Prevention and Early Intervention
Texas Family Code Sec. 265.002.
PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES DIVISION.

"Prevention and early intervention services" means:

programs intended to provide early intervention or prevent at-risk behaviors that lead to child abuse, delinquency, running away, truancy, and dropping out of school.
The division shall be called the prevention and early intervention services division and shall have the following duties:

(1) to plan, develop, and administer a comprehensive and unified delivery system of prevention and early intervention services to children and their families in at-risk situations;

(2) to improve the responsiveness of services for at-risk children and their families by facilitating greater coordination and flexibility in the use of funds by state and local service providers;

(3) to provide greater accountability for prevention and early intervention services in order to demonstrate the impact or public benefit of a program by adopting outcome measures; and

(4) to assist local communities in the coordination and development of prevention and early intervention services in order to maximize federal, state, and local resources.
Texas Family Code Sec. 265.004.
USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK FAMILIES.

(a) To the extent that money is appropriated for the purpose, the department shall fund evidence-based programs offered by community-based organizations that are designed to prevent or ameliorate child abuse and neglect. ...

(b) The department shall place priority on programs that target children whose race or ethnicity is disproportionally represented in the child protective services system.

(c) The department shall periodically evaluate the evidence-based abuse and neglect prevention programs to determine the continued effectiveness of the programs.
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention services focus on strengthening the following *six protective factors* in a family:

1. Nurturing and Attachment
2. Knowledge of Child Development
3. Parental Resilience
4. Social Connections
5. Concrete Supports
6. Social and Emotional Competence of the Child

For more information on the validated Protective Factors Survey, see: [http://friendsnrc.org/protective-factors-survey](http://friendsnrc.org/protective-factors-survey)
PEI’s Targeted Populations

Primary | Secondary | Tertiary
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Population-based or Universal Strategies | Risk Factors are Present | Abuse or Neglect has already occurred
PEI’s Community Outreach:
www.HelpandHope.org

Watch Video
PEI’s Community Outreach: Parenting Calendar

Fun Around Town!
2014 Parenting Tips Calendar

Endorsed by: Texas Pediatric Society, the Texas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.
PEI Programs, FY 2015

- STAR
  Family Crisis Counseling, Respite Care, and Universal Prevention

- Community Based Family Services
  Parent Education, Support and Home Visiting for Families Investigated by CPS

- Parent Education and Respite
  Parent Education and Support

- Statewide Youth Services Network
  Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Programs

- HOPES
  Community Block Grants for Collaborative Services for Families with Children Under Six

- HEAL
  Parent Education, Support and Home Visiting

- Texas Families Together and Safe
  Parent Education, Support and Home Visiting

- Community Youth Development
  Youth Leadership Activities in 15 Targeted Zip Codes

- HIP
  Home Visiting for Targeted Families

- Fatherhood Effects
  Father Education and Support
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PEI's Programs: Funding by Area, FY 2014-2015

- Services to At-Risk Youth (STAR): 48%
- Community Youth Development (CYD): 15%
- Health Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support (HOPES): 20%
- Helping through Intervention and Prevention (HIP): 1%
- Statewide Youth Services Network (SYSN): 4%
- Community-Based Family Services (CBFS): 2%
- Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Fatherhood Effects: 1%
- Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Parent E: 1%
- Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) HEAL: 2%
- Texas Families: Together and Safe (TFTS): 6%
• DFPS currently measures programmatic effectiveness using:
  1. A validated pre and post services survey of these protective factors; and
  2. Entry into the child welfare and the juvenile justice system (if applicable).

• DFPS is currently exploring further measures of program effectiveness through a contract with the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work (UT).

• UT will evaluate the effectiveness of HOPES as well as make recommendations for future programmatic evaluation and data collection based on historical PEI data and a national review of other prevention programming effectiveness measures.
1. As of September 1st, PEI reports directly to the Commissioner as recommended by the Sunset Commission.

2. As directed by Sunset, PEI is beginning the process to develop a five-year strategic plan for preventing child abuse and neglect. Among other topics, this process will focus on:

   a. Effective, Evidence-Based Services;
   b. Data Collection, Research and Evaluation;
   c. Coordination with other State Agency Prevention, Community Efforts and Private Funders; and
   d. Prioritizing:
      • Public Awareness and Injury Prevention;
      • Early Childhood and Well-being Promotion; and
      • Strengthening At-Risk Families and Youth.
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