

Agency Summary: Southampton County DSS

Region: Eastern

Class Size:

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

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

Southampton County 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 to individual families.

Specific information about Southampton 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)

- Public Education and Awareness Services Provided:
 - Parent education and/or child development information
 - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
 - Attendance at Hugs and Kisses performances
 - Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities
 - Awareness Fairs/Walks
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
 - United Way
 - Fund raising
- 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
 - Adoption worker

- Generic worker
- Services Supervisor
- Volunteers used:
 - Fair activities and fund raising and awareness
- Material printed in Spanish: Yes

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
 - LDSS funded respite care
 - Transportation
 - 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:
 - CSA funds
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - United Way
 - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- 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
- Volunteers used:
 - Distribution

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Early Head Start (birth to 3 years old)
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)

- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Schools
- Mentoring program providers