

Agency Summary: King William DSS

Region: Central

Class Size:

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

King William Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. King William 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

King William 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 individual families.

Specific information about King William 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
 - Parent support groups open to anyone in the community
 - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
 - Information and/or materials to children to increase their safety
 - Attendance at Hugs and Kisses performances
 - Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
 - 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
- Generic worker
- Volunteers used: None
- Material printed in Spanish: 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
 - Counseling by LDSS
 - Services provided to children to increase protective factors
 - Developmental screening for children
 - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
 - Children's services within domestic violence prevention or treatment programs
 - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
 - Domestic violence prevention programs
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Medicaid
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Adoption worker
 - Generic worker
- Volunteers used: None

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Healthy Families Providers
- Home visiting providers
- Early Head Start (birth to 3 years old)
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Parent Support group providers
- Intensive in-home service providers

- Public health providers
- Private health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Stop Child Abuse Now