

Agency Summary: Galax City DSS

Region: Western

Class Size:

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

Galax City Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Galax City does not utilize volunteers to provide some of its 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

Galax City 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 early prevention services to individual families.

Specific information about Galax City 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)
 - Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities
- 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:
 - Generic worker
- 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:
 - Case management/coordination
 - Information and referral
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - Generic worker
- Volunteers used: None

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Respite care providers
- Mentoring program providers