

## **Agency Summary: Shenandoah County DSS**

**Region:** Northern

**Class Size:**

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

Shenandoah County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. Shenandoah County does not utilize volunteers to provide prevention services. However, they use Family Partnership meetings (FPMs) in 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

Shenandoah County Department of Social Services does not have specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. Nevertheless, they provide early prevention services to individual families.

### **Specific information about Shenandoah County 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)**

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
  - Services provided to children to increase protective factors
  - Developmental screening for children
  - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
  - CSA funds
  - Medicaid
  - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
  - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)

- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
- Volunteers used: None

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

- Healthy Families Providers
- Early Head Start (birth to 3 years old)
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Parent Support group providers
  - Parent support groups for at-risk families
  - Connecting Teens and Parents
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
  - 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 mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)