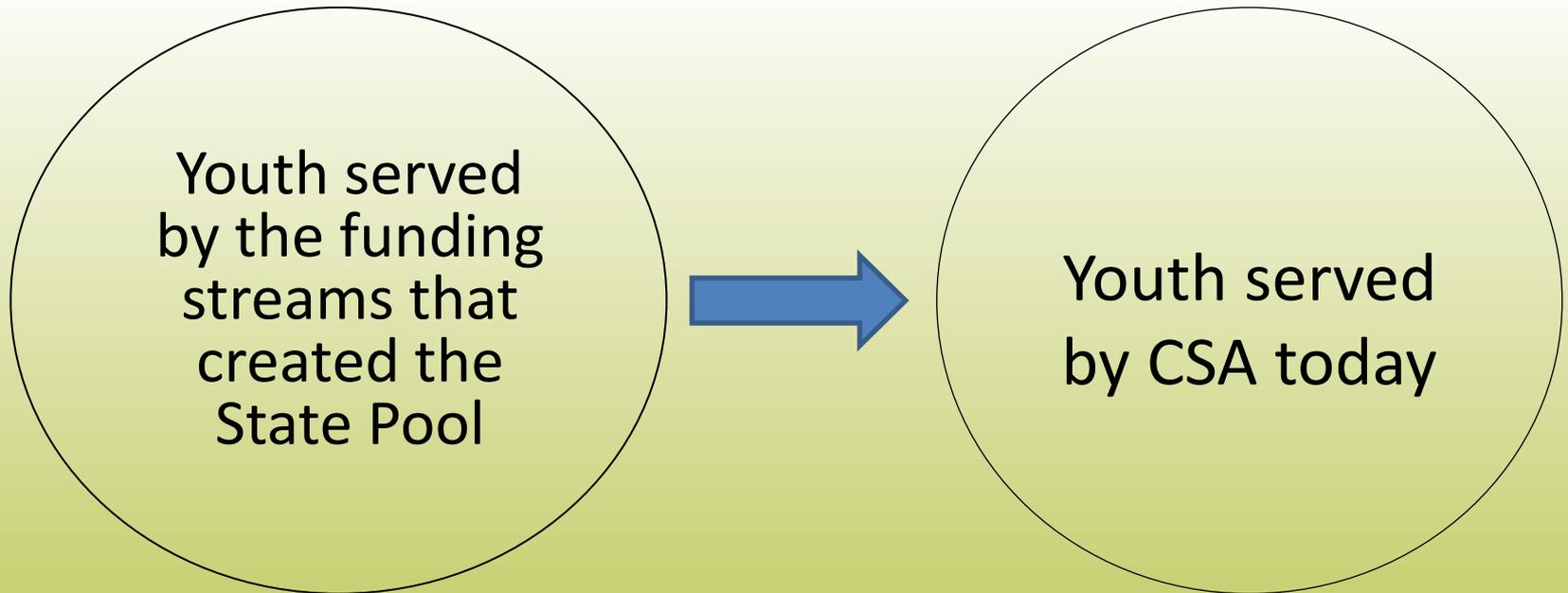
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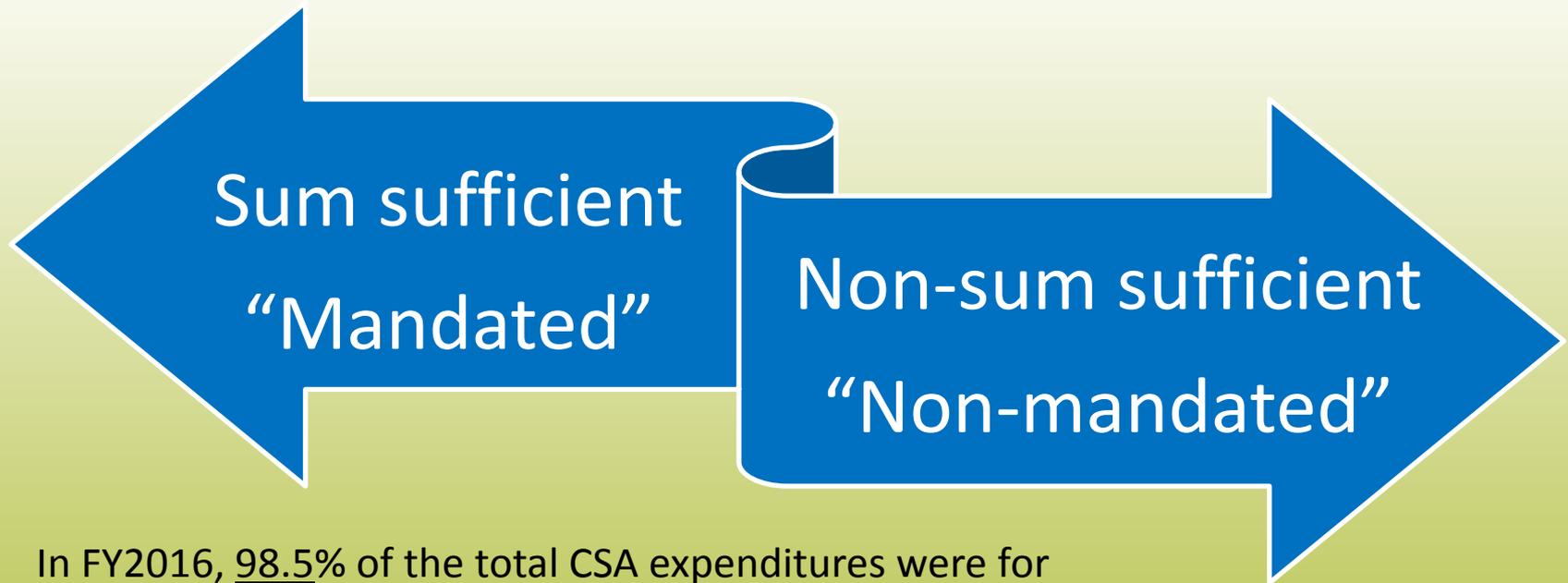


Eligibility for Funds





CSA Funding (COV, § 2.2-5211. C.)

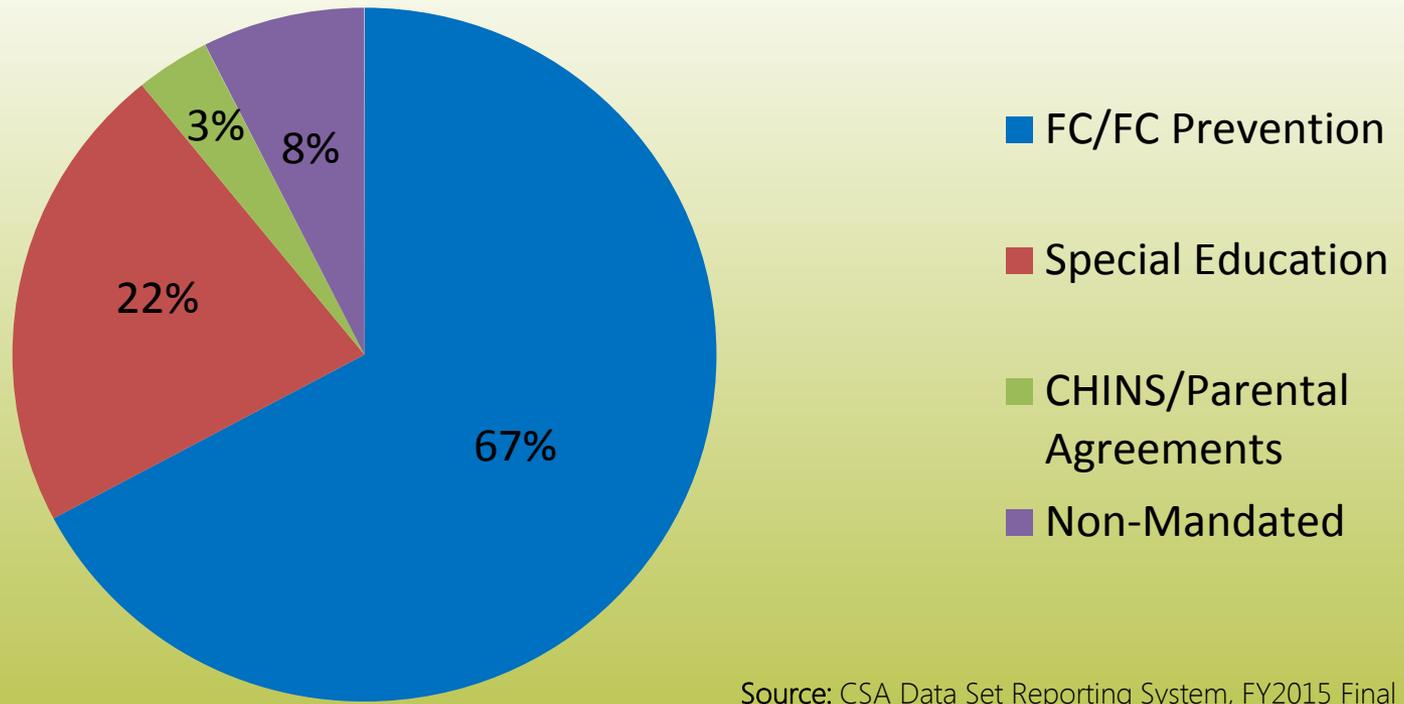


In FY2016, 98.5% of the total CSA expenditures were for sum sufficient populations

Source: CSA Pool Fund Reimbursement System, FY2016 Final



Primary Mandate Type of CSA Children Served – FY 2015

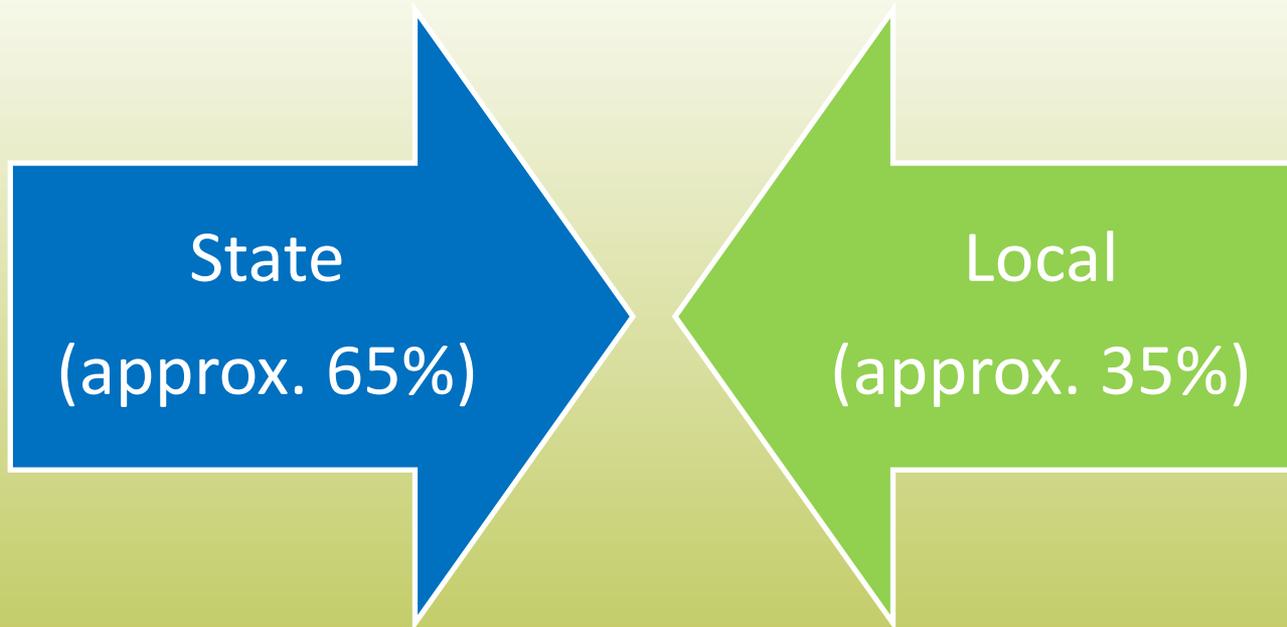


N = 15,609

Source: CSA Data Set Reporting System, FY2015 Final

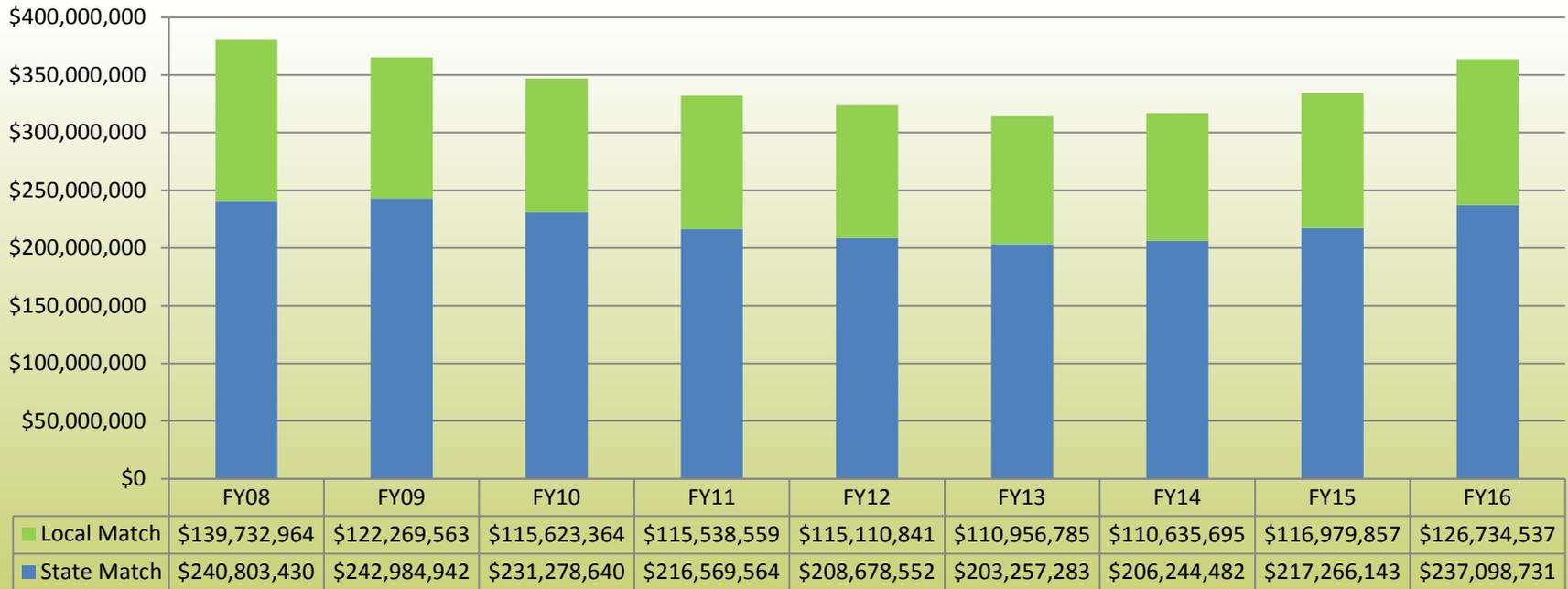


CSA Funding is a Shared Responsibility (Chapter 780, Item 285, C.)





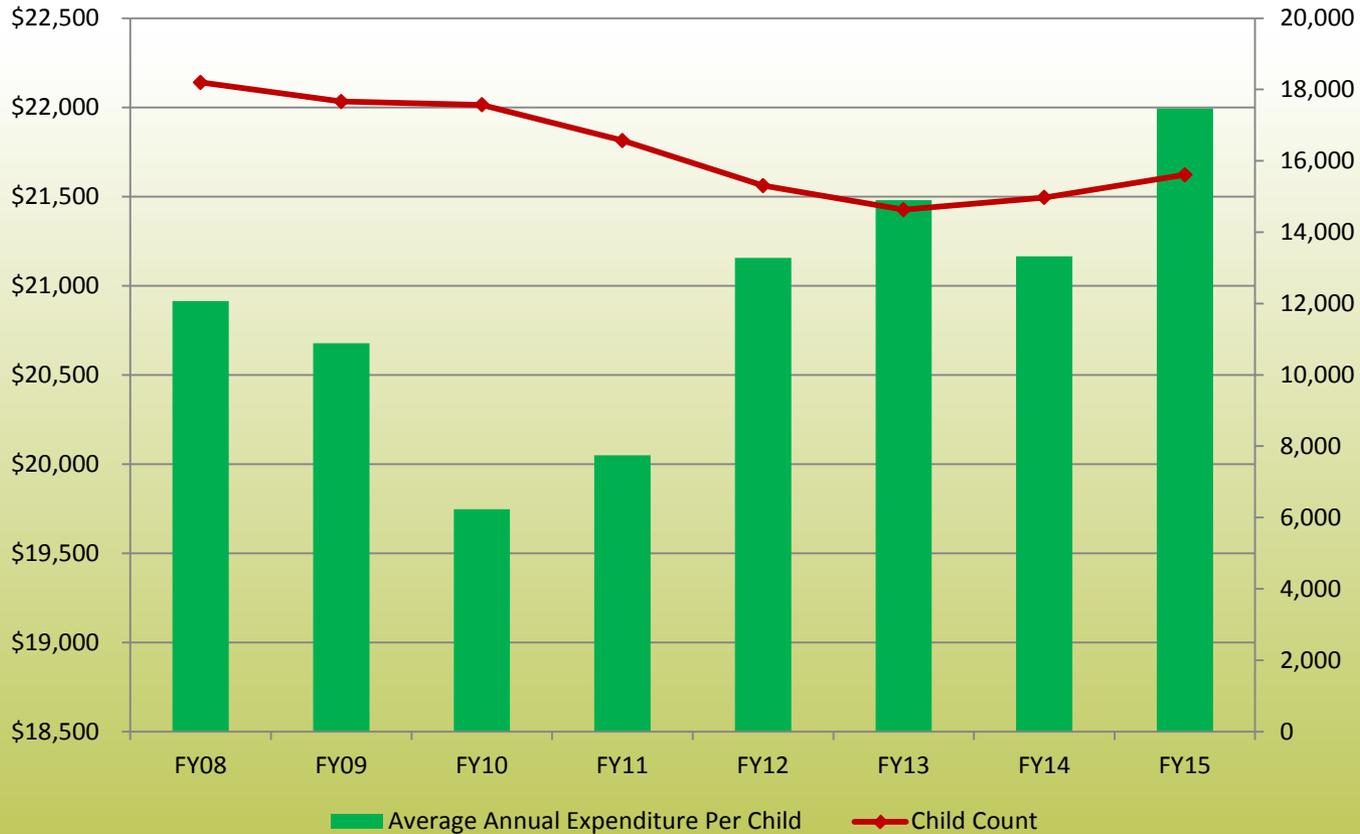
CSA Total Expenditures



Source: CSA Pool Fund Reimbursement System



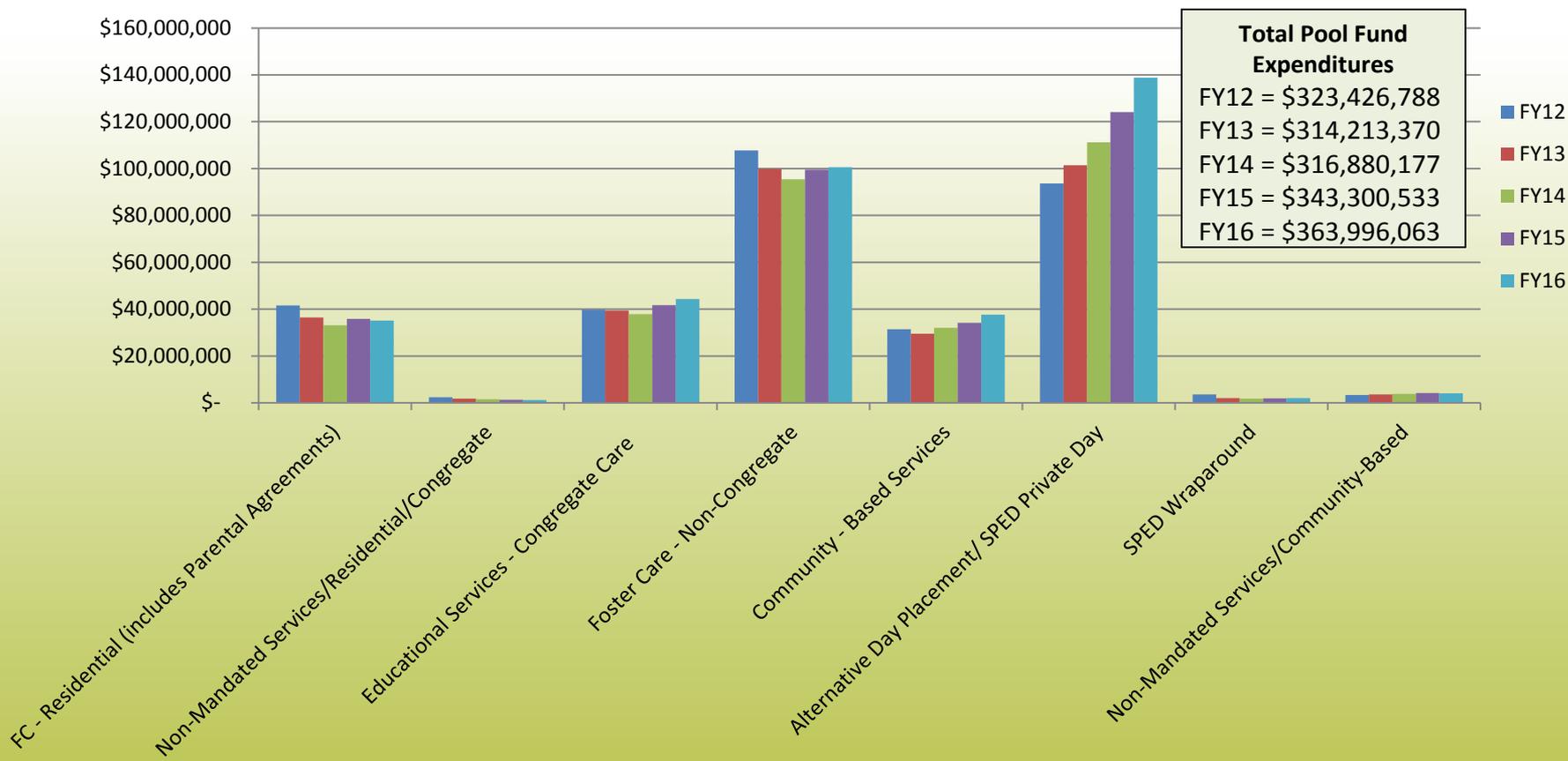
CSA Cost Per Youth - # Youth



Source: CSA Data Set Reporting System, FY2015 Final



CSA Expenditures by Category (FY 2012 – FY 2016)



Source: CSA Pool Fund Reimbursement System



Policy Impacts on Expenditures (Historical)

1. DSS Children's Services Transformation
 - Safely reduced the use of foster care and lowered the number of children in foster care from 7,557 (2008) to a low of 4,795 (August 2013). Foster care population on July 1, 2016 is 5,273.
 - CSA expenditures for foster care dropped from \$234.4 million (FY2008) to \$161.6 million (FY2015).
 - Some offset from increased costs for foster care prevention (\$12.7 million)
2. Efforts to reduce children in congregate care
 - Differential match rates enacted in FY 2009 intended to reduce utilization of more costly (and more restrictive) residential placements and increase community-based services
 - Achieved desired results for some period, but also reduced overall local share. Now stabilized at 65% state/35% local.
3. Prohibition against use of CSA funds in public schools for students with disabilities (FY2010)
 - Resulted in a decrease from \$19.5 million to \$1.8 million in earmarked special education wraparound funds in FY 2015 (Item 285 L.).

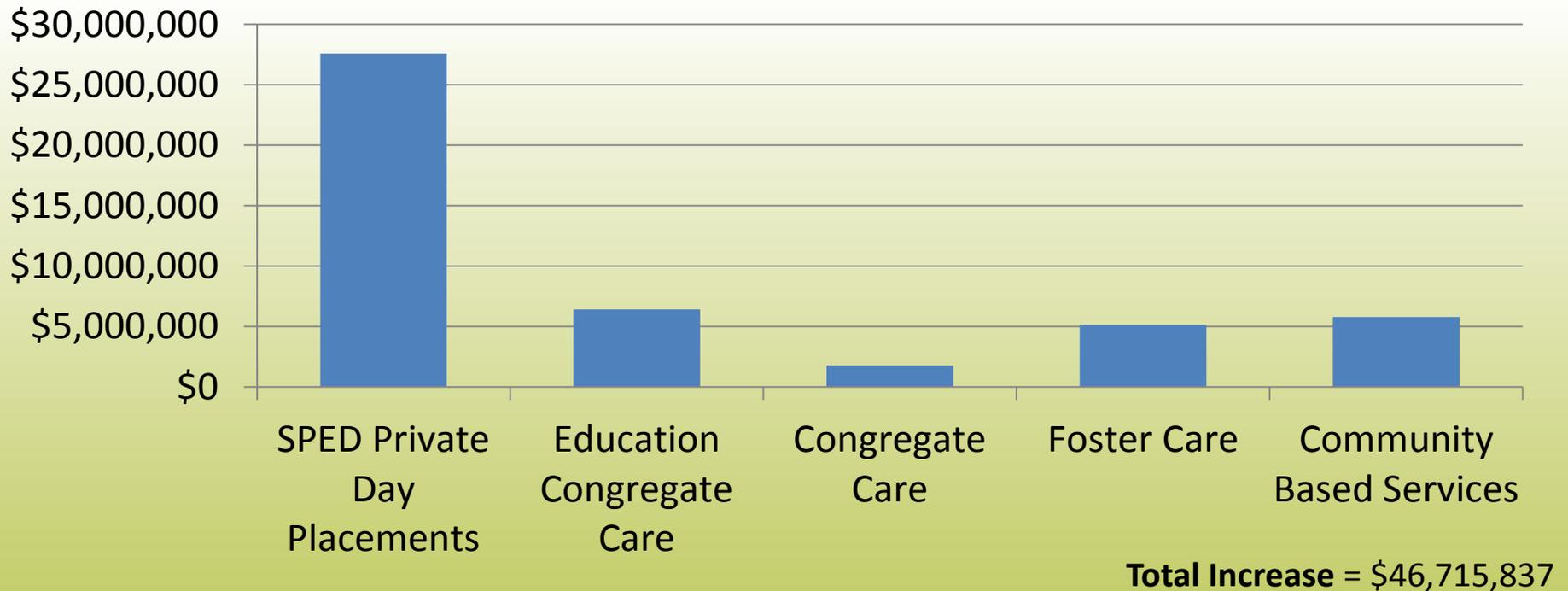


Current Policy Impacts on Expenditures

- Sum sufficient funding (§2.2-5211.C.) to provide special education services for children placed in approved private school education programs and meeting relevant federal mandates for provision of these services.
 - The largest growth population are children with autism.
- Options are included in a report to HAC and SFC to be issued shortly.



Total CSA FY16 vs FY14 Expenditures: Increase By Service Category



Source: CSA Pool Fund Reimbursement System



Looking Forward

- Projected Needs
 - Based on DPB forecast (growth projection)
 - FY2017 – \$23,786,234
 - FY2018 – \$34,890,647
- In FY2016, managed \$15 million in costs by not transferring funds to DMAS (agreed to by DMAS and DPB)
- Prior year's budget deferred program growth



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