

## **Agency Summary: Virginia Beach DSS**

**Region:** Eastern

**Class Size:**

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

Virginia Beach Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Virginia Beach 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

Virginia Beach 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 Virginia Beach 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:
  - Provide information on services available to the general public
  - Parent training open to anyone in the community and focused on building skills of parents
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
  - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
  - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- 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

- Volunteers used:
  - Provide information and to assist in completing applications
- 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
  - Counseling by LDSS
  - LDSS funded home repair
  - Services provided to children to increase protective factors
  - Developmental screening for children
  - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
  - 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
  - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
  - LDSS funded child care
  - Domestic violence prevention programs
  - Translator services
- 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)
  - 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
- Volunteers used: None

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

- Healthy Families Providers
- Home visiting providers
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)

- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Parent Support group providers
  - Parent support groups for the general public and at-risk families
  - School based support groups for the general public and at-risk parents
  - Mental health based support groups for the general public and at-risk parents
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups for specific targeted groups, including:
  - General public
  - High-risk families
  - Families where child abuse and neglect has occurred
  - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected
  - 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
- Respite care providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Foundations and corporations