

## **Agency Summary: Fauquier County DSS**

**Region:** Northern

**Class Size:**

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

Fauquier County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Fauquier County does not utilize volunteers to provide prevention services. However, 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

Fauquier County Department of Social Services has a specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. These staff members provide public education and awareness activities on prevention to the general public and early prevention services to individual families.

### **Specific information about Fauquier 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)
  - Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities
  - Child Safe with the Police Department
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
  - 100% Local only funds
  - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
  - fund raising with local businesses
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  - Intake worker

- Staff devoted primarily to prevention (Family Stabilization staff, etc.)
- CPS investigative worker
- CPS family assessment worker
- CPS on-going services worker
- Foster care worker
- Adoption worker
- Volunteers used: None
- 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
  - Counseling by LDSS
  - Services provided to children to increase protective factors
  - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
  - Children's services within domestic violence prevention or treatment programs
  - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
  - Mentoring
  - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
  - LDSS funded child care
  - Translator services
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
  - CSA funds
  - Medicaid
  - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
  - 100% local only funds
  - Adoption Assistance
  - Fundraising by community business
- 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
- 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)
- Parent Support group providers
  - Parent support groups for at-risk families
  - School based support groups for any parent
  - School based support groups for at-risk parents
  - Mental health based support groups for any parent
  - Mental health based support groups for at-risk parents
  - Tough Love
  - Substance abuse
  - ARC
  - Autism
- 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 abuse 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
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Transportation
- Food banks
- Shelters
- Angel Ministries