



McDowell County FACES Newsletter

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Child Abuse Prevention Month: Why Prevent?



1) Child abuse can be fatal. Each year, an average of three children a day are fatal victims of maltreatment. The vast majority of these children are under the age of one. In

Indiana in 2003, there were 51 children who died as a result of child abuse and neglect. For more details of the deaths in Indiana, [click here](#).

2) Child abuse stymies a child's normal growth and development. The emotional and physical damage children suffer from abuse and neglect is extensive. Documented consequences of abuse include chronic health problems, cognitive and language disorders, and socio-emotional problems, such as low self-esteem, lack of trust, and poor relationships with adults and peers.

3) Child abuse is costly for many social institutions. Remediation of the immediate consequences of serious physical abuse alone costs child welfare agencies, hospitals, and rehabilitation facilities millions of dollars annually. For a detailed report on the costs of child abuse, [click here](#).

4) Child abuse costs continue to multiply over time. For example, children killed as a result of abuse

or neglect never have the opportunity to contribute to society. In the past five years these deaths cost more than \$3 billion in lost future productivity.

5) Child abuse victims often repeat the violent acts that they experienced on their own children. Although some victims can overcome the scars of their abuse, child abuse victims are six times more likely to become abusive parents than non-abused children are.

6) Treatment services, while critical, are often ineffective in permanently altering parental behaviors. Program evaluations have found that even sophisticated clinical demonstration projects, often consisting of weekly contact for twelve to eighteen months, only eliminate the future likelihood for physical abuse or neglect for less than half their clients.

7) Prevention programs targeted at parents before they become abusive or neglectful reduce the likelihood for future maltreatment. Home visitor programs for new parents have consistently demonstrated the most positive outcomes. Specific gains include improved mother-infant bonding, enhanced parenting skills, and more consistent use of health care services. Recipients of these services also have demonstrated a reduced rate of child abuse when compared to comparable groups of parents not receiving services.

8) Prevention programs targeted at children can improve a child's awareness of how best to avoid child abuse and other unsafe practices. Repeated reviews of numerous evaluations of these programs indicate that such efforts can result in increased knowledge for children about safety rules and what they should do if they are being abused. Further, the programs create an environment in which children can more easily disclose prior or ongoing maltreatment.

9) Child abuse prevention efforts serve as a way to combat other social problems of concern to the public and to policy makers. Research has found a strong correlation between a history of abuse and a variety of adult problem behaviors, including substance abuse, juvenile and adult crime, and poor social adjustment. The consistent expansion of prevention services may well lead to the eventual reduction of these problems.

10) Child abuse prevention creates a more compassionate society, one which places a high value on the welfare of children. Insuring the safe and secure rearing of the next generation requires the efforts of all policy makers and all citizens. To the extent all are involved in the battle to prevent child abuse, all are made more aware of the need to nurture human potential in all that we do.

TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTIONS

On April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Goodson's Parking Lot, the McDowell County Sheriff's Office, the HOPE Coalition, River View SADD Chapter, and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 11th opportunity in six years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to **Goodson's Parking Lot Welch**. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, Americans turned in 350 tons (over 702,000 pounds)

of prescription drugs at more than 5,000 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,800 of its state and local law enforcement partners. When those results are combined with what was collected in its 10 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 5.5 million pounds—more than 2,750 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority

of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 30 Take Back Day event, go to the [DEA Diversion website](#) or Ginger Day at 304-436-5255.



Child Abuse Prevention Balloon Release

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Stop the Hurt, Inc., Children's Advocacy Center Presents:

Remembrance Balloon Release

April 8, 2016

12:00 Noon

Welch Court House Lawn

90 Wyoming St. Welch WV 24801



Please wear **BLUE** and join us for a day of acknowledgment and recognition for the victims of child abuse and neglect and their families. The event will begin at noon. Food, drinks and cupcakes will be provided, Guest Speaker's, sing along with "It's a small world day care", and we will release the balloons at the conclusion, remembering all who have been affected by child abuse. For more information contact Fran at 304-436-1600 or email at www.stopthehurtwv.org

"it shouldn't hurt to be a child"

National Kite Month

What is National Kite Month?

Every year in April Kite enthusiasts across North America celebrate the history and the future of the world's favorite pastime by letting their kites fly. It is a month to celebrate the joy and happiness that comes from letting out the line, letting your kite catch the wind, and letting that kite soar high into the sky.

Why April?

April was chosen as National Kite Month because it was the month that perfectly symbolized hope, potential, and joy. As the first month in Spring, it is when most kite fliers are starting to bring their kites out of the closet and prepare for a summer on the beach. It is the month that while we spring clean and dust off the cobwebs, we



can look fondly back on the memories of the year before while looking towards a bright future. April is also the month that we see the last of the snow giving way to green lawns, a month that we are eager to get outside and be active. So why not do it with a kite

this year?

Who Runs National Kite Month?

NKM is jointly organized by the American Kitefliers Association (AKA) and the Kite Trade Association International (KTAI). Volunteers from both organizations work together to help promote kite flying throughout the year and during NKM

What Can I do?

Go fly a kite. Seriously, GO FLY A KITE! That is the best part about celebrating National Kite Month, it is really easy to celebrate! A few other suggestions can be found throughout this page, but the more you fly a kite the more you are celebrating! So fly a kite, fly a kite often, and get those around you to fly kites with you!

Annual Drug/Violence Free Awareness Week: May 2-7, 2016

Drug/Violence Free Day = May 7 @ MVHS starting at 10:30 a.m.

Presenting this year is Morris Morrison.

Why is there so much energy and buzz with Morrison Global Brands? It's simple, top organizations in the world such as Microsoft and The National Basketball Association, and many top colleges & universities - have experienced the story of a global brand that sounds like a script that was written in Hollywood!

After being born in New York City, Morris Morrison was orphaned by the death of his birth parents. As a teen, he found himself on his own once again after the loss of his adoptive parents. After finding a way to transition through the adversity that he faced early in life, Morris Morrison learned a secret: the secret advantage that you develop after experiencing tough challenges - Motivation! Morris used this motivation to shape his mindset towards personal and professional development. After he received his Bachelors and Master's Degrees from Fairmont State University and West Virginia University, Morris Morrison continued his learning and development as he successfully navigated the ranks of some of the world's top corporations such as Equitable Resources, BB&T Bank, and Pfizer Inc. - in professional roles spanning from HR and Talent Management to Sales and Business Development.

Safe and Drug Free Schools: How We Help!

Character Education

A comprehensive approach to develop and integrate character development into all aspects of school culture, school function and existing curriculum.

- Recognizes the six positive character traits: respect, responsibility, caring, citizenship, justice and fairness, and trustworthiness
- Requires partnerships between the schools, students, parents, business, civic, and faith communities

Discovery Education

Discovery Health Connection is a convenient subscription-based online resource that gives educators access to curriculum programs, teacher's guides, worksheets, videos, literacy lessons, and extension activities addressing critical health and prevention issues.

Respect & Protect

The R&P program expresses the democratic principal that every child, and adult, has the right to feel respected and protected in school. R&P is the unique result of blending the principles of intervention and its insight into the dynamics of violence:

- To ensure the safety and well-being of both students and educators
- To reduce the severity and frequency of and eventually to eliminate all incidents of violence from the school setting
- To eliminate the two pervasive attitudes that directly spawn and support violence in schools: entitlement and tolerance.
- To create a safe supportive, nurturing, non-punitive atmosphere that is highly conducive to learning

Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation

The Peer Mediation program is an approach to assisting students in resolving conflict. Students learn the skills necessary to facilitate a process of communication and problem solving.

- Provides training for teachers to implement the Conflict Resolution Curriculum
- Provides training for students to become Peer Mediators

Drug Free Community Forum

A school/community sponsored event which provides drug-free alternatives to McDowell County.

- Supports healthy, drug-free life styles
- Builds community coalitions to implement comprehensive alcohol and other drug prevention strategies

Prevention Resource Officers

The Prevention Resource Officer Program places law enforcement officers in the schools with the goal of creating and maintaining a safe, secure, and orderly learning environment for students, teachers, and staff:

- The officers provide law enforcement and public safety education, deter crime, facilitate drug, alcohol, and violence programs
- Act as mentors and positive role models for students

Life Skills

Life skills is a prevention program that focuses on social and psychological factors promoting the initiation and early stages of substance use/abuse:

- Develop personal and social skills
- Teach a combination of health information, general life skills, and drug resistance skills

D.A.R.E.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education program is designed to have a uniformed officer working with fifth/sixth grade students in order to change high-risk behaviors when faced with decision about alcohol and drugs.

- Teaches students skills for resisting peer pressure to experiment with alcohol and drugs
- Teaches students skills for improving self-esteem

Get Real About Violence

A violence prevention curriculum designed to target the attitudes and behaviors that underlie violence.

- Violence is everyone's problem
- Violence should not be accepted or tolerated
- Each of us can be a powerful force in reducing violence

Red Ribbon / Alcohol and Other Drug Awareness Week

Activities and programs designed to enhance school and community drug and alcohol awareness:

- Create awareness concerning the alcohol and other drug problems facing every community
- Encourage neighborhood prevention planning and activities

Responsible Students Program / Positive Behavior Support

The RSP/PBS program teaches students responsible behaviors. This program assists students in becoming organized and dependable individuals capable of making good judgments for themselves:

- Provides a safe, disciplined environment in our schools where students are focused on learning and where discipline problems diminish
- Instills in children the qualities society expects from people; common courtesy, manners, respect for others, self-discipline, and accountability

Meetings/Events of Interest

McDowell County FACES Community Meeting

**April 14, 2016
12:00 noon**

FAFES Office

HOPE Coalition ATOD Meeting

**April 18, 2016
4:00 p.m.**

Sterling Drive Inn

Southside K-8 Community Schools Meeting

**April 11, 2016
4:00 p.m.**

Southside K-8

Energy Express

Grades PK-4

June 27-July 29

**Contact your school for
an application.**

4-H Camp

Ages 9-18

July 18-22

**Applications: contact
WVU Extension at**

Donald.Reed@mail.wvu.edu

South Central Com- munity Collaborative

April 21, 2016

Location: TBD

**10:00 a.m.—12:00
noon**

Community Crossing Boxing is Back!

**Bout Time!
Sanctioned by USA
Boxing.
15+ bouts.**

**\$10
April 2nd, 6:00
Welch Armory**

DEA Prescription Drug Take Back is Scheduled

April 30, 2016

1:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Goodson's Parking Lot

**Contact Ginger Day at
304-436-5255**

McDowell County HOPE Coalition

April 25, 2016

**10:30 a.m.—12:00
noon**

**25 Bank Street
FACES Community
Meeting Room**