

Agency Summary: Richmond City DSS

Region: Central

Class Size:

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

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

Richmond City 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 individual families.

Specific information about Richmond 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:
 - Parent education and/or child development information and/or information on services available to the general public
 - Parent support groups open to anyone in the community
 - 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
 - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
 - Operate Richmond Home Visiting Referral Center
 - Play two hour looping parenting education DVDs in local DSS waiting rooms
 - GRTC bus campaign

- Display tables at community fairs and other outreach events
 - Program promoted on DSS-ECDI webpage
 - Parenting programs posted in SCAN FAM web calendar
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
 - Grant funding
 - 100% Local only funds
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Community block grants
 - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
 - Independent Living Funds
 - CPS Preventive Funds (budget line item 824)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
 - Intake worker
 - Staff devoted primarily to prevention (Family Stabilization staff, etc.)
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Adoption worker
 - Generic worker
 - Benefit Program Staff
 - Second Responder
 - Healthy Families
 - Healthy Start
 - DSS Early Childhood Development Initiative staff
- Volunteers used:
 - Child Watch
 - Program Facilitators
 - Outreach at community fairs
 - Provide educational information to pregnant and teen parents in Foster Care to prevent future CPS referrals
- Material printed in Spanish: None

2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups

- High Risk Groups Targeted:
 - Fathers
 - Parents with disabilities
 - Parents with children with disabilities
 - Non-English speaking parents
 - Pregnant teens
 - Parenting teens

- Single parents
- Low-income families
- Sub-standard housing residents
- Homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- Services Provided to High Risk Groups:
 - Public speaking for high risk groups
 - Financial assistance
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
 - Grant funding
 - 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.)
 - CPS Preventive Funds (budget line item 824)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
 - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Adoption worker
 - Generic worker
 - Homeless services 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
 - Transportation
 - Children's services within domestic violence prevention or treatment programs
 - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
 - Mentoring
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - Grant funding
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - Budget line item 824-CPS Preventive Funds
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - Intake worker
 - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention

- 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:

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)
- Parent Support group providers
 - Circle of Parents
 - Parent support groups for the general public
 - Mental health based support groups for at-risk parents
 - Foster care parent support group
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups for specific targeted groups, including:
 - General public
 - High-risk families
 - Families where abuse and neglect have occurred
 - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected
 - Families whose children have been removed
 - Foster families
 - Adoptive 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
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Stop Child Abuse Now

