Agency Summary: Williamsburg HS

Region: Eastern

Class Size:

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

Williamsburg Human Services provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Williamsburg 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.

Williamsburg Human Services has a specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. These staff members provide public education and awareness activities on prevention to the general public and early prevention services to individual families.

Specific information about Williamsburg Human 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
     - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
     - Information and/or materials to children to increase their safety
     - Community collaboration with organizations re: issues related to prevention
     - Attendance at Hugs and Kisses performances
     - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
   - Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
     - 100% Local only funds
   - Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
     - Intake worker
     - CPS investigative worker
     - CPS family assessment worker
     - CPS on-going services worker
• Foster care worker
• Adoption worker
• Generic worker
• Social Work Supervisor
• Director

• Volunteers used: None
• Material printed in Spanish: 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 Case management/coordination
     o Information and referral
     o Transportation
     o Counseling by LDSS
     o Services provided to children to increase protective factors
     o Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
     o Children’s services within domestic violence prevention or treatment programs
     o Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
     o Mentoring
     o Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
     o Domestic violence prevention programs
     o Translator services

   • Funding for Services to Individual Families:
     o CSA funds
     o Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
     o Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
     o 100% local only funds
     o Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)

   • Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
     o Intake worker
     o Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
     o CPS investigative worker
     o CPS family assessment worker
     o CPS on-going services worker
     o Foster care worker
     o Adoption worker
     o Generic worker

   • Volunteers used: None
4. **Community based resources to which the agency refers**
   - Part C Early Childhood Intervention
   - Early Head Start (birth to 3 years old)
   - Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
   - Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
   - Parent Support group providers
   - Workshops and trainings provided by community groups
   - Intensive in-home service providers
   - Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
   - Private mental health providers
   - Schools
   - Churches
   - Mentoring program providers
   - Sexual Assault Centers
   - Child Advocacy Centers