

## **Agency Summary: Clarke County DSS**

**Region:** Northern

**Class Size:**

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

Clarke County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to high risk groups, and individual families. Clarke 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

Clarke County Department of Social Services has a specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. These staff members provide early prevention services to high risk groups and to individual families.

### **Specific information about Clarke 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**

- High Risk Groups Targeted:
  - Families who are subject to family assessment
  - Families where DSS is put on notice of possible placement into foster care due to truancy or delinquency
- Services Provided to High Risk Groups:
  - Parent education and child development materials to targeted groups
  - Information on available services distributed to targeted groups, not just to the public
  - Parent support groups for high-risk groups
  - Parent education for high risk groups (e.g., financial, health, child development, working with school systems, behavior management, family relationships.)
  - Parent training for high risk groups
  - Financial assistance
  - Translator services
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
  - CSA funds

- Medicaid
- Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
- Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
- Adoption Assistance
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
  - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care worker
  - Generic worker
- Volunteers used for Early Prevention for High Risk Groups: None

### **3. Early Prevention Services to Individual Families**

- Early Prevention Services Provided to Individual Families:
  - Case management/coordination
  - Information and referral
  - LDSS funded respite care
  - Transportation
  - Services provided to children to increase protective factors
  - 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
  - Translator services
- 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)
  - Adoption Assistance
  - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
  - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care worker
  - Adoption worker
- Volunteers used: None

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

- Healthy Families Providers
- Home visiting providers
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Parent Support group providers
  - Parent support groups for the general public
  - Parent support groups for at-risk families
  - School based support groups for parents
  - Mental health based support groups for parents
  - Mental health based support groups for at-risk parents
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
  - General public
  - High risk families
  - Families where abuse and neglect has occurred
  - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected
  - Foster families
  - Adoptive 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