

## Agency Summary: Manassas Park DSS

**Region:** Northern

**Class Size:**

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

Manassas Park Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public. Manassas Park utilizes volunteers to provide some of its prevention services. They also use Family Partnership meetings (FPMs) in early prevention. 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

Manassas Park 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.

### **Specific information about Manassas Park 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
  - Information and/or materials to children to increase their safety
  - Community collaboration with organizations re: issues related to prevention
  - 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 block grants
  - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  - CPS investigative worker
  - Foster care worker
  - CSA

- Adult Services Child Care Worker
- Volunteers used: None
- Material printed in Spanish: Yes

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

None

**3. Early Prevention Services to Individual Families**

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 health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Schools
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Sexual Assault Centers