

Agency Summary: Isle of Wight DSS

Region: Eastern

Class Size:

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

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

Isle of Wight 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, early prevention services to high risk groups and to individual families.

Specific information about Isle of Wight 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
 - Community collaboration with organizations re: issues related to prevention
 - Attendance at Hugs and Kisses performances
 - 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:
 - 100% Local only funds
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
 - Intake worker
 - Staff devoted primarily to prevention (Family Stabilization staff, etc.)
 - CPS investigative worker

- CPS family assessment worker
- CPS on-going services worker
- Foster care worker
- Adoption worker
- Volunteers used: None
- Material printed in Spanish: None

2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups

- High Risk Groups Targeted:
 - Parents with disabilities
 - Parents with children with disabilities
 - Parenting teens
 - Single parents
- Services Provided to High Risk Groups:
 - Parent education and child development materials to targeted groups
 - Information on available services distributed to targeted groups, not just to the public
 - Parent education for high risk groups (e.g., financial, health, child development, working with school systems, behavior management, family relationships.)
 - Public speaking for high risk groups
 - Financial assistance
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - 100% local funds
 - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
 - 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
- Volunteers used for Early Prevention for High Risk Groups: None

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
 - Counseling by LDSS

- 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
- Domestic violence prevention programs
- 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
 - Foster care worker
 - Adoption worker
- 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)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Parent support group providers
 - Parent support groups to the general public and high-risk families
 - Mental health based support groups for the general public and high-risk families
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
 - General public
 - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Respite care providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Mentoring program providers

- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Child Advocacy Centers