Agency Summary: Campbell County DSS

Region: Piedmont

Class Size: 

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

Campbell County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public, high risk groups, and individual families. Campbell 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.

Campbell 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, early prevention services to high risk groups, and early prevention services to individual families.

Specific information about Campbell 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:
     - Public service announcements
     - Parent education and/or child development information and/or information on services available to the general public
     - Parent training (open to anyone in the community and focused on building skills of parents)
     - 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
     - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
     - Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities
   - Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
     - 100% Local only funds
o Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
o United Way
o Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)

- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  o Intake worker
  o CPs investigative worker
  o CPS family assessment worker
  o CPS on-going services worker
  o Parenting information on the website

- Volunteers used:
  - Assistance with community events
  - Transportation

- Material printed in Spanish: Yes

2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups
- High Risk Groups Targeted:
  o Fathers
  o Incarcerated parents
  o Low-income families

- Services Provided to High Risk Groups:
  o Parent education and child development materials to targeted groups
  o Information on available services distributed to targeted groups, not just to the public
  o Parent education for high risk groups (e.g., financial, health, child development, working with school systems, behavior management, family relationships.)
  o Parent training for high risk groups
  o Financial assistance

- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
  o CSA funds
  o Medicaid
  o Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866>Title IVB Subpart 2)
  o Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
  o United Way
  o Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)

- Staff that provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
  - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
  o CPS investigative worker
  o CPS family assessment worker
  o CPS on-going services worker
  o Service intake worker
  o Training specialist

- Volunteers used for Early Prevention for High Risk Groups:
3. Early Prevention Services to Individual Families
   - Early Prevention Services Provided to Individual Families:
     o Information and referral
     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 Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
     o LDSS funded child care
     o Domestic violence prevention programs
   - Funding for Services to Individual Families:
     o CSA funds
     o Medicaid
     o Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
     o Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
     o 100% local only funds
     o Adoption Assistance
     o United Way
     o Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
   - Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
     o Intake worker
     o CPS on-going services worker
     o Adoption worker
     o Training specialist
     o Child care worker
   - Volunteers used:
     o None

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers
   - Healthy Families Providers
   - Other home visiting providers
   - Part C Early Childhood Intervention
   - Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
   - Parent Support group providers
     o Mental health based support groups for any parent
     o Mental health based support groups for at risk parents
     o Kid’s Haven Grief Support Group
   - 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
- Foundations and corporations
- Private non-profits