

## **Agency Summary: Wythe County DSS**

**Region:** Western

**Class Size:**

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

Wythe County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. Wythe 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). 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

Wythe County Department of Social Services has a specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. These staff members provide early prevention services to individual families.

### **Specific information about Wythe 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
  - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
  - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
  - LDSS funded child care
- 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)

- 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 on-going services worker
  - Benefit program worker (VIEW, TANF, etc.)
  - Child care worker
- Volunteers used: None

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

- Home visiting providers
- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Parent Support group providers
  - Parent support groups for at-risk families
  - Mental health based support groups for the general public and at-risk parents
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups
  - High-risk families
  - Families where abuse and neglect has occurred
  - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected
  - Families whose children have been removed
  - 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
- Respite care providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Child Advocacy Centers