

Agency Summary: Caroline DSS

Region: Central

Class Size:

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

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

Caroline Department of Social Services has specific staff devoted primarily to early prevention services for individual families.

Specific information about Caroline 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)

None

2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups

None

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
 - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
 - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
 - LDSS funded child care
 - Translator services
 - Foster Care Prevention

- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
 - CPS investigative worker
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- Volunteers used: None

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Private health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Schools
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Stop Child Abuse Now