

## **Agency Summary: Williamsburg HS**

**Region:** Eastern

**Class Size:**

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

Williamsburg Human Services provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Williamsburg 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

Williamsburg Human 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 Williamsburg Human 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 and/or information on services available to the general public
  - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
  - Information and/or materials to children to increase their safety
  - Community collaboration with organizations re: issues related to prevention
  - Attendance at Hugs and Kisses performances
  - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
  - 100% Local only funds
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  - Intake worker
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker

- Foster care worker
- Adoption worker
- Generic worker
- Social Work Supervisor
- Director
- Volunteers used: None
- Material printed in Spanish: 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
  - Counseling by LDSS
  - Services provided to children to increase protective factors
  - 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
  - Domestic violence prevention programs
  - Translator services
- 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)
  - 100% local only funds
  - 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: 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)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Parent Support group providers
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Mentoring program providers
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Advocacy Centers