



McDowell County FACES Newsletter

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PREVENTION FIRST is a paradigm, a mindset, a new vision! It's a proactive, comprehensive stance to showcase the importance of substance abuse prevention throughout West Virginia.

This statewide, universal approach provides a clear, consistent, and incredibly strong message to community members, lawmakers, and other key stakeholders that "prevention" is an integral part of the continuum of care. And, prevention is a critical component of any thriving community.

The goal of prevention is to prevent the onset of mental, emotional, behavioral, and substance use related problems. Services types include information dissemination, education, alternatives, problem ID and referral, community-based processes, and environmental strategies.

RESOURCES

West Virginia Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities
<http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bhhf/resources/Pages/default.aspx>

Governor's Substance Abuse Taskforce
<http://www.wvsubstancefree.org>

West Virginia Help
www.help4wv.com
1-844-HELP-4-WV

West Virginia SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)
www.wvsadd.org
(304) 913-4956

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
<http://www.samhsa.gov>

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
www.drugabuse.gov

WV Tobacco Quitline
http://www.bebetter.net/wvquitline_home.html | 1-877-966-8784

McDowell County Initiatives
River View High School SADD Chapter with 100+ members.

SADD Chapters forming in Mount View High School and Middle School; Sandy River Middle School and Southside K-8.

Substance Abuse Task Force meetings every month on the 3rd Monday at 4:00 p.m. at the Sterling Drive Inn.

Evidence Based Curriculum: Alcohol True Stories at Southside and River View; Alcohol Literacy Challenge for the SADD Chapters; All-Stars at Southside; Drug Trends Presentations.

November: National Adoption Awareness Month



Are you interested in adoption and/or foster care? At Mission West Virginia, they are always excited to assist new families through the process. They will provide you with general information and guide you in the right direction for selecting an agency. They are a neutral agency, with no preference for one agency over another, and have information on all types of options.

Contact Information
Mission West Virginia
Contact: Rachel Kinder
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Phone: 304-562-0723 or
866-CALL-MWV

Foster Care and Adoption Licensing Requirement:

You must be 21 years of age or older.
You need a stable and secure income.
You should be in good physical and mental health.
Your home needs to pass a safety and fire inspection.
You cannot have child abuse reports or a criminal background.
You need a stable family relationship.
You must have the ability to commit to a child.

Families must complete the PRIDE training course and complete a home study. PRIDE training is an excellent opportunity to meet other families who are going through the foster and adoption process. It is also an opportunity to educate yourself about adoption and foster parenting.
The home study is a comprehensive

report of your family and home environment. The completed home study includes an application, summary of your family's history, interviews, criminal background and child abuse clearances. The timeline of the home study can vary from family to family.

Costs to Foster and Adopt

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) certifies for relative/kinship care only.

Private foster-to-adopt and foster care agencies work with families who would like to become foster parents or adopt children from foster care.

There are no charges associated with becoming certified to foster or to adopt from foster care. Some agencies will charge fees for domestic infant or international adoption.

Agency Contact and Orientation Information

Contact information for private foster-to-adopt and foster care agencies can be found on page 16 of Mission West Virginia's Foster Care and Adoption Information Guide. A complete listing of private child-placing agencies can be provided by contacting Mission West Virginia at 866-CALL-MWV or by viewing the list of West Virginia foster care and adoption agencies.

Parent Support Groups

Mission West Virginia has an adoption and foster care lending library for West Virginia families. Please contact us at 866-CALL-MWV.

Information on West Virginia's Waiting Children

As of November 12, 2014, there were approximately 4,300 children in care in West Virginia. Of these, close to

1,100 children have had parental rights terminated, meaning these children no longer have legal parents. Out of the almost 1,100, there are 776 children with a permanency plan of adoption. In Federal Fiscal Year 2014, West Virginia finalized 852 adoptions statewide.

Many children in West Virginia awaiting adoption are considered special needs. Special needs is often another way to say waiting children. This does not necessarily reflect any problems the child may have. While some of the children who wait have a physical, emotional or education challenge, many are healthy and are doing well developmentally.

The characteristics that are used to describe special needs are defined as:

Over the age of 8 which presents a barrier to adoption
A physical or mental disability
Serious emotional maladjustment
A recognized high risk of physical or mental disability
Over the age of 2 and has a racial or ethnic factor
A member of a sibling group who should be placed together
Has been certified as a special needs child by the department

Many children awaiting adoptive families were removed from their biological families due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. These children have endured hardships, sadness, loss of relationships, and abuse. All of these children deserve a permanent home. Without a permanent, loving adoptive home, these children face the likelihood of entering adulthood with no parental guidance or support. Mission WV believes that all children deserve a loving, safe home.

Open your heart and home to a child!

Social Security: NO Cost-Of-Living Adjustment

According to a press release from Social Security, the law does not provide for a cost-of-living adjustment for 2016. The explanation is based on consumer prices are down over the past year.

Social Security Act provides for an automatic increase in SS and SSI if there is an increase in inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there was no increase in the 3rd quarter of 2014 to the 3rd quarter of 2015.

Other adjustments will not take place effective in January. The statute prohibits a change in the maximum amount of earnings subject to SS tax, as well as the retirement earnings test exempt amounts.

DHHS has not yet announced Medicare premium changes for 2016. Should there be an increase in the Medicare Part B premium the law contains a "hold harmless" provision that protects approximately 70% of SS beneficiaries from paying a higher Part B premium in order to avoid reducing their net SS

benefit. Those not protected include higher income beneficiaries subject to an income-adjusted Part B premium and beneficiaries newly entitled to Part B in 2016. Beneficiaries who have their Part B premiums paid by state medical assistance programs will see no change in their SS benefit. The state will be required to pay any Medicare Part B premium increase.

Additional information can be found on www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

We Can Mentoring Program



On Saturday, October 17th some of the mentors with the McDowell WE CAN Mentoring group attended the Crab Orchard Corn Maze with their mentees.

First, we had an awesome picnic lunch for the group. Then, the mentors and their mentees went through the corn maze! We had a hay ride that was fun for all, and each child did the "punkin' chunkin' " and catapulted pumpkins through the air in an attempt to get them into a container. This was a great day! MANY thanks to the Community Foundation of the Virginia's for providing this opportunity to the children!

If you would like to give a little of your time to make a difference in a child's life, as a mentor, contact us.
304-887-2319.

River View High School SADD Chapter News



In October 2015, the River View High School SADD Chapter went to Northfork to Children's Home Society to visit their youth demonstrating them how to start a library of their own, encouraging parents to read to their children, completing face painting, giving gifts, and talking to them. SADD Chapter members present were Kayse Coleman, Taylor Graham, Shelby Mullins, Haley Dawson, Farah Rose, and Paige Cooper.



During the month the SADD Club also participated in the Tug River Health Clinic Fair at Walmart, Bradshaw Fall Festival, Cancer Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness, River View homecoming parade, two Trunk or Treats at Bradshaw and Iaeger,

During November, the Chapter will be participating in events for Red Ribbon Week, the SADD State Conference at Stonewall Jackson, and possibly activities around Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving: History Lesson

By the United States in Congress assembled, PROCLAMATION.

It being the indispensable duty of all nations, not only to offer up their supplications to Almighty God, the giver of all good, for His gracious assistance in a time of distress, but also in a solemn and public manner, to give Him praise for His goodness in general, and especially for great and signal interpositions of His Providence in their behalf; therefore, the United States in Congress assembled, taking into their consideration the many instances of Divine goodness to these States in the course of the important conflict, in which they have been so long engaged, – the present happy and promising state of public affairs, and the events of the war in the course of the year now drawing to a close; particularly the harmony of the public Councils which is so necessary to the success of the public cause, – the perfect union and good understanding which has hitherto subsisted between them and their allies, notwithstanding the artful and unwearied attempts of the common enemy to divide them, – the success of the arms of the United States and those of their allies, – and the acknowledgment of their Independence by another European power, whose friendship and commerce must be of great and lasting advantage to these States; Do hereby recommend it to the inhabitants of these States in general, to observe and request the several states to interpose their authority, in appointing and commanding the observation of THURSDAY the TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER next as a day of SOLEMN THANKSGIVING to GOD for all His mercies; and they do further recommend to all ranks to testify their gratitude to God for His goodness by a cheerful obedience to His laws and by promoting, each in his station, and by his influence, the practice of true and undefiled religion, which is the great foundation of public prosperity and national happiness.

Done in Congress at Philadelphia, the eleventh day of October, in the year of our LORD, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and of our Sovereignty and Independence, the seventh.

JOHN HANSON, President. CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

Meetings/Events of Interest

**McDowell County
FACES
Community/Board
Meeting**
November 12, 2015
12:00 noon FACES
Office

RSVP 304-436-5255

Guest Speaker: Craig Snow
Teacher Village Project

HOPE Coalition
November 23, 2015
10:30 a.m.—12:00
noon

FACES Office
304-436-5255

**Southside K-8
Community
Schools Meeting**
November 9, 2015
4:00 p.m.
Southside K-8

Courageous Communities Task Force

Stewards of Children Training
Marriage Video Studies
Life Tree
Smoking Cessation Round
Table
Fitness: Dance, Boxing, Kara-
te, Basketball, Ultimate Fris-
bee League, Cheer Camp
Courage Dads
Circle of Parents
Parents as Teachers

For information contact Jay or
Karen Wilson, Co-Chairs
Community Crossing at 304-
436-8300.

Prevention First

We have Prevention First
Pens, Posters, Mugs, etc.
that we want to spread
across the county. If your
agency is interested, please
contact

Ginger Day
at 436-5255.



ATOD Task Force Meeting

November 16, 2015
4:00 p.m.

Sterling Drive Inn

Thanksgiving Holiday

**FACES will be closed
on November 26-27 to
celebrate**



Thanksgiving Greetings

McDowell County Assessment Assistance

November 9, 2015
11:00 a.m.

McDowell County Health Department

Come help us put together an
assessment tool that will ad-
dress as many categories as
possible. Contact Kathie at
304-436-5255 to RSVP.