

Agency Summary: Louisa County DSS

Region: Northern

Class Size:

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

Louisa County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public, high risk groups, and individual families. Louisa 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

Louisa 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, early prevention services to high risk groups and individual families.

Specific information about Louisa 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:
 - Provide information on services available to the general public
 - Community collaboration with organizations re: issues related to prevention
 - Attendance at Hugs and Kisses performances
 - Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities
 - Collaboration with CHIP
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
 - United Way
 - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
 - Intake worker
 - Staff devoted primarily to prevention (Family Stabilization staff, etc.)
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS on-going services worker

- Supervisor
- Volunteers used:
 - Interpret in court
- Material printed in Spanish: Yes

2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups

- High Risk Groups Targeted:
 - Parents with disabilities
 - Parents with children with disabilities
 - Single parents
 - Low-income families
- Services Provided to High Risk Groups:
 - Information on available services distributed to targeted groups, not just to the public
 - Public speaking for high risk groups
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
 - CSA funds
 - Medicaid
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - Adoption Assistance
 - United Way
 - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
 - Foundations and corporations
- Staff the Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
 - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
 - CPS on-going services worker
- Volunteers used for Early Prevention for High Risk Groups:
 - Provide respite to families

3. Early Prevention Services to Individual Families

- Early Prevention Services Provided to Individual Families:
 - Case management/coordination
 - Information and referral
 - Transportation
 - Services provided 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
 - Mentoring
 - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
 - Domestic violence prevention programs

- Translator services
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Medicaid
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - United Way
 - 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
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Benefit program worker (VIEW, TANF, etc.)
- Volunteers used:

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Parent Support group providers
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
 - High-risk groups
 - Families where abuse and neglect has occurred
 - Families where children have been removed
 - Foster families
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Stop Child Abuse Now