

## **Agency Summary: Henrico County DSS**

**Region:** Central

**Class Size:**

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

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

Henrico 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, early prevention services to high risk groups, and early prevention services to individual families.

### **Specific information about Henrico 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 and/or information on services available to the general public
  - Parent training open to anyone in the community and focused on building skills of parents
  - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
  - Information and/or materials to children to increase their safety
  - Attendance at Hugs and Kisses performances
  - 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
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  - Intake worker

- CPS investigative worker
- CPS family assessment worker
- CPS on-going services worker
- Foster care worker
- CPS supervisor
- Volunteers used:
  - Parenting education
- Material printed in Spanish: Yes

## **2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups**

- High Risk Groups Targeted:
  - Fathers
  - Incarcerated parents
  - Low-income families
- Services Provided to High Risk Groups:
  - Parent education and child development materials to targeted groups
  - Information on available services distributed to targeted groups, not just to the public
  - Parent support groups for high-risk groups
  - Parent training for high risk groups
  - Public speaking for high risk groups
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
  - Foundations and corporations
- Staff the Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care worker
  - Intake worker
- Volunteers used for Early Prevention for High Risk Groups:
  - Parenting education

## **3. Early Prevention Services to Individual Families**

- Early Prevention Services Provided to Individual Families:
  - Information and referral
  - 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
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
  - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
  - 100% local only funds
  - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)

- Federal Stimulus money
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
  - Intake worker
- Volunteers used: None

**4. Community based resources to which the agency refers**

- Healthy Families Providers
- Home visiting providers
- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Early Head Start (birth to 3 years old)
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Parent Support group providers
  - Parent support groups for at-risk families
  - School based support groups for at-risk parents
  - Mental health based support groups for at-risk parents
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
  - General public
  - High-risk families
  - Families where abuse and neglect has occurred
- 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
- Churches
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Stop Child Abuse Now