

## **Agency Summary: Henry-Martinsville DSS**

**Region:** Piedmont

**Class Size:**

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

Henry-Martinsville Department of Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. Henry-Martinsville 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

Henry-Martinsville 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 Henry-Martinsville 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
    - Developmental screening for children
    - 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:
    - CSA funds

- Medicaid
- Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
- Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
- 100% local only funds
- 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
- Volunteers used: None

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

- Healthy Families Providers
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
  - General public
  - High-risk families
  - Families where child abuse and neglect has occurred
  - Families where children have been removed
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Schools
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers