

## **Agency Summary: Alleghany-Covington DSS**

**Region:** Piedmont

**Class Size:**

**Director:** Rebecca Lane

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

Alleghany-Covington Department of Social Services provides a system of services to individual families. Alleghany-Covington DSS County 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

Alleghany-Covington 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 Alleghany-Covington 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
  - LDSS funded respite care
  - Transportation
  - Counseling provided by LDSS
  - Provide services to children to increase protective factors
  - Finding relatives and other individuals to enhance parent support
  - Advocacy on behalf of the family within the community to secure services and support
  - Mentoring
  - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
  - CSA funds
  - Medicaid

- 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:
  - Intake worker
  - CPS investigative worker
  - CPS family assessment worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care worker
  - Adoption worker
  - Benefit program worker (VIEW, TANF, etc.)
- Volunteers used: None

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

- Home visiting providers
- 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)
- Intensive in-home service providers
- Public health providers
- Private health providers
- Public mental health providers (e.g., community service boards)
- Private mental health providers
- Schools
- Churches
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Advocacy Centers