Agency Summary: Charles City DSS

Region: Central

Class Size:

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

Charles City provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Charles does not utilize volunteers to provide prevention services. However, they 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

Charles City 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 Charles City 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
 - Community collaboration with organizations re: issues related to prevention
 - o 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 resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
 - o Generic worker
- 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:
 - o Case management/coordination
 - o Information and referral
 - o Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - o Medicaid
 - o Safe and Stable Families (budget ling item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - o Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - o Generic worker
- Volunteers used: None

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Healthy Families Providers
- Early Head Start (birth to 3 years old)
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Parent Support group providers
 - School based support groups
 - o Mental health based support groups
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Private health providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Child Advocacy Centers