



McDowell County FACES Newsletter

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN MCDOWELL COUNTY



Domestic Violence Happens From Birth to Death

From several sources, the following information is derived.

Studies demonstrate that children born to women who were abused during pregnancy die at twice the rate of other babies. Children are often the unheard victims of Domestic Violence.

The incidence of young boys or girls hitting, kicking, or punching each other because the “like” them has to be looked at by parents to determine if it is leading to teen dating violence, assault, or just wanting to fit in by friends.

Every year, approximately 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner. It is also known that 3 in 4 parents have never talked to their children about domestic violence.

Teen dating violence (TDV): is defined as a pattern of abuse or threat of abuse against teenaged dating partners, occurring in different forms, including verbal, emotional, physical, sexual and digital. TDV occurs across diverse groups and cultures.

Although the dynamics of TDV are similar to adult domestic violence, the forms and experience of TDV, as well as the challenges in seeking and providing services, make the problem of TDV unique.

Domestic Violence for Adults: Domestic Violence is defined as abuse enacted by one or both partners involved within a romantic relationship; amongst the most common examples of domestic violence can include enacting physical assault, the posing of threats, emotional abuse, or sexual abuse undertaken within the realm of a romantic partnership.

Elder Abuse: Unfortunately, statistics show that one in ten people age 60 and older are victimized by elder abuse. The Administration on Aging (AoA) defines elder abuse as any knowing, intentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult. Please read on (by clicking the link above) for ways to

increase your awareness of this crime and determine ways you can be involved in preventing its occurrence.

In McDowell County we have the SAFE Domestic Violence and Homeless Shelter. SAFE is a non-profit organization of leaders, activists and survivors of domestic violence whose mission is to break the cycle of violence. SAFE assists and empowers families and especially victims of violence, the homeless and those threatened with homelessness through a social justice approach in domestic violence services, transitional housing, permanent housing and economic development. SAFE strives to provide programs to create stability and self-determination for individuals seeking empowerment and education. SAFE will work with all who support and share the underlying principles of dignity and mutual respect for all.

Call 304-436-8117 for more information.



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is October. Situated entirely in the Appalachian region, West Virginia (WV) as a state is characterized by a diverse population, with a major portion of the population residing in rural areas.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women residents of the state. Using different data sources, we have reported the most recent screening, incidence, and mortality information associated with breast cancer in WV.

In 2006, roughly one-fourth of women over 40 years of age had not had a mammogram in the past two years. Sociodemographic factors were found to be associated with lack of mammography screening among these women. The leveling off of the increase in the in-situ breast cancer incidence rates in WV since 1999 is closely associated with the bottoming out of the proportion of women without mammography that has been seen since early this decade. Counties in southern and northern part of the state generally have higher invasive breast cancer incidence rates than those in the central part. Breast cancer-related mortality is higher among southern counties in comparison to counties in northern and central part of the state, with mortality rates higher than the national average in McDowell, Mingo, Wayne, and Mason Counties. There is a compelling need to increase access to mammography screening among women residents in the state.

On Saturday September 13, 2014, McDowell County HOPE Coalition partners and the Sterling Drive Inn teamed up to repeat their annual Pancake Breakfast to support WV Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program. Providing staff time, the volunteers donated approximately \$1,100 in in-kind work time and \$6,000 in space as an in-kind. FACES paid for the cost of the food and news articles. The event raised \$729.00 to support BCCSP.



Shelia Muncy provides information on upcoming events hosted and sponsored by Breast Friends of Bradshaw for October Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

1. October 10, 2014 is Breast Cancer Awareness Night at River View High School beginning at 6:00 p.m. to provide additional time to the issue.
2. October 18, 2014 is the Breast Cancer Walk beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Open Arms Ministries and walking to River View

High School. Anyone that is unable to walk can meet them at the High School.

3. Breast Friends of Bradshaw is selling changes on an afghan with the Pink Ribbon.
4. Breast Friends is also selling changes on a Breast Cancer Wreath.
5. Breast Friends is taking changes on a Raiders Stadium Blanket.
6. Breast Friends are taking orders for their Breast Cancer Awareness Tee-Shirt.

The Breast Friends of Bradshaw has consistently worked to bring awareness, education, fund-raising to support Susan G. Komen throughout the years. There are many members of the group which used to be named the Pink Brigade.

This group has sponsored scholarships for youth throughout the years as well. If you want to get involved, help them, support them:

Go to the Breast Friends of Bradshaw FaceBook page or contact Shelia Muncy at: 304-967-55243.

October Dates To Remember For McDowell County



October 1 – November 5 – Chronic Disease Self-Management Class at McDowell FACES

October 3 – Domestic Violence handouts at Walmart and/or Goodsons;

October 6 – Governor’s Task Force on Substance Abuse, Princeton, WV 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. New River Community and Technical College

October 6 – Family Task Force Committee meeting at Community

Crossing

October 4-5 - Spit Tobacco Conference. For more info contact Donald Reed.

October 4 - Bradshaw Fall Festival - please visit booths from our partners!

October 8 – Improving Working Relationship Starland Heights 6:00 p.m.

October 10 —River View High School Breast Cancer Awareness Night starting at 6:00 p.m.

October 10 – Domestic Violence Memorial Service 6:00 p.m. at SAFE

October 17 – Big Creek People in Action will hold its annual Senior Health Fair at its headquarters in Caretta. For more info contact Laura Hagerman.

October 18—Breast Cancer Walk beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Open Arms Ministries and walking to River View High School. Can’t walk—meet at the school.

October 18, 11 am - 4 pm at Walmart in Kimball: Tug River Health Centers will hold a community fall festival. Events include Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, info about cancer awareness, music, a fashion show, & other events. For more info, contact Scarlett.

October 22 – Domestic Violence Speak Out at 12:00 noon – Martha Moore Park

October 23 – 9:30 – 12:30 at the Armory – CHOICES will have 11 Schools Under One Roof demonstrating physical activities they have learned

October 23 — Bonnie’s Bus at the Health Department

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUG TASK FORCE RECRUITMENT

The HOPE Coalition has created **Issue Specific Task Force Committees**. The Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Task Force had its first meeting at the Sterling Drive Inn on September 29, 2014 to determine who was interested in serving, who needed to be contacted, what the Task Force would address specifically, how often to meet, etc. Ginger Day is the first of two Co-Chairs for the Task Force and they will select an additional Chair at the next meeting. This group will look at policy, access, programs, etc. surrounding prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery of substance use and abuse.

The ATOD Task Force Committee will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the Sterling Drive Inn until further notice. This Task Force must contain membership from the following organizations: youth; parents; business; media; schools; youth serving; law enforcement; faith; civic/volunteer; health; government; and other.

If you wish to be a part of this Task Force, contact Ginger Day at 304-436-5255.

McDowell County

Chronic Disease Self-Management Classes
Payne Building Community Room (25 Bank Street)
October 1—November 6, 2014
5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

If you would like to participate in this six-week FREE class!
Contact Ginger Day at 304-436-5255

McDowell County FACES
October 9, 2014
12:00 noon
Stop The Hurt to Present

Refreshments will be provided,
Please RSVP to 304-436-5255



McDowell County
HOPE Coalition
Meeting
October 27, 2014
10:30am—12:00 noon

Bonnie's Bus Coming to McDowell County

Thursday, October 23, 2014
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
McDowell Health Dept.
Wilcoe, WV
Call: 304-448-2174
To Schedule Mammogram
Appointments

