

Agency Summary: Harrisonburg-Rockingham County DSS

Region: Northern

Class Size:

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

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

Harrisonburg-Rockingham County 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 Harrisonburg-Rockingham 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:
 - Parent education and/or child development information Parent support groups open to anyone in the community
 - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
 - Community collaboration with organizations re: issues related to prevention
 - Attendance at Hugs and Kisses performances
 - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
 - 100% Local only funds
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
 - Intake worker
 - Foster Care Resource Family Trainer
 - Assistant Director

- 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:
 - Case management/coordination
 - Information and referral
 - LDSS funded respite care
 - 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
 - Translator services
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Medicaid
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - 100% local only funds
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - Truancy Prevention Workers
- 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)
- Parent Support group providers
 - Timber Ridge Parent Support Group Foster Support Group
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
 - General public
 - Families whose children have been removed
 - Foster families
 - Adoptive families
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Private health providers

- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Respite care providers
- Schools
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Stop Child Abuse Now