

## **Agency Summary: Scott County DSS**

**Region:** Western

**Class Size:**

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

Scott County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Scott 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

Scott 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 individual families.

### **Specific information about Scott 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 speaking at community events or to groups within the community
  - Community collaboration with organizations re: issues related to prevention
  - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
  - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
  - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
  - Budget line item 824
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  - Intake worker
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care worker
  - Employment services workers
  - Foster care/adoption and CPS Supervisors

- Volunteers used: None
- Material printed in Spanish: None

## **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
  - LDSS funded child care
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
  - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
  - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
  - Child care funding
  - Budget line item 824
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
  - Intake worker
  - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care worker
  - Benefit program worker (VIEW, TANF, etc.)
  - Employment services workers
  - Foster care/adoption and CPS Supervisors
- Volunteers used: None

## **4. Community based resources to which the agency refers**

- Healthy Families Providers
- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups for specific targeted groups, including:
  - Foster families
  - Adoptive families
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Respite care providers
- Schools
- Churches

- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Child Advocacy Centers