

Agency Summary: Appomattox DSS

Region: Piedmont

Class Size:

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

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

Appomattox Department of Social Services does not have specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. Nevertheless, they provide public education and awareness activities on prevention to the general public and early prevention services to individual families.

Specific information about Appomattox 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
 - Information and/or materials to children to increase their safety
- 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.)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
 - Intake worker
 - CPs investigative worker
 - Generic 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
 - Transportation
 - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
 - LDSS funded child care
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Medicaid
 - United Way
 - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
 - Foundations and corporations
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - Intake worker
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Generic worker
- Volunteers used:
 - Transportation

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Healthy Families Providers
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers