

## **Agency Summary: Frederick County DSS**

**Region:** Northern

**Class Size:**

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

Frederick County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. Frederick County 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

Frederick County Department of Social Services has a specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. These staff members provide early prevention services to individual families.

### **Specific information about Frederick 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**

- Early Prevention Services Provided to Individual Families:
  - Case management/coordination
  - Information and referral
  - Transportation
  - LDSS funded home repair
  - 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
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
  - Grant funding

- CSA funds
- Medicaid
- Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
- Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
- Community block grants
- Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
  - Intake worker
  - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care worker
  - Benefit program worker (VIEW, TANF, etc.)
- 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)
- Parent Support group providers
  - Parent support groups for at-risk families
  - School based support groups for the general public and at-risk parents
  - Mental health based support for the general public and at-risk parents
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
  - High-risk families
  - Families where abuse and neglect have occurred
  - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected
  - Foster families
  - Adoptive families
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Mentoring program providers
- Child Advocacy Centers