Prevention Services Continuum

**Prevention - PRIOR to a valid CPS referral**

Helping children thrive, reducing the risk of abuse or neglect in the community, and supporting families so that all children can remain safely at home.

**Prevention - AFTER receipt of a current, valid CPS referral**

Reducing the risk of abuse or neglect in at-risk groups or families and increasing family stability.

Reducing the risk of future harm in families or alternative families utilized to prevent foster care and increasing family stability.

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**Primary Prevention** - universal/public education and awareness

- Distributing information about the needs of children and families and healthy child development
- Public service announcements
- Child abuse and neglect prevention month activities

**Secondary Prevention** - programs targeted at families in need to alleviate identified problems and prevent escalation

- Parent education and parent support groups
- Home visiting services
- Activities for children considered to be most vulnerable to the risk of abuse or neglect

**Tertiary Prevention** - direct interventions to children and families experiencing maltreatment

- Intensive in-home services
- Child and family therapy
- Mental health services
- Substance abuse services
- Parent education and training