

**Agency Summary: Rockbridge/Buena Vista/Lexington Area SS**

**Region:** Piedmont

**Class Size:**

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

Rockbridge/Buena Vista/Lexington Area Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. Rockbridge/Buena Vista/Lexington Area 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

Rockbridge/Buena Vista/Lexington Area Social Services does not have specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. Nevertheless, they provide early prevention services to individual families.

**Specific information about Rockbridge/Buena Vista/Lexington Area 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:
  - Information and referral
  - 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
  - LDSS funded child care
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
  - Medicaid
  - 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
- Volunteers used: None

**4. Community based resources to which the agency refers**

- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers