

Agency Summary: Accomack County DSS

Region: Eastern

Class Size:

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Description of Early Prevention Services (prior to a current, valid CPS report)

Accomack County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Accomack County does not utilize volunteers to provide prevention services. However, they use Family Partnership meetings (FPMs) in early prevention. The staff facilitates alternate living arrangements with relatives or non-relatives for a child at risk of removal and entering foster care (Foster Care Diversion). They also directly provide services to any of the 'diversion families' and/or birth families involved after they have facilitated an informal out of home alternative living arrangement

Accomack County Department of Social Services does not have specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. Nevertheless, they provide information on available services to the general public and early prevention services to individual families.

Specific information about Accomack County Department of Social Services for each type of Early Prevention Services provided

1. Universal Early Prevention Services (Public Education and Awareness to the General Public)

- Public Education and Awareness Services Provided:
 - Information on available services to the general public
 - Public speaking (at community events or to groups within the community)
 - Attend Hugs and Kisses performances
 - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
 - Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
 - 100% Local only funds
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Donations solicited at holidays
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
 - CPs investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker

- Adoption worker
- Volunteers used: None
- Material printed in Spanish: Yes

2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups

None

3. Early Prevention Services to Individual Families

- Early Prevention Services Provided to Individual Families:
 - Information and referral
 - Services to children to increase protective factors
 - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
 - Children's services within domestic violence prevention or treatment programs
 - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
 - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Medicaid
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - Adoption Assistance
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS families assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Adoption worker
- Volunteers used:
 - None

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Other home visiting providers
- Early Head Start (birth to 3 years old)
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Schools
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers

