

Agency Summary: New Kent DSS

Region: Central

Class Size:

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

New Kent Department of Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. New Kent utilizes volunteers to provide some of its prevention services. 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

New Kent 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 New Kent 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
 - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
 - Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Medicaid
 - 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
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Respite care providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Stop Child Abuse Now