

Agency Summary: Middlesex County DSS

Region: Central

Class Size:

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

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

Middlesex 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 Middlesex 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
 - 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
 - Classes offered on topics such as budgeting
- 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)
 - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)

- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Generic worker
 - Director
 - Office Assistant
 - VIEW Worker
 - Eligibility Staff
- 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:
 - Financial assistance
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - 100% local funds
 - Community block grants
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Adoption worker
 - 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
 - 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
 - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:

- Medicaid
- Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
- Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
- Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Adoption worker
 - Generic worker
 - Benefit program worker (VIEW, TANF, etc.)
- Volunteers used:
 - Local community agency, Hands Across Middlesex, has volunteers that assist families in need

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)
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to general public and high-risk families
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Child Advocacy Centers