

## **Agency Summary: Botetourt County DSS**

**Region:** Piedmont

**Class Size:**

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

Botetourt County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Botetourt utilizes volunteers to provide some of its prevention services. 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

Botetourt County Department of Social Services does not have specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. Nevertheless, they provide public education and awareness activities on prevention to the general public and early prevention services to individual families.

### **Specific information about Botetourt 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)**

- 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
  - 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:
  - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
  - Community block grants
  - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  - Generic worker
- Volunteers used:

- Retired School teachers serve as Student Assistance Program Coordinators for the SAP program in the middle schools
- 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
  - Transportation
  - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
  - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
  - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
  - 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)
  - Community block grants
  - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
  - Generic 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)
- Parent support groups
  - Parent support groups for general public
  - School based support groups for at-risk parents
  - Mental health based support groups for both general public and at-risk parents
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific populations, including:
  - General public
  - At-risk families
  - Families where abuse and neglect has occurred
  - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected
  - Families where children have been removed

- 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
- Stop Child Abuse Now