

## **Agency Summary: Franklin City DSS**

**Region:** Eastern

**Class Size:**

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

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

Franklin City 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 Franklin 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:
  - Provide information on services available to the general public
  - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
  - Attendance at Hugs and Kisses performances
  - Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities
  - Child Abuse Prevention Poker Run
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
  - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
  - United Way
  - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  - Intake worker
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care worker

- 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:
  - Case management/coordination
  - Information and referral
  - Transportation
  - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
  - LDSS funded child care
- 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)
  - United Way
  - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
  - Intake worker
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care worker
  - Generic worker
  - Benefit program worker (VIEW, TANF, etc.)
- Volunteers used: None

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

- Healthy Families Providers
- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Early Head Start (birth to 3 years old)
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Churches
- Mentoring program providers

