

Agency Summary: Powhatan DSS

Region: Central

Class Size:

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

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

Powhatan 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 and early prevention services individual families.

Specific information about Powhatan 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:
 - 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
 - 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)
- 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)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
 - Staff devoted primarily to prevention (Family Stabilization staff, etc.)
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker

- CPS on-going services worker
- Foster 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:
 - Case management/coordination
 - Information and referral
 - Transportation
 - Services provided to children to increase protective factors
 - Children's services within domestic violence prevention or treatment programs
 - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
 - Domestic violence prevention programs
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Safe and Stable Families (budgeting item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - 100% local only funds
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Benefit program worker (VIEW, TANF, etc.)
- Volunteers used: None

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Early Head Start (birth to 3 years old)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Parent Support group providers
 - School based support groups for the general public and at-risk parents
 - Mental health based support groups for the general public and at-risk parents
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Private health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)

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- Churches
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Stop Child Abuse Now