



**Evaluation of  
Children's Residential Services  
Delivered Through the  
Comprehensive Services Act**

**SJ 96 Subcommittee Briefing  
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# Study Mandate

- HJR 60 (2006) directs JLARC staff to evaluate the administration of the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA)
- Focus on cost and quality of residential services
- Partner with SJ96 Subcommittee

# Research Activities

- Site visits to 17 localities
- Surveys
  - Every local CSA coordinator
  - Every local Community and Policy Management Team (CPMT)
  - Case managers of 360 CSA participants
  - All Virginia residential providers
- Site visits and meetings with residential providers
- Financial analysis of residential facilities
- Analysis of licensing compliance data and residential program characteristics

# Study Schedule

- Research and analysis                      March - September
- Report drafting                                September - November
- Final briefing                                 December 11, 2006  
Senate Room A  
9:00 A.M.

# Final Report Contents

- Final Report will include findings and recommendations related to:
  - Factors affecting residential expenditures
  - Adequacy of licensing standards and regulatory enforcement to ensure that quality services are provided
  - Importance of tracking child outcomes

# Factors Affecting Residential Expenditures

- Availability of lower-cost, community-based alternatives to residential care
- Adequacy of local infrastructure to secure most cost effective services
- Effectiveness of market in controlling rates of residential facilities

# Licensing Standards and Enforcement

- Overview of regulatory compliance by residential facilities
- Adequacy of licensing standards to ensure health and safety of children
- Effectiveness of regulatory agencies in enforcing compliance with licensing standards

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## Child Outcomes

- Current availability of information to measure impact of CSA program
- Child outcomes based on available data