

## **Agency Summary: Alexandria Division of Human Services**

**Region:** Northern

**Class Size:**

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

Alexandria Division of Human Services provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Alexandria utilizes volunteers to provide some of its prevention services. They also 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). 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

Alexandria Division of Human Services has specific staff devoted primarily to early prevention for public education and awareness to the general public. They also provide early prevention family support services.

### **Specific information about Alexandria Division of 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
  - Parent support groups parents open to anyone in the community
  - Parent education groups open to anyone in the community
  - Public speaking (at community events or to groups within the community)
  - Community collaboration with organizations re: issues related to prevention
  - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
  - Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
  - Grant funding
  - 100% Local only funds
  - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  - Intake worker

- Staff devoted primarily to prevention (e.g. Family Stabilization staff)
- CPS family assessment worker
- CPS on-going services worker
- Foster care worker
- Adoption worker
- Volunteers used:
  - Volunteer coordinator
  - Volunteers sought through CAC
- Material printed in Spanish: Yes

## **2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups**

None

## **3. Early Prevention Services to Individual Families**

- Early Prevention Services Provided to Individual Families:
  - Information and referral
  - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
  - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
  - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
  - LDSS funded child care
  - Domestic violence prevention programs
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
  - CSA funds
  - Medicaid
  - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
  - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
  - Intake worker
  - CPS intake worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
- Volunteers used:
  - None

## **4. Community based resources to which the agency refers**

- Healthy Families Providers
- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- 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

- Stop Child Abuse now (SCAN)
  - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
  - General public
  - High-risk families
  - Families where abuse and neglect has occurred
  - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected
  - Foster families
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Private health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Respite care providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN)