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:
     o Case management/coordination
     o Information and referral
     o Transportation
     o Developmental screening for children
     o Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
     o Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
     o Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
     o LDSS funded child care
   • Funding for Services to Individual Families:
     o CSA funds
o Medicaid
o Safe and Stable Families (budget ling item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
o Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
o 100% local only funds
o Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
• Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
o Intake worker
o Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
o CPS investigative worker
o CPS family assessment worker
o 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:
    o General public
    o High-risk families
    o Families where child abuse and neglect has occurred
    o 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