

Agency Summary: Dickenson County DSS

Region: Western

Class Size:

Director: Truman Mullins

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

Dickenson County Department of Social Services 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.

Specific information about Dickenson 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**
None
- 3. Early Prevention Services to Individual Families**
None
- 4. Community based resources to which the agency refers**
 - 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)
 - Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
 - High-risk families
 - Families where abuse and neglect has occurred
 - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected
 - Families where children have been removed
 - Foster families
 - Adoptive families
 - Intensive in-home service providers

- Public health providers
- Private health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Respite care providers
- Schools
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Advocacy Centers