

Agency Summary: Charlotte County

Region: Piedmont

Class Size:

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

Charlotte County provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Charlotte 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

Charlotte County 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 individual families.

Specific information about Charlotte County 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
 - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
 - Information and/or materials to children to increase their safety
 - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
 - Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
 - 100% Local only funds
 - 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 family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Adoption worker

- Generic worker
- Volunteers used:
 - Churches provide items or services for the family
- 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:
 - Case management/coordination
 - Information and referral
 - Counseling by LDSS
 - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
 - Mentoring
 - LDSS funded child care
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - 100% local only funds
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - Intake worker
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Adoption worker
 - Generic worker
 - Benefit program worker (VIEW, TANF, etc.)
- Volunteers used:
 - Assist with emergency needs

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Parent Support group providers
 - Parent support groups for any parent
 - School based support groups for any parent
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
 - High-risk groups
 - Families where abuse and neglect have occurred
 - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected

- Families whose children have been removed
 - Foster families
 - Adoptive families
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Mentoring program providers