

# OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

ADMINISTERING THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT



The Children's Services Act (CSA, §2.2-2648 et seq) was enacted in 1993 to create a collaborative system of services and funding for at-risk youth and families.

The CSA establishes local multidisciplinary teams responsible to work with families to plan services according to each child's unique strengths and needs and to administer the community's CSA activities.

The Office of Children's Services (OCS) is the administrative entity responsible for ensuring effective and efficient implementation of the CSA across the Commonwealth.

Guiding principles for OCS include:

- Child and family directed care,
- Equitable access to quality services,
- Responsible and effective use of public funds,
- Support for effective, evidence-based practices, and
- Collaborative partnerships across state, local, public, and private stakeholders.



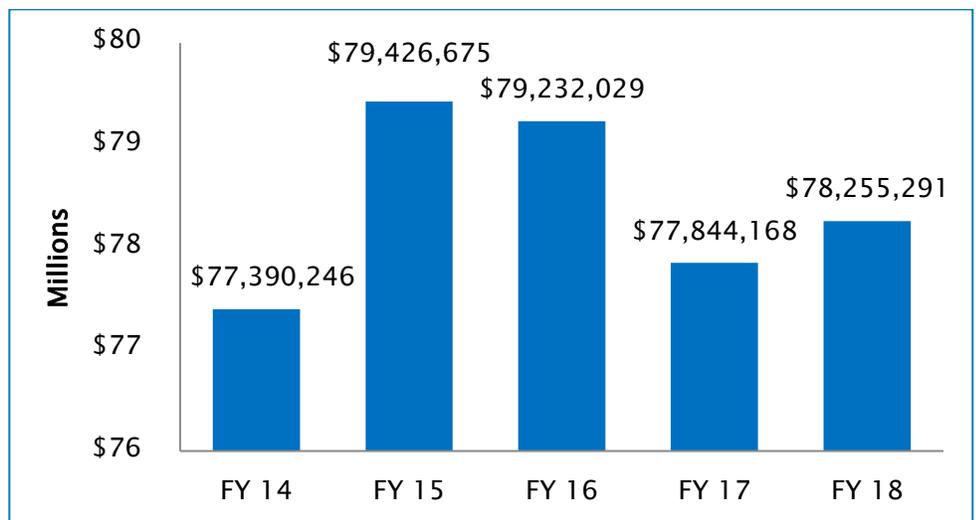
## TREATMENT FOSTER CARE SERVICES UNDER THE CSA

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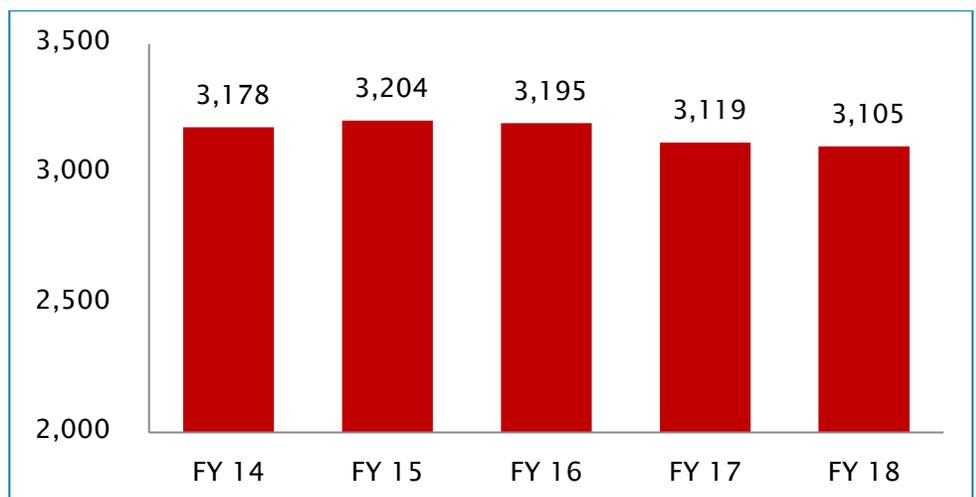
In accordance with the Appropriation Act, Chapter 2, Item 282 (K)(1)

Treatment foster care (TFC) is a community-based program where services are designed to address the special needs of children in the custody of a local department of social services. TFC is provided by foster parents who are trained, supervised, and supported by a private agency (licensed child placing agency or LCPA). Treatment is primarily foster family based, is goal-directed and results-oriented, and emphasizes permanency planning for the child in care. CSA TFC costs are offset by federal/state Title IV-E revenues of eligible foster children. Title IV-E revenues and payments are handled by the Department of Social Services.

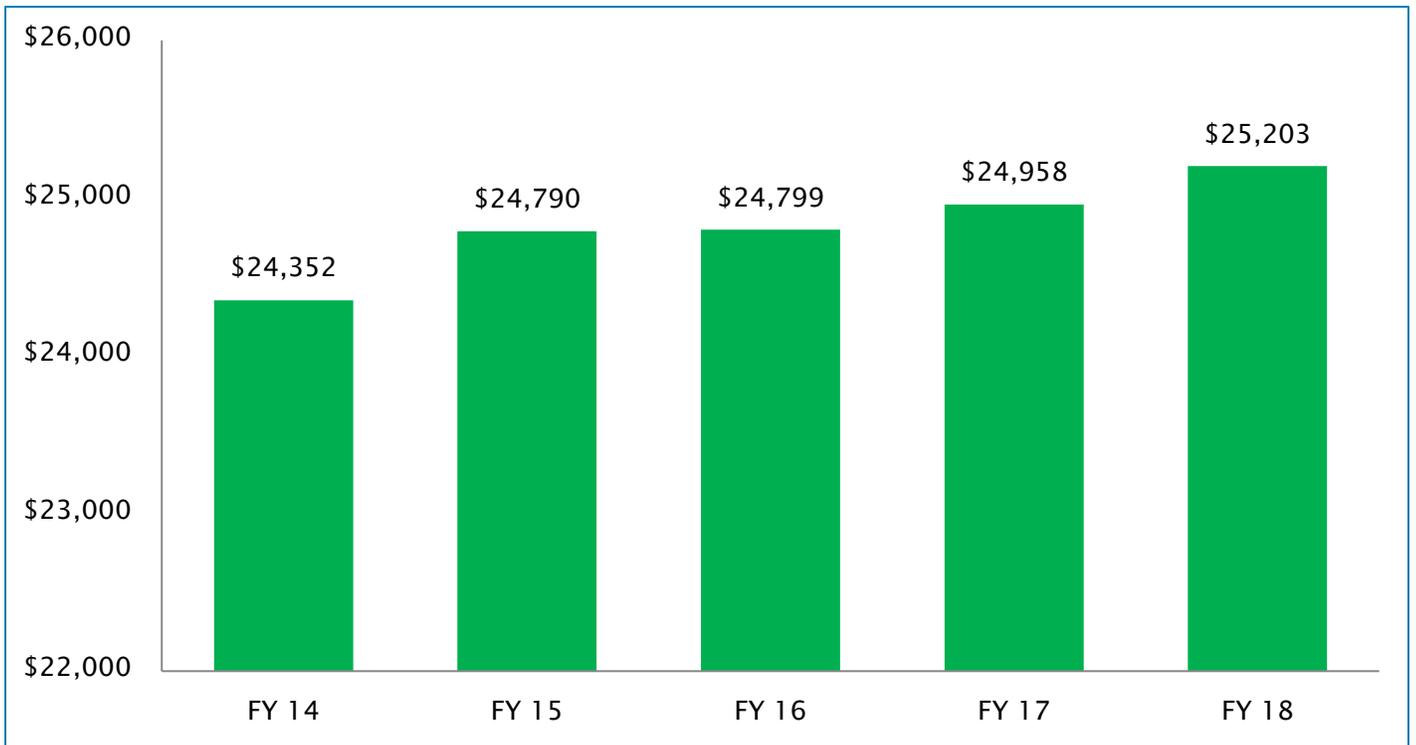
### Total CSA Expenditures – Treatment Foster Care (FY14 – FY18)



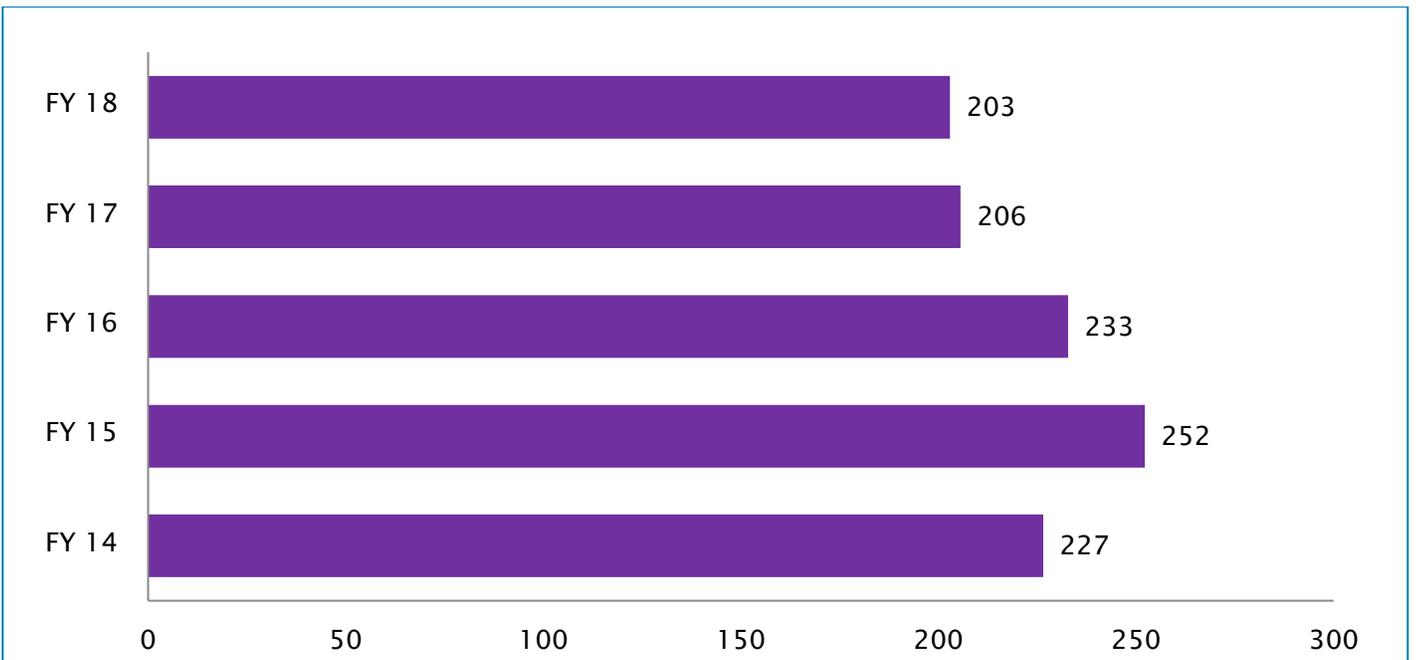
### Number of Youth Served – Treatment Foster Care (FY14 – FY18)



### Average Annual CSA Expenditure per Child – Treatment Foster Care (FY14 – FY18)



### Average Length of Stay (Number of Days/Year) – Treatment Foster Care (FY14 – FY18)



Note: Beginning in FY2017, length of stay data is derived from actual days of service received from the locality. This results in a modified calculation from prior years.