

Agency Summary: Radford City DSS

Region: Western

Class Size:

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

Radford City Department of Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. Radford City 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).

Radford City 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 Radford City 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
 - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
 - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - Adoption Assistance
 - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:

- CPS investigative worker
 - Foster care worker
 - Adoption worker
- Volunteers used: None

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Parent Support group providers
 - Parent support groups for the general public and at-risk families
 - Mental health based support groups for at-risk families
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups
 - High-risk families
 - Families where abuse and neglect has occurred
 - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Respite care providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Child Advocacy Centers