

Agency Summary: Nelson County DSS

Region:

Class Size:

Director: Michael W. Kohl

Early Prevention Contact Person:

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

Nelson County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. Nelson County does not utilize volunteers to provide prevention services. However, 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

Nelson County Department of Social Services does not have specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. Nevertheless, they provide early prevention services to individual families.

Specific information about Nelson 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)

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
 - 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
 - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Medicaid

- Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - 100% local only funds
 - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - Intake worker
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Adoption worker
- Volunteers used: None

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Home visiting providers
- Early Head Start (birth to 3 years old)
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
 - General public
 - Foster 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
- Schools
- Churches
- Domestic violence prevention providers