

Agency Summary: Lunenburg County DSS

Region: Central

Class Size:

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

Lunenburg County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. Lunenburg County 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

Lunenburg County Department of Social Services does not have specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. Nevertheless, they provide early prevention services to individual families.

Specific information about Lunenburg County 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
 - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
 - Translator services
- 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:
 - Generic worker
- Volunteers used: None

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Healthy Families Providers
- Early Head Start (birth to 3 years old)
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Respite care providers
- Schools
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Advocacy Centers