Agency Summary: Rockbridge/Buena Vista/Lexington Area SS

Region: Piedmont

Class Size:

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

Rockbridge/Buena Vista/Lexington Area Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. Rockbridge/Buena Vista/Lexington Area does not utilize volunteers to provide prevention services. However, 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.

Rockbridge/Buena Vista/Lexington Area Social Services does not have specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. Nevertheless, they provide early prevention services to individual families.

Specific information about Rockbridge/Buena Vista/Lexington Area 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:
     o Information and referral
     o Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
     o Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
     o Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
     o LDSS funded child care
   • Funding for Services to Individual Families:
     o Medicaid
     o Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
   • Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
     o Intake worker
• CPS investigative worker
  • CPS family assessment worker
  • CPS on-going services 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)
  ▪ Intensive in-home service providers
  ▪ Public health providers
  ▪ Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
  ▪ Private mental health providers