

Agency Summary: Newport News DSS

Region: Eastern

Class Size:

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

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

Newport News Department of Social Services has a specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. These staff members 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 Newport News 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 education groups open to anyone in the community
 - 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
 - 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:

- Grant funding
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
 - Youth Development Specialist/Parenting Education Coordinator
- Volunteers used:
 - Facilitate workshops
 - Coordinate events
- Material printed in Spanish: Yes

2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups

- High Risk Groups Targeted:
 - Fathers
 - Non-English speaking parents
 - Parenting teens
 - Single parents
 - Low-income families
 - Referrals from the court
- 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 education for high risk groups (e.g., financial, health, child development, working with school systems, behavior management, family relationships.)
 - Parent training for high risk groups
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
 - Grant funding
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
 - Youth Development Specialists (Parent Education Coordinator)
 - Healthy Families Fatherhood Services Coordinator
- 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
 - Transportation
 - Services provided to children to increase protective factors
 - Developmental screening for children
 - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
 - Translator services
 - Home visitation

- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - Grant funding
 - CSA funds
 - Medicaid
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Adoption Assistance
 - City Funds
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
 - Healthy Families Staff
- Volunteers used:
 - Serve on community advisory boards and to assist with assessments and referrals

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 specific targeted groups, including:
 - General public
 - High-risk families
 - Families where abuse and neglect has occurred
 - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected
 - Families whose children have been removed from the home
 - Foster families
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Respite care providers
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Advocacy Centers