

## **Agency Summary: Chesterfield/Colonial Heights DSS**

**Region:** Central

**Class Size:**

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

Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public, high risk groups, and individual families. Chesterfield/Colonial Heights 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). 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

Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Department of Social Services does not have specific staff devoted primarily to prevention. Nevertheless, they provide public education and awareness activities on prevention to the general public, early prevention services to high risk groups, and early prevention services to individual families.

### **Specific information about Chesterfield/Colonial Heights 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:
  - 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
  - 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)
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
  - Grant funding
  - VIEW program funding from the state
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
  - Intake worker

- CPs investigative worker
- CPS on-going services worker
- Foster care worker
- VIEW Senior Social Worker
- Child Care Staff
- Volunteers used: None
- Material printed in Spanish: Yes

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

- High Risk Groups Targeted:
  - Low-income families
- Services Provided to High Risk Groups:
  - Financial assistance
- Funding for Services to High Risk Groups:
  - VDSS budget lines
- Staff the Provide Early Prevention to High Risk Groups:
  - Child Care Staff
- 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
  - 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
  - Translator services
  - Family Engagement Meetings
- Funding for Services to Individual Families:
  - CSA funds
  - Budget line item 829-Family Preservation (SSGB)
  - 100% local only funds
  - Adoption Assistance
  - Community resources (e.g., churches, Salvation Army, etc.)
- Staff that Provide Early Prevention Services to Individual Families:
  - Intake worker
  - CPS on-going services worker
  - Foster care worker
  - Adoption worker
  - Child Care Social Worker

- Volunteers used: None

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

- Healthy Families Providers
- Part C Early Childhood Intervention
- Head Start (3 to 5 years old)
- Parent Support group providers
  - Mental health based support groups for the general public and high-risk families
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups
  - High-risk families
  - Families where abuse and neglect has occurred
  - Families where domestic violence is present or suspected
  - 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
- Child Advocacy Centers
- Stop Child Abuse Now
- Mental Health Support providers