

Agency Summary: Northumberland County DSS

Region: Central

Class Size:

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

Northumberland County Department of Social Services provides a system of services to the general public and individual families. Northumberland 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). 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

Northumberland County 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 and early prevention services to individual families.

Specific information about Northumberland 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
 - Public speaking at community events or to groups within the community
 - Information and/or materials to children to increase their safety
 - 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
- Funding Sources for Early Prevention Public Education and Awareness:
 - 100% Local only funds
 - Safe and Stable Families (budget line item 866/Title IVB Subpart 2)
- Staff that provide Early Prevention Public Awareness Activities:
 - Generic worker
 - Foster Parent Coordinator

- Volunteers used: None
- Material printed in Spanish: 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
 - Information and referral
 - LDSS funded home repair
 - Developmental screening for children
 - 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 line item 866/title IVB Subpart 2)
 - 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:
 - Generic worker
- Volunteers used: None

4. Community based resources to which the agency refers

- Healthy Families Providers
- Virginia Cooperative Extension Programs (including 4-H)
- Workshops and trainings provided by community groups to specific targeted groups, including:
 - General public
 - High-risk groups
 - Families where abuse and neglect have occurred
 - 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
- Mentoring program providers