# CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES (CHINS)

When a treatment team recommends a group home or residential placement for a child in the

custody of their parents, the FAPT should evaluate if the child meets the criteria of a Child in Need of Services. The FAPT Facilitator will read the criteria aloud during the FAPT, documenting FAPT member agreement or disagreement with each criterion and the supporting facts used to arrive at that decision. All criteria must be met for the child to be approved for CHINS mandated funding.

If the courts have deemed that the child is “in need of services” per court order, FAPT does not need to complete the checklist to determine eligibility. Eligibility is set by the court in this circumstance. Note “Child in Need of Supervision” is not the same as “Child in Need of services” and this mandate category is only for “Child in Need of Services.” The court can determine the child is both, in which case they are eligible for this mandate-type. If the criteria are not met for CHINS, the FAPT Facilitator should immediately notify a member of the Community Policy and Management Team if FAPT is recommending placement in a group home or residential placement for the child.

~~Services for youth in this mandate category have the potential for continuation past the age of 18 if approved by the CPMT with these caveats: 1) the service already initiated prior to 18 2) there is a clear plan for step-down or change to alternative funding stream 3) the request for continued services is short-term in nature. If a new referral to CSA is requested for a youth aged 17-years- old and 9 months, the request should bypass FAPT and go straight to review by the CPMT.~~

~~In contrast, youth served under the non-mandated eligibility mandate do not have the option of continued services past age 18.~~