

Agency Summary: Wise County DSS

Region: Western

Class Size:

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

Wise County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. Wise County 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).

Wise County 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 Wise County 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
 - 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)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - Intake worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
- Volunteers used: 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)
- Parent Support group providers
 - Mental health based support groups for any parent
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
 - Foster families
 - Adoptive families
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Respite care providers
- Mentoring program providers
- Child Advocacy Centers