



# McDowell County FACES Newsletter

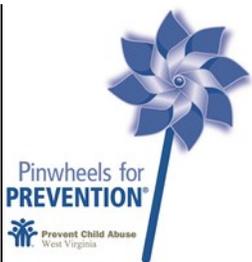
## The FACES of HOPE

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### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



Across the country, April is recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. State and local agencies and concerned citizens all work toward the common purpose of preventing child abuse and deliver a powerful, collective message about the importance of protecting children, supporting families and strengthening communities.

The theme for our Child Abuse Prevention Month activities is “**It’s Your Turn to Make a Difference**”. The campaign asks adults to remember a special teacher, mentor, family member or coach who made a positive difference in their lives – and encourages them to pay it forward by supporting children and youth in their community.

It is a theme that encourages good citizenship as a means to keep children free from abuse and neglect.

The “**It’s Your Turn**” campaign also incorporates Prevent Child Abuse America’s symbol for prevention – the pinwheel, and the Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign.

Please check out our CAP Month Fact Sheets for helpful tips and suggestions that you can share to support optimal child development and help EVERY child in West Virginia grow up free from abuse and neglect.

There are activities you can do EVERY day to help build protective factors that prevent child abuse and neglect. For some helpful ideas check out this daily Activity Calendar with "30 Ways to Promote Child Well-Being During National Child Abuse Prevention Month" from the Preventing Child Maltreatment and Promoting Well-Being: Network for Action 2012 Re-

source Guide (PDF).

You can also show your support by emailing us a picture of you holding a Pinwheel for Prevention and we will add it to our Pinwheels for Prevention Gallery!



Partners in Prevention is a unique model of communities working together to strengthen families and help West Virginia’s children grow up free from abuse and neglect.

This model is based on the belief that child well-being hinges on the capacity of local communities to support families and protect children. This approach is built on a framework of collaboration between and among community groups, state and local organizations and local teams.

Community teams across the state participate in this program of educated workshops, networking and mini-grants. The goals of the teams are: raising awareness about the prevention of child abuse and neglect; developing and expanding effective services that prevent or reduce child maltreatment; informing policy-makers about best practices in the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

The Partners in Prevention Community Grants are supported by The West Virginia Children’s Trust Fund, the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and the WV Department of Health and Human Resources.

**Your local source for all information is Stop The Hurt at 304-436-1600.**

# McDowell County Upcoming Events

## Prom Dress Giveaway

4/5/14  
River View High  
12:00—4:00

Gently Used  
(Some New)

Call: 304-967-

## Taking Charge of Your Health and Safety Program

11-12 at the  
McDowell Commission  
on Aging

## DEA Prescription Drug

Take Back Day

April 26, 2014

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Bring your unused prescriptions  
and have them disposed of  
properly. Coordinated through  
Sheriff's Office, McDowell County  
FACES, Governor's Task  
Force, and Prevention Without  
Borders

## Business After Hours

4/10/14

5:00 p.m.

Solid Waste Authority

## Preregistration Dates

Head Start/  
Pre-K/ Kindergarten

4/8—Jaeger  
4/9—Bradshaw  
4/16—Welch

## Not-On-Tobacco Training

on 4/17/14

at Community Connections

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

## Dining With Diabetes Class

April 1, 8, 15, 22  
from 4-7 pm at the

Council of the Southern  
Mountains Fitness Center

Call: 304-436-9006

## 3 Day Canning Workshop

May 14, 15, 16

from 2-5pm

at the Bradshaw Town Hall  
Call: 304-436-9006

## Coalfield Community Kids Day

Ribbon Cutting for Atwell Park

May 3, 2014 1:00—4:00 p.m.

Atwell Playground

Call: Annetta Tiller at 304-875-  
3418 or Jerry Baker at 304-967-  
5184.

## E-Commerce Training SWVCTC

May 13, 2014

4:00—7:00 p.m.

WorkForce Conference

Call: 304-436-3833

## Parent Advisory Council

April 3, 2014

10:30-1:30

Phoenix Center

Call: Amanda Fragile 436-8441

## Professional Administrative Day Luncheon

April 23 @ 12pm

At McDowell Armory

Call: 304-436-3833

## McDowell County Fair

May 27-May 31

## Marketing on a Shoestring

April 30 1:00 – 3:00

WorkForce

Call: 304-436-3833

## Drug Free Alternative Day

May 3, 2014 at Mount View High School



**June 17 & 18, 2014**  
**Charleston Civic Center**

Who should attend:

- School Nurses
- School Based Health Center Staff
- Teachers
- School Counselors
- School Administrators
- Pupil Services Personnel

- Public Health Specialists Working with Youth
- Speech-Language Pathologists Working In Schools
- Speech-Language Pathology Assistants Working in Schools
- Dental Hygienist Working in Schools
- Mental Health Working in Schools
- Community Schools

EDUCATION  
 SERVICE DELIVERY  
 SCHOOL CLIMATE  
 IMMUNIZATIONS

**CEU'S Available**

For more information, contact:

<http://wvde.state.wv.us/healthyschools/>

## TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY



Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit educational program in the United States and revolves around parents taking their children to work for one day. It is the successor to Take Our Daughters To Work Day, which was expanded to include boys in 2003. It occurs on the fourth Thursday of April every year.

The Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work Day, aimed at children between the ages of 8 and 18, has inspired a future generation of more than 37 million youth and adults participating at over 3.5 million workplaces each year by helping bring children into the workplace in order to explore the many life choices they have. Teachers, students, workplace coordinators, mentors and parents can utilize resources and activity guides, which can be found on the founda-

tion's website, to prepare and organize participation for those who wish to be involved in the program when it's celebrated on the 4th Thursday of April. In addition, there are other resources on the website which can be utilized from around the world and throughout the year for those who are not in an area where participation is advocated. Questions regarding the history and purpose of the program can also be found on the frequently asked questions portion of the foundation's website.

Is there room in our offices to participate in this? It would give our children appreciation for what we do and what careers are available in our county.



# National Poetry Month

**National Poetry Month** was inspired by the success of Black History Month, held each February, and Women's History Month, held in March. In 1995, the Academy of American Poets convened a group of publishers, booksellers, librarians, literary organizations, poets, and teachers to discuss the need and usefulness of a similar month long holiday to celebrate poetry. The first National Poetry Month was held in 1996.

In 1998, the Academy joined the American Poetry & Literacy Project to distribute 100,000 free books of poetry from New York to California during National Poetry Month. On April 22, President Clinton and the First Lady hosted a gala at the White House that featured Poets Laureate Robert Pinsky, Robert Hass, and Rita Dove.

For National Poetry Month in 2001, the Academy invited people to "vote" for poets they most wanted to have a postage stamp. More than 10,000 people cast ballots, with Langston Hughes receiving the most votes. The vote tally was sent to the United States Postal Service, which issued a Langston Hughes stamp in January 2002.

On April 5, 2005 the Empire State Building was illuminated with blue lights to mark the 10th anniversary of National Poetry Month.

Each year, a special poster is commissioned by the Academy of American Poets for National Poetry Month, with almost 200,000 copies distributed for free. In the past,

posters have been designed by noted graphic designers such as Chip Kidd and Milton Glaser. The 2007 poster was designed by Christoph Niemann.

This year, Jacqueline Woodson, Walter Dean Myers, Kathi Appelt, and April Halprin Wayland are some of the writers that will participate in 30 Poets/30 Days, a celebration of children's poetry during the month of National Poetry Month. Every day of April, author Gregory K. Pincus's GottaBook Blog and Twitter site will feature an unpublished poem by different poets. This feature is free and open 24/7. Pincus said that 30 Poets/30 Days was very successful last year. Many people read the poetry and schools incorporated this even into their lesson plans.

Numerous books and poetry compilations have been published acknowledging National Poetry Month, such as The Knopf National Poetry Month Collection by Random House and Celebrating National Poetry Month by children's book author and poet Bruce Larkin.

Like Black History Month, the celebration of poetry each April has grown and established itself organically, in both official and unofficial ways. Each year, publishers, booksellers, educators and literary organizations use April to promote poetry: publishers often release and publicize their poetry titles in April, teachers and librarians focus on poetry units during the month; and bookstores and reading series frequently hold special readings. Na-

tional Poetry Writing Month encourages writing a poem a day in celebration.

## Do You Know Where This Is From?

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them. If they say, "Come along with us; let's lie in wait for innocent blood, let's ambush some harmless soul; let's swallow them alive, like the grave, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; we will get all sorts of valuable things and fill our houses with plunder; cast lots with us; we will all share the loot"—

My son, do not go along with them, do not set foot on their paths; for their feet rush into evil, they are swift to shed blood.

How useless to spread a net where every bird can see it! These men lie in wait for their own blood; they ambush only themselves!

Such are the paths of all who go after ill-gotten gain; it takes away the life of those who get it.

Did you guess where it is from?

## 2nd Healthy Happy Lifestyle Challenge



We have four teams: Ladies Only; Fab 5; United Methodist Community Bible Study; and Victory in the Making. As these teams continue working toward their goals, we ask that everyone support them, provide information and encouragement.

## Kathie's Corner: Perception vs Reality

This past weekend, I went with my son and his two daughters to practice T-Ball and Softball with them. As we entered the Southside football field, we noticed several men playing football, fathers practicing baseball with their children, high school students practicing baseball, and children riding bikes. All total about 25 individuals enjoying the day.

After we were finished at that site, we decided to go on down to the community playground to let the kids play while my son shot some basketball.

We noticed that there were people of all ages at the location, using every piece of equipment, riding mini bikes, shooting basketball, and sitting at the tables talking. All together about 50 people during the time we were there came and went at that park.

Not once at either location did I hear bad language, fighting, selfishness, drug deals, etc.

The reason I share this with you is that throughout our county when we have forums, we always hear everyone is on drugs, violence is up, we can't be safe anymore, kids are more violent, and our kids will just tear up everything they put in the park.

But in a community of around 1,000, there were approximately 75 people from ages three to 60 and we saw a totally different picture.

What we sometimes perceive as truth and what is truth is many times different. The individuals were very polite when I spoke to them or when coming into contact with each other. I heard one child thank another one for something she gave her. I heard a child ask about the health of another one that

had been burned in a house fire. I heard people laughing, talking, and having fun.

So when we lump everyone into a "title" they may not fit. Let's show our children our example, get out into the parks with them, speak respectfully and kindly to each other, and see how their perceptions change. In fact, the majority of our people are not on drugs, not using bad language, not fighting, are not selfish, and do not deal drugs.

I know the park has had vandalism and not everyone uses the trash containers but if people that do not do this use it more often and correct those that do so, we can change that.

Remember the song "be careful little ears what you hear"? If we are positive, they will be and if we are negative, they will be also.

## McDowell County Health Rankings

As in the past, McDowell comes in at 55 in WV for the Robert Wood Johnson County Health Rankings and Roadmaps 2014, just revealed this month. Closely in front of us is Wyoming at 54 and Mercer at 50. Items that were addressed was Length of Life; Quality of Life; Health Factors; Health Behaviors; Clinical Care; Social and Economic Factors; and Physical Environment. The only one we scored well in was physical environment which includes air pollution (particulate matter), drinking water violations, and severe housing problems. For a complete report, you can go to <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/app/west-virginia/2014/county/snapshots/047> and look up all the details of each category that was ranked. The value in these reports is to identify where resources and energy needs to go.