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# Administrative Funding and the Comprehensive Services Act

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# Purpose of Administrative Funding

- Used by localities to hire staff who oversee local program operations
- Only administrative staff are dedicated to CSA program
  - FAPT and CPMT members have other, full-time responsibilities

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## CSA Staff Help Operate Well-Managed and Accountable Local Programs

- CSA coordinators generally
  - Act as liaison between FAPTs and CPMTs
  - Participate in service planning
  - Monitor and manage program expenditures
  - Negotiate contracts with providers
  - Fulfill State reporting responsibilities
- Localities with CSA coordinators have lower average residential expenditures and shorter residential stays

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## CSA Staff Help Operate Well-Managed and Accountable Local Programs (continued)

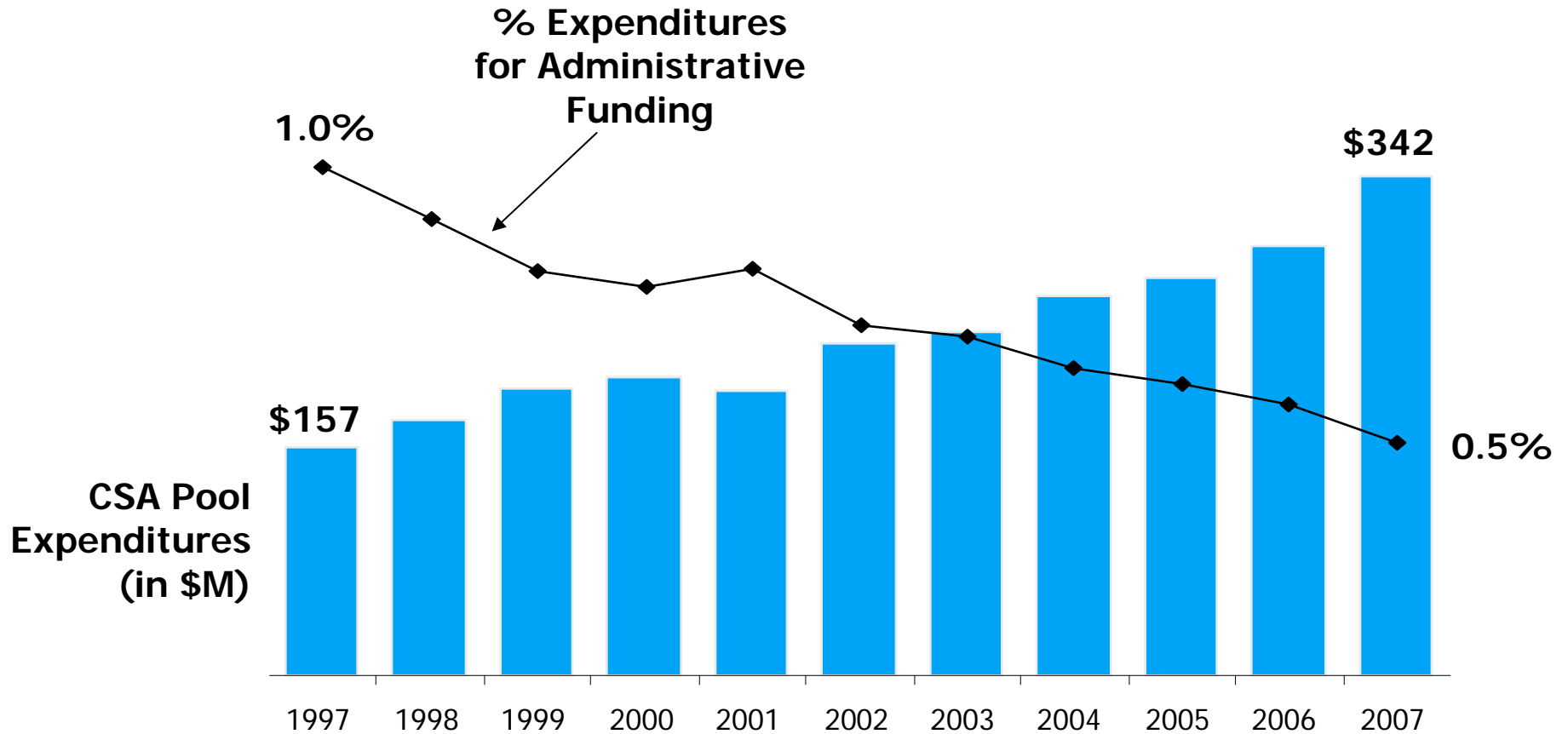
- Utilization management and review (UM) staff generally
  - Ensure services match clients' level of needs
  - Monitor clients' progress and readiness for stepdown
  - Hold providers accountable for performance
- Localities with UM staff have shorter average residential stays

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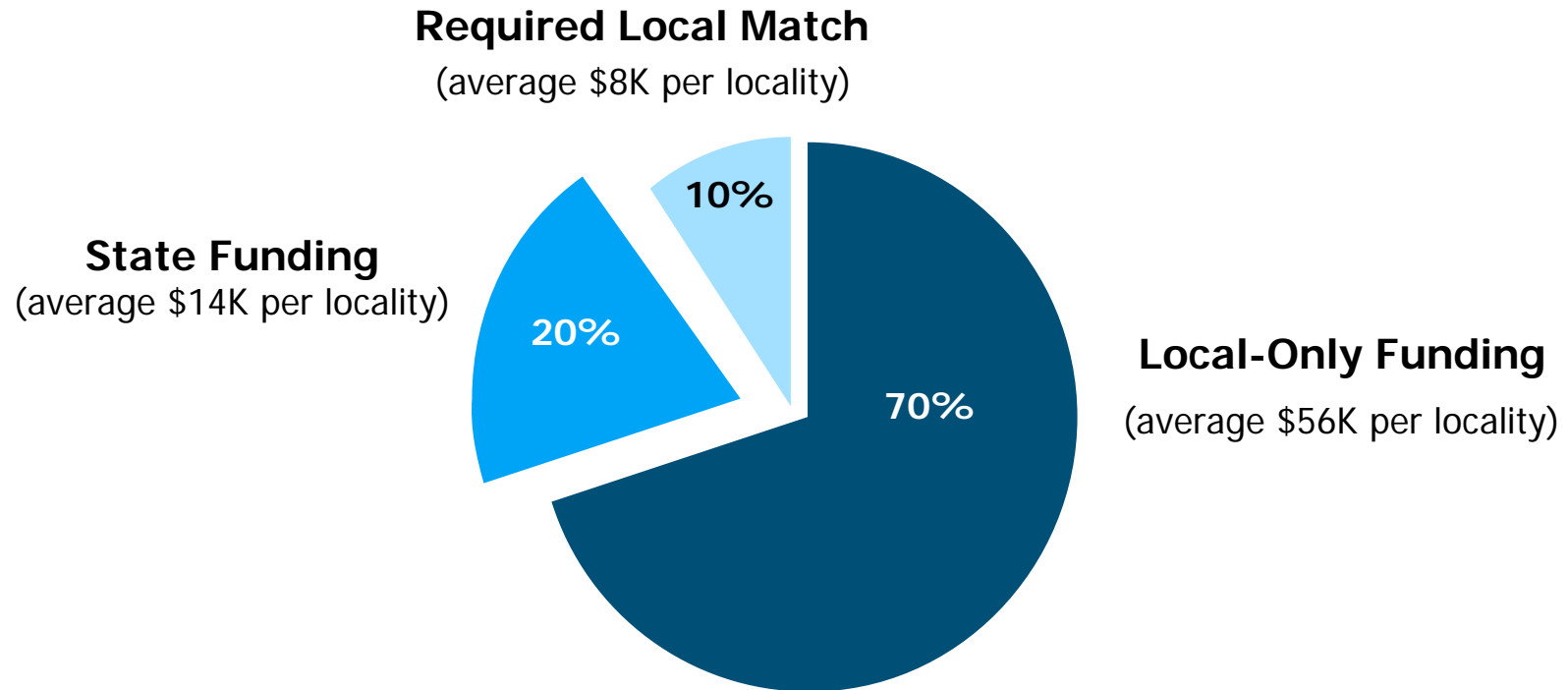
## Trends in Administrative Funding (2006)

- Localities received average of \$14,600 per year from State to administer CSA
  - State contribution ranged from \$6,400 to \$38,200
  - $\frac{3}{4}$  localities received less than \$10,000
- Administrative funding from State fixed at \$1.6M since FY 1997

# Administrative Funding Has not Kept Pace with Increasing Expenditures and Caseload

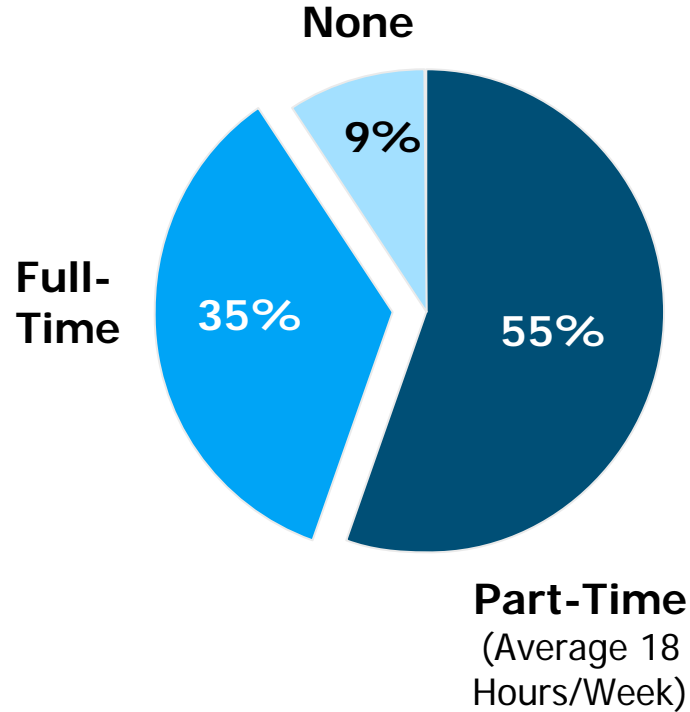


# Localities Fund 80 Percent of Administrative Cost of CSA Program (2006)

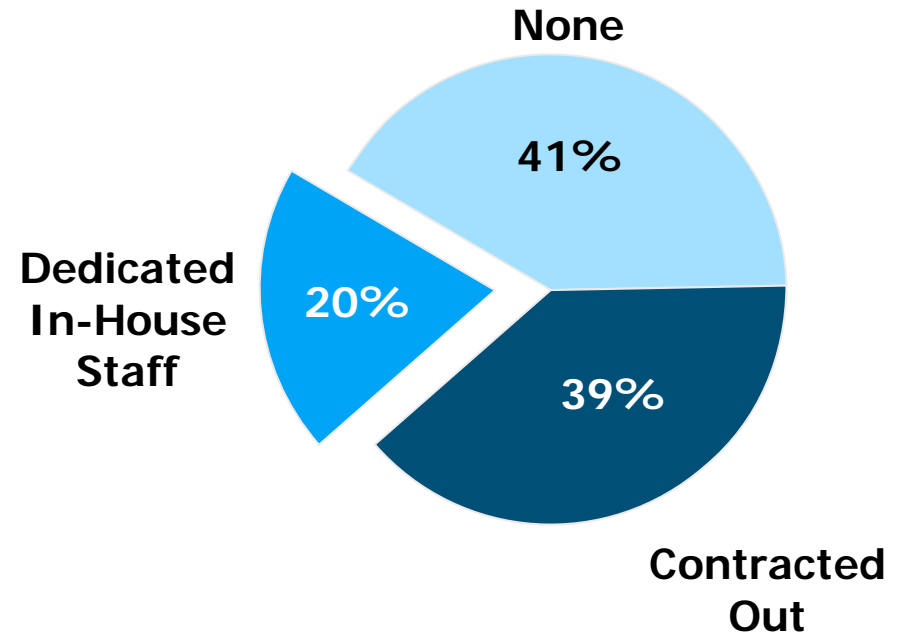


# Despite Local Contributions, Most Localities Lack Full-Time Staff Dedicated to CSA Program (2006)

Availability of  
CSA Coordinator

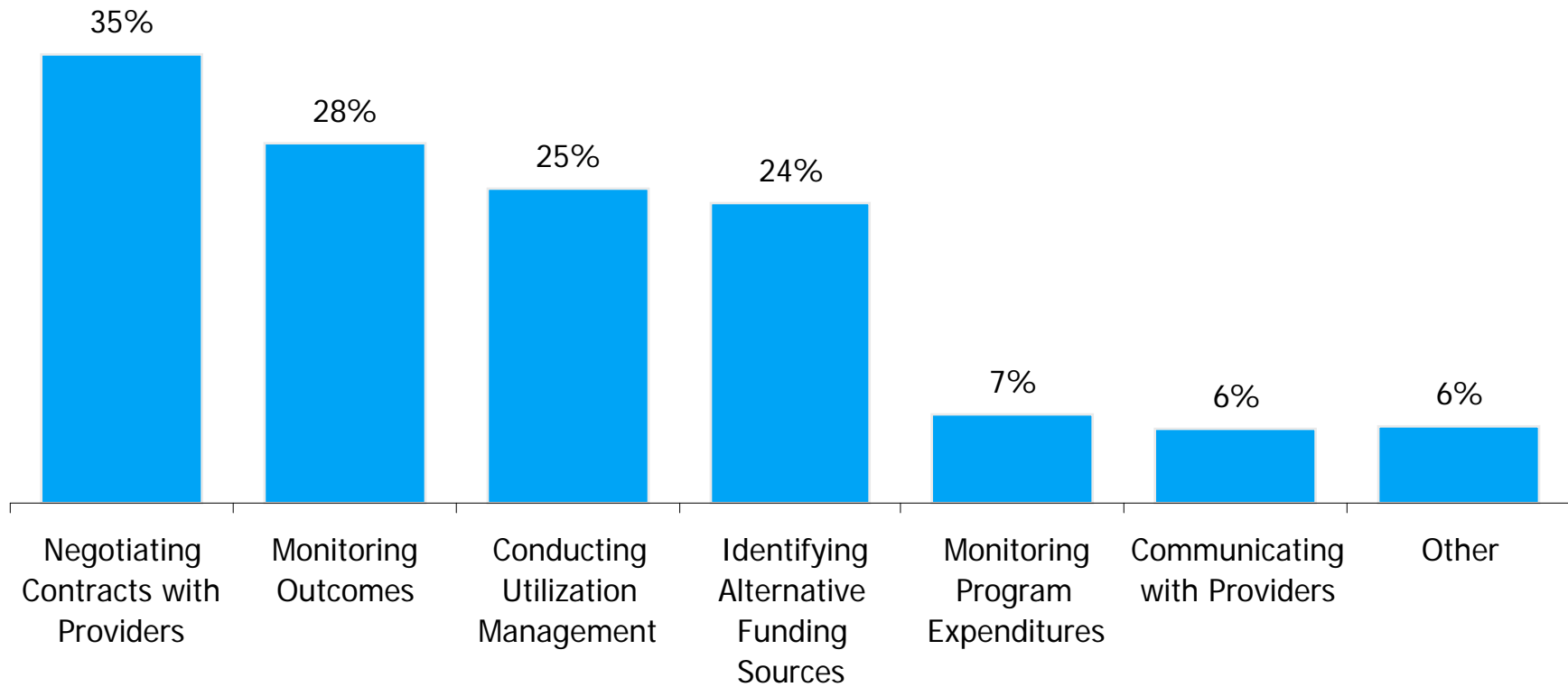


Availability of  
Utilization Management  
Staff





# Inadequate Administrative Funding Negatively Impacts CSA Program in Multiple Areas (2006)



**% Localities Indicating Adverse Effects Resulting from Inadequate Funding (2006)**