

## **Agency Summary: Norton City DSS**

**Region:** Western

**Class Size:**

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

Norton City Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Norton City 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).

Norton City 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 and early prevention services to individual families.

### **Specific information about Norton City 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:
  - Provide information on services available to the general public
  - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
  - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
  - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care worker
  - Adoption worker
  - Director
  - Child Care Worker
- Volunteers used: None
- Material printed in Spanish: None

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

None

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

- Early Prevention Services Provided to Individual Families:
  - Information and referral
  - Transportation
  - LDSS funded child care
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
  - CSA 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 Services to Individual Families:
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care 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)
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Local Housing Authority-Homeless Shelter