

## **Agency Summary: King George DSS**

**Region:** Northern

**Class Size:**

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

King George Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public, high risk groups, and individual families. King George does not utilize volunteers to provide prevention services. However, 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).

King George Department of Social Services does not have specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. Nevertheless, they provide public education and awareness activities on prevention to the general public, early prevention services to high risk groups and individual families.

### **Specific information about King George 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:
  - Parent education and/or child development information and/or information on services available to the general public
  - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
  - Information and/or materials to children to increase their safety
  - Community collaboration with organizations re: issues related to prevention
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
  - 100% Local only funds
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  - Intake worker
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Generic worker
- Volunteers used: None
- Material printed in Spanish: None

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

- High Risk Groups Targeted:
  - Fathers
  - Parents with disabilities
  - Parents with children with disabilities
  - Incarcerated parents
  - Low-income families
- 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
  - Public speaking for high risk groups
  - Financial assistance
  - Facilitate Men's Groups
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
  - 100% local funds
  - Donations
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Generic worker
  - Director
- 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
  - LDSS funded home repair
  - Services provided to children to increase protective factors
  - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
  - Children's services within domestic violence prevention or treatment programs
  - 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
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
  - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
  - 100% local only funds
  - Donations
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
  - Intake worker

- CPS on-going services worker
  - Director
- Volunteers used: None

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

- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Churches
- Domestic violence prevention providers