

Agency Summary: Floyd County DSS

Region: Western

Class Size:

Director: Carl Ayers

Early Prevention Contact Person: Carl Ayers (carl.ayers@dss.virginia.gov)

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

Floyd County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Floyd 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

Floyd 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 and early prevention services to individual families.

Specific information about Floyd 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
 - Substance Abuse Community Forums
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
 - Grant funding
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Community block grants
 - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:

- CPS investigative worker
- Foster care worker
- Generic worker
- Volunteers used:
 - Community partners. Attend meetings, community forums, community events, handout materials, etc
- 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:
 - Information and referral
 - Transportation
 - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
 - LDSS funded child care
 - Domestic violence prevention programs
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - None
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - CPS investigative worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Generic worker
- Volunteers used: 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)
- Parent Support group providers
 - Parent support groups for at-risk families
 - Mental health based support groups for at-risk parents
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Private health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Churches
- Domestic violence prevention providers

- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Agencies on Aging
- Disability Rehab Services (DRS)