

Agency Summary: Madison County DSS

Region: Northern

Class Size:

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

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

Madison 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 to individual families.

Specific information about Madison 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:
 - Public service announcements
 - 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
 - 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)
 - 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:
 - Generic worker
- Volunteers used: None
- Material printed in Spanish: None

2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups

- High Risk Groups Targeted:
 - 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
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
 - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
 - Generic worker
- Volunteers used for Early Prevention for 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
 - LDSS funded home repair
 - Services provided to children to increase protective factors
 - Developmental screening for children
 - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
 - Children's services within domestic violence prevention or treatment programs
 - 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
 - Domestic violence prevention programs
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Medicaid
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - 100% local only funds
 - Foundations and corporations
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - Generic worker

- Volunteers used: None

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Healthy Families Providers
- Home visiting providers
- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Parent Support group providers
 - Parent support groups for at-risk families
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to the general public
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Private health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Schools