

Agency Summary: Tazewell County DSS

Region: Western

Class Size:

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

Tazewell County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. Tazewell County does not utilize volunteers to provide prevention services. However, they 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

Tazewell 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 Tazewell 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
 - Transportation
 - Developmental screening for children
 - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
 - Mentoring
 - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
- 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:
 - Intake worker
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
- 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)
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
 - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected
 - Foster 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
- Domestic violence prevention providers