

Agency Summary: Loudoun County DSS

Region: Northern

Class Size:

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

Loudoun County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public, high risk groups, and individual families. Loudoun County utilizes volunteers to provide some of its prevention services. They also 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

Loudoun County Department of Social Services has a specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. These staff members provide public education and awareness activities on prevention to the general public and early prevention services to high risk groups and to individual families.

Specific information about Loudoun 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:
 - Public service announcements
 - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
 - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
 - Supervision guidelines on county website
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
 - 100% Local only funds
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
 - Intake worker
 - Staff devoted primarily to prevention (Family Stabilization staff, etc.)
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
- Volunteers used: None

- Material printed in Spanish: Yes

2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups

- High Risk Groups Targeted:
 - Pregnant teens
 - Parenting teens
 - Teens who have behavior issues in school and are at risk of expulsion or dropping out
- Services Provided to High Risk Groups:
 - Parent education and child development materials to targeted groups
 - Information on available services distributed to targeted groups, not just to the public
 - Parent training for high risk groups
 - Public speaking for high risk groups
 - Financial assistance
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
 - 100% local funds
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
 - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
- Volunteers used for Early Prevention for High Risk Groups: None

3. Early Prevention Services to Individual Families

- Early Prevention Services Provided to Individual Families:
 - Case management/coordination
 - Information and referral
 - LDSS funded respite care
 - Services provided to children to increase protective factors
 - LDSS funded child care
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Medicaid
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - Intake worker
 - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
- Volunteers used: None

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Healthy Families Providers

- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Early Head Start (birth to 3 years old)
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Parent Support group providers
 - Parent support groups for at-risk families
 - Mental health based support groups for at-risk families
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Stop Child Abuse Now