

## **Agency Summary: Hampton DSS**

**Region:** Eastern

**Class Size:**

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

Hampton Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public, high risk groups, and individual families. Hampton 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

Hampton 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 high risk groups, and early prevention services to individual families.

### **Specific information about Hampton 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
  - Parent support groups open to anyone in the community
  - Parent education groups open to anyone in the community
  - Parent training open to anyone in the community and focused on building skills of parents
  - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
  - Community collaboration with organizations re: issues related to prevention
  - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
  - Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
  - Grant funding
  - 100% Local only funds
  - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
  - Foundations and Local Businesses

- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  - Staff devoted primarily to prevention (Family Stabilization staff, etc.)
  - CPS investigative worker
  - Supervisory and managerial staff
- Volunteers used:
  - Education and training
  - Community engagement
- Material printed in Spanish: None

## **2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups**

- High Risk Groups Targeted:
  - Fathers
  - Low-income families
  - All children and families who receive the TANF grant
- Services Provided to High Risk Groups:
  - Information on available services distributed to targeted groups, not just to the public
  - Parent support groups for high-risk groups
  - Parent education for high risk groups (e.g., financial, health, child development, working with school systems, behavior management, family relationships.)
  - Parent training for high risk groups
  - Linkages to employment readiness
  - Housing assistance programs
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
  - CSA funds
  - TANF funds
- Staff the Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
  - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
  - Prevention social worker
  - VIEW case managers
  - PACT Coordinator
  - Contracted staff to facilitate groups
- Volunteers used for Early Prevention for High Risk Groups:
  - Case management
  - Service linking
  - Monitoring
  - Follow up

## **3. Early Prevention Services to Individual Families**

- Early Prevention Services Provided to Individual Families:
  - Case management/coordination
  - Information and referral

- LDSS funded respite care
- Transportation
- LDSS funded home repair
- Services provided to children to increase protective factors
- 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
- Domestic violence prevention programs
- Translator services
- 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)
  - 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
  - Adoption worker
  - Benefit program worker (VIEW, TANF, etc.)
  - CSA Coordinator
- Volunteers used:
  - Case management

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

- Healthy Families Providers
- Home visiting providers
- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Parent Support group providers
  - Parent support groups for the general public and at-risk families
  - School based support groups for the general public and at-risk parents
  - Mental health based support groups for the general public and at-risk parents
  - Fatherhood support group supported by Hampton CSA
  - Parent's of juvenile sex offender's support group
  - Support group/training for adoptive parents

- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
  - High-risk groups
  - Families where abuse and neglect have occurred
  - Families whose children have been removed
  - Foster families
  - Adoptive families
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Respite care providers
- Mentoring program providers
- Services through TANF/VIEW
- Wraparound services