

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Family Assessment and Planning Team

The Comprehensive Services Act requires that each local government, or combination of governments, establish a Community Policy and Management Team and designate a fiscal agent in order to receive funds from the State Funds Pool and the State Trust Fund. Additionally, the Act requires the formation of local Family Assessment and Planning Teams for the purposes of reviewing and assessing children and families referred for services, and developing individualized family service plans and recommendations for funding. As with the state teams, the Act specifies the membership and responsibilities of each local team.

The second tier of the local-level management structure is the Family Assessment and Planning Team that is appointed by the Community Policy and Management Team. Communities may have as many Family Assessment and Planning Teams as are necessary to meet the needs of the population. In some localities a single Family Assessment and Planning Team may be sufficient; in others, multiple Family Assessment and Planning Teams with different functions might be appropriate.

The minimum mandatory membership of each team includes the local agency heads or their designees from the community services board; department of social services; health department; juvenile court services unit; local school division.

The superintendent, or a designee, shall represent the school board on the Community Policy and Management Team, and Family Assessment and Planning Team.

Legal Reference:

Code of Va., §2.1-345. Public bodies to which chapter inapplicable.--"The provisions of this chapter (Freedom of Information Act) shall not be applicable to the . . . family assessment and planning teams established pursuant to § 2.1753 . . ." (1994)

Code of Va., § 2.1-752. Community policy and management teams, powers and duties.--"The community policy and management teams; powers and duties.--"the community policy and management team shall manage the cooperative effort in each community to better serve the needs of troubled and at-risk youths and their families and to maximize the use of state and community resources . . . (1992)

Code of Va., § 2.1-753. Family assessment and planning team, membership; immunity from liability.--" . . . Each family assessment and planning team shall include representatives of the following community agencies who have authority to access services within their respective agencies; . . . local school division, . . ." (1994)

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Relations with Other Governmental Agencies