

Agency Summary: Chesapeake DSS

Region: Eastern

Class Size:

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

Chesapeake Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public, high risk groups, and individual families. Chesapeake utilizes volunteers to provide some of its prevention services. They also use Family Partnership meetings (FPMs) in early prevention. 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

Chesapeake Department of Social Services has specific staff devoted primarily to prevention for high-risk groups and individual families. They also provide public education and awareness activities on prevention to the general public.

Specific information about Chesapeake 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)

- Public Education and Awareness Services Provided:
 - Public service announcements
 - Parent education and/or child development information and/or information on services available to the general public
 - Parent education groups open to anyone in the community
 - Parent training open to anyone in the community and focused on building skills of parents
 - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
 - Attendance at Hugs and Kisses performances
 - Training to community based organizations/providers, (e.g. Boy Scouts, child care providers, school personnel)
 - Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities
 - Presentations and community centers and churches
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
 - Community resources (e.g. churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
 - Preservation and PIP funds
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:

- Intake worker
- CPs investigative worker
- Foster care and adoption supervisor
- Volunteers used: None
- Material printed in Spanish: Yes

2. Early Prevention Services to High Risk Groups

- High Risk Groups Targeted:
 - Fathers
- Services Provided to High Risk Groups:
 - Parent education and child development materials to targeted groups
 - Information on available services distributed to targeted groups, not just to the public
 - Parent support groups for high-risk groups
 - Parent education for high risk groups (e.g., financial, health, child development, working with school systems, behavior management, family relationships.)
 - Parent training for high risk groups
 - Public speaking for high risk groups
 - Financial assistance
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
 - 100% local funds
 - Foundations and corporations
- Staff the Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
 - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
- Volunteers used for Early Prevention for High Risk Groups: None

3. Early Prevention Services to Individual Families

- Early Prevention Services Provided to Individual Families:
 - Case management/coordination
 - Information and referral
 - Transportation
 - Services provided 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
 - Financial assistance to individual families used for prevention
 - LDSS funded child care
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
 - CSA funds
 - Medicaid
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget ling item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)

- Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
 - Foundations and corporations
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
 - Intake worker
 - Family stabilization or other staff devoted primarily to prevention
 - CPS investigative worker
 - CPS family assessment worker
 - CPS on-going services worker
- Volunteers used:
 - Seek community resources
 - Complete applications and referrals
 - Complete funding request
 - Complete needs assessments

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Healthy Families Providers
- Home visiting providers
- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Early Head Start (birth to 3 years old)
- Parent Support group providers
 - Provided to general public and high-risk families
 - Mental health based groups provided to general public and high-risk parents
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
 - General public
 - Foster families
 - Adoptive 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
- Mentoring program providers
- Domestic violence prevention providers
- Sexual Assault Centers
- Child Advocacy Centers