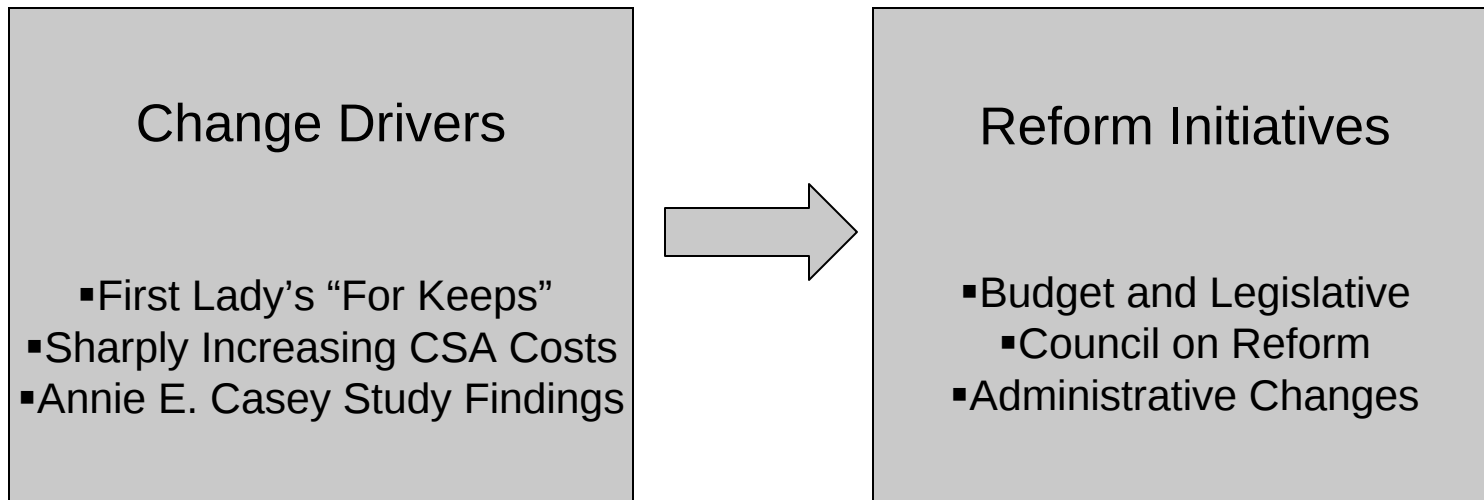


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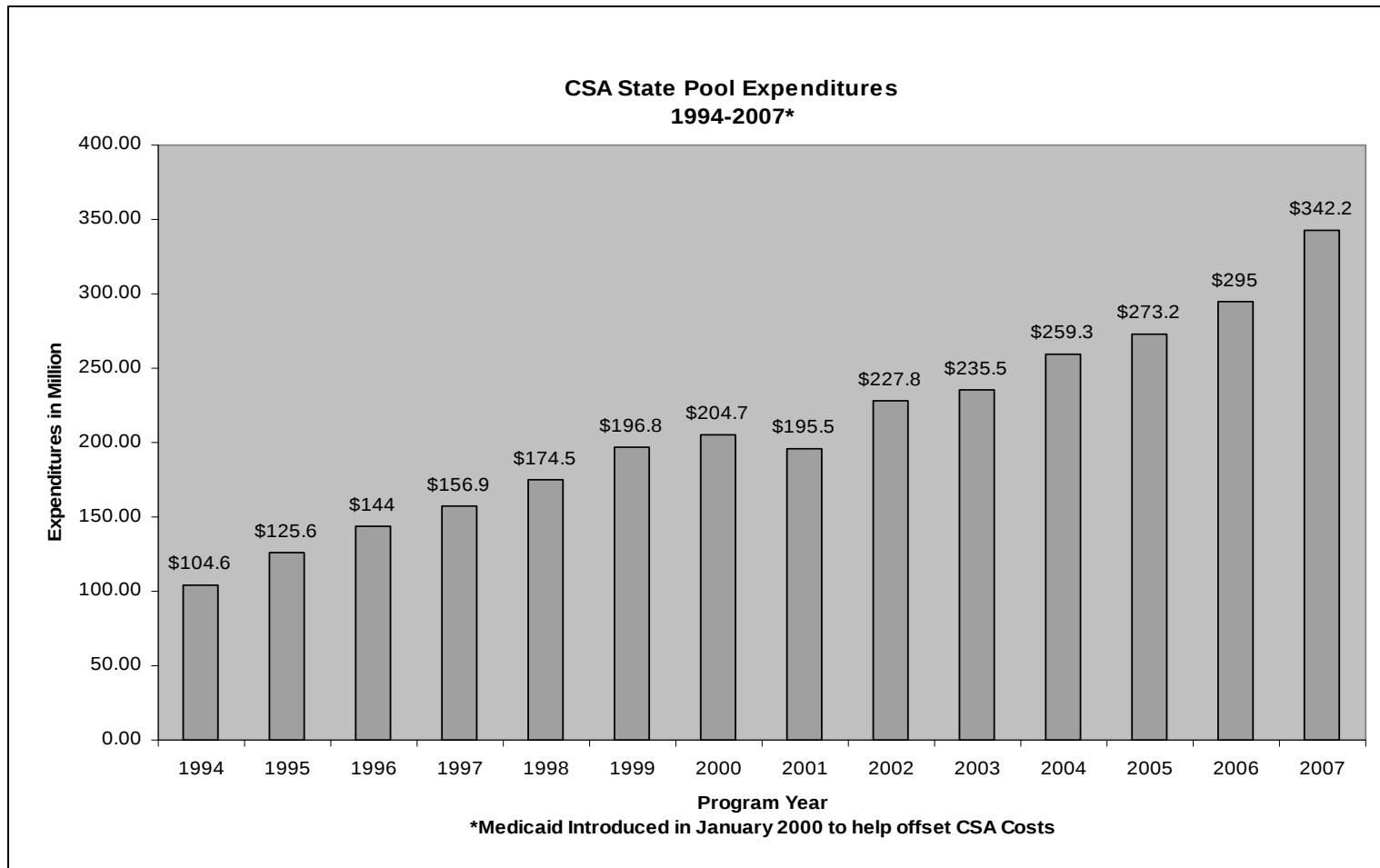
Virginia's Reform Initiatives

We are engaged in a number of interrelated efforts to fundamentally change how human services are delivered to children and families in the commonwealth.



CSA Expenditures

- \$342.2 million in FY07 (\$219.7 state; \$122.5 local)
- \$47.2 million increase (\$30.2 million state; \$17 million local)



Budget and Legislative Initiatives

- \$22.6M to increase payments to foster care and adoptive families
 - 15% increase in first year, 10% increase in second year
 - \$7.9 M (GF) and \$5.2 M (NGF) in FY 2009
 - \$14.8 M (GF) and \$8.4 M (NGF) in FY 2010
- \$4.4M to enhance child welfare worker training
 - \$2.2 M (GF) and \$1.4 M (NGF) in FY 2009
 - \$2.2 M (GF) and \$1.4 M (NGF) in FY 2010

Budget and Legislative Initiatives

- \$6.9M to improve the recruitment and retention of foster parents
 - \$3.4M (GF) and \$1.1M (NGF) in 2009
 - \$3.6M (GF) and \$1.2M (NGF) in 2010
 - 17 FTEs to work in regions to assist localities recruit, train, and support foster families
- \$300,000 to collect outcome data on children served by the CSA

Budget and Legislative Initiatives

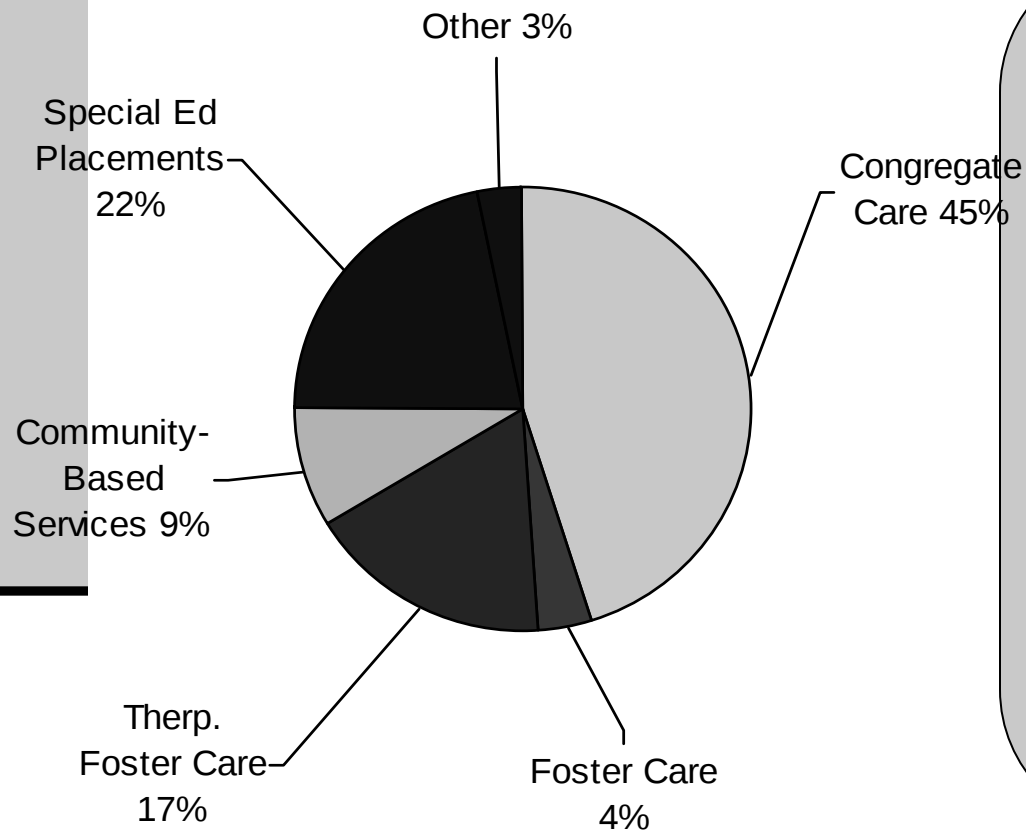
- Changes in CSA State/Local match rates - Aligning financial incentives and service goals.

Savings:\$12.5 million

- Reduces the local match rate for community based services while increasing the local match rate on congregate care.
- Changes will be phased in over 3 years to allow localities to conduct training and establish community-based services.
- \$12.5 million represents a reduction of only 5% of the projected expenditures for congregate care over the biennium.
- A simple reduction in congregate care bed days used can produce savings.
 - Statewide average LOS is 7 months
 - National average LOS is 5 months

CSA Budget

Total CSA Costs (2006) = \$295 million*



CSA Funding Shortfall:

■ Caboose Bill

■ \$54 million

■ SFY09

■ \$65 million

■ SFY10

■ \$93 million

Source: CSA Data 2006

* Does not include Medicaid dollars

Legislative Initiatives

- SB 493, HB 825 - Establishes minimum training requirements for foster care and adoption workers.
- SB 25, HB 811 – Extends eligibility to allow a relative to receive TANF payments for relative child in certain cases. Will produce GF savings of \$283,000.
- SB 394, HB 750 – Eliminates De Novo Appeal from the J&DR Court to Circuit Court on Adoption planning and termination of parental rights cases.

Council On Reform (CORE)

- With the assistance of the Casey Foundation, the Council on Reform has been established to help lead this reform effort.
 - Phase I – Work with 13 localities to develop shared vision for children’s services and best practices at state and local levels.
 - Phase II – Implement reform statewide.

Administrative/Policy Initiatives

- Ensuring the provision of “Care Coordination” for children in or at risk for placement in congregate care settings.
- Policy clarification regarding the provision of “start-up” funding.
- Policy clarification of the flexible use of CSA funding to facilitate the development of community based care and support best practices.

Summary of Reform Initiatives

