Agency: Alleghany-Covington DSS

Region: Piedmont

Class Size:

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

Alleghany-Covington Department of Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. Alleghany-Covington DSS County 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.

Alleghany-Covington 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 Alleghany-Covington 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:
     o Case management/coordination
     o LDSS funded respite care
     o Transportation
     o Counseling provided by LDSS
     o Provide services to children to increase protective factors
     o Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
     o Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
     o Mentoring
     o Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
   • Funding for Services to Individual Families:
     o CSA funds
     o Medicaid
- Safe and Stable Families (budget item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
- Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
- Adoption Assistance
- Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)

- 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
  - Adoption worker
  - Benefit program worker (VIEW, TANF, etc.)

- Volunteers used: None

4. **Community based resources to which the agency refers**
   - Home visiting providers
   - 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)
   - 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
   - Mentoring program providers
   - Domestic violence prevention providers
   - Sexual Assault Centers
   - Child Advocacy Centers