

Fayette County FRN Community Meeting Thursday August 24, 2023



Working together for children and families

In Attendance: Sue Wood, Chuck Taylor, Michael Ann White, William Skeens, Lennie Church, Jessica Fleming, Roxana Hartsog, Melissa Blake, Theodore Dues, Amanda Williams, Heather Green, Natasha Jones, Tammy Fleshman, Abbie Newell, Monica Kern, Diane Landy, Taralyn Gwinn, Amanda Withrow, Katie Johnson, Jigna Patel, Kristina Wandzel, Belinda Hopkins, and Diane Callison.

The meeting of the Fayette County Family Resource Network was held on: Thursday, August 24, 2023 at the Fayette County DHHR. The meeting was called to order at 12:11pm. Number present for the meeting was 23.

Welcome and Introductions

- **Previous Meeting Notes:** Changes were made to the July meeting notes prior to today's meeting
- **Treasurer's Report** - There is a balance of \$172,934.90

REPORTS:

- **Fayette FRN Director's Report** – Diane Callison, fayettefrn@gmail.com
 - **Initiatives/meetings**
 1. On August 4th, myself and 3 other volunteers attended the Montgomery Health Fair for the Fayette County Read Aloud chapter, we were able to give out free books and sign up volunteer readers during the event
 2. On August 17th, myself and 4 other volunteers attended a field day at Midland Trail High School for their first day of school. We offered yard games and an opportunity to tell us what students want to learn throughout the year, MTHS plans to host Opportunity to Learn days each month.
 - **Upcoming meeting schedule**
 - We are still looking for presenters for the upcoming 2023-2024 FRN Year, I have a current schedule if anyone is interested. As of now we still have February, May and June open. June is an alliance meeting where Raleigh County FRN meets with us as well
 - A reminder that our October FRN meeting will be a Lunch and Learn event partnered with TGKVF. Our meeting time will be 11:30-1:30 at the Lewis Center in Oak Hill, we are asking for people to register, the link to register is here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/657763346877>
 - **Teen Court**
 - I did attend open houses at Fayetteville PK-8, Oak Hill Middle School and Midland Trail High School. So far, we gained 9 new youth volunteers.
 - We are hosting a mock trial on Monday, August 28th at 5pm at the Courthouse Annex building. This mock trial is open to the public, anyone can attend to see how a teen court hearing works. Youth volunteers do not have the complete the application to attend this mock trial.
 - If you know a youth grade 7th through 12th that would like to volunteer, we are always accepting applications. the online application is here:
<https://forms.gle/ZGgZPeciUjMXBFwE8>
 - The FRN received a grant from the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation to provide basic needs items. These items can include beds, dressers, clothing, and household items. The referral form

needs to be completed by a direct service provider, not the individual needing the items. 4 members of the FRN Board review all the referrals. The grant is of \$25,304

- Our funds are spent so the referral link is no longer accepting applications, by next meeting I hope to have a report of numbers from this year.
- As always, I send weekly update emails every Monday for the information I receive the week prior. These updates include funding or grant opportunities as well. And if you ever want information included in these updates please let me know or if any events are coming up. Any time sensitive information will be sent through a normal email to the listserv which currently has 228 people.

PRESENTATION:

- **WIC** – Diane Landy
 - WIC started in 1974 and their mission is to improve the health of women, infants and children in West Virginia by providing quality nutrition and breastfeeding counseling and education; as well as health monitoring and nutritious foods.
 - WIC is a federally funded program through the USDA FDA. Funds are allocated to each state and then to local agencies. Southern WV WIC covers 9 counties; Mercer, Summers, McDowell, Logan, Mingo, Wyoming, Raleigh, Fayette, and Monroe.
 - Offering free monthly nutritious food packages to
 - Pregnant women
 - Post-partum women
 - Breastfeeding women
 - Children under the age of 5
 - Grandparents raising grandchildren and foster children qualify for WIC automatically
 - Our Farmer's Market Nutrition Program has issued vouchers and are operating under a QR code system this year. The voucher is from June 1st to October 31st. In Fayette County there are 2 locations accepting vouchers, the Pavilion on Thursdays from 2-6, the Courthouse parking lot on Saturday from 8-12:30. Participants receive \$30 for farmer's market vouchers
 - WIC also has an app that can be used to scan food to make sure the item qualifies, you can also see upcoming appointments and check balances on the app
 - Breastfeeding women receive free access to the pacify app that assisting with breastfeeding, especially after hours.
 - Attached with the notes are handouts from the meeting
 - To learn more and watch a video, visit: <https://dhhr.wv.gov/WIC/Pages/default.aspx>

Diane Landy, NWA Health Equity Champion, AHEAD in WIC Project: Cohort 1

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OPEN DISCUSSION / ROUND TABLE:

Name and Organization Contact Information	Updates
Taralyn Gwinn – Parents as Teachers Taralyn.mihow@gmail.com	We are looking to partner with organizations hosting community events, if you have an upcoming event please let us know!
Diane Landy – WIC Diane.m.landy@wv.gov	On October 28 th from 10-2 at the Tamarack, we'll be hosting an early literacy event. We are having a planning meeting on September 12 th at 1pm at the Raleigh County Health Department for the October 27 th event.

<p>Natasha Jones – NRHA Natasha.green@nrhawv.org</p>	<p>The black lung event with NIOSH was successful, we tested 86 miners and filed 55 claims.</p> <p>On October 19th we'll be hosting a health fair. More information to follow!</p>
<p>Theodore Dues – EnAct tdues@enactwv.org</p>	<p>EnAct currently has emergency funds for Fayette County for food vouchers. However, we are experiencing that no grocery establishments within the county want to participate in the voucher program. Grocers do not get paid immediately, it is on a monthly basis. If these funds are not utilized, we will not receive funds in the future. And we cannot use these funds for other counties or other programming. If you are interested in assisting with this effort, please reach out to Theodore.</p>
<p>Melissa Blake – DHHR Melissa.r.blake@wv.gov</p>	<p>Low Income Housing Water/Waste Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is ending on September 30th. Eligibility review is still happening for Medicaid, please ensure that participants complete the review form</p> <p>My church is working on starting a foster/adoptive parent support group and we are looking for resources/information to provide to these parents. Any brochures or information can be dropped off at DHHR or reach out to Melissa.</p>
<p>Roxana Hartsog – FMRS and Suicide Prevention WV rhartsog@fmrs.org</p>	<p>I have 2 programs for schools regarding suicide prevention, one is geared towards adults and the other geared towards students. The student program focuses more on how to navigate feelings. I'm looking to get into the school and need assistance making connections, please reach out to me if you can help!</p>
<p>Kristina Wandzel – WV DRS Kristina.d.wandzel@wv.gov</p>	<p>DRS is looking to provide job experience to their participants and we will pay back their wages and add an additional \$2.</p>
<p>Lennie Church – MountainHeart Deborah.l.church@wv.gov</p>	<p>On October 4th from 10-2 at the Beckley MountainHeart office, we'll be having a provider information day where people can stop in and learn more about becoming a child care provider. A flyer is attached with the notes.</p>
<p>Sue Wood – Drug Free Communities fayettefpc@gmail.com</p>	<p>What is the Drug Free Communities? - Goals - Community Collaboration in the Fayette Prevention Coalition and to reduce substance use of Alcohol and Tobacco in middle and High school students</p> <p>We encourage parents to talk to their children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and we encourage children to make good choices. 9 out of 10 addictions start in the teen years. And there is a right and wrong way to do prevention, even with good intentions. So drunk goggles, mock car crashes and scare tactics are not effective prevention strategies. If anyone needs more information on prevention or information of parents about tobacco, alcohol or marijuana, please reach out to Sue.</p>
<p>Katie Johnson – ICE Collaborative Katie.johnson@fayettehealth.org</p>	<p>Midland Trail High School hosted a field day on their first day of school to get students out to the classroom and learning hands on skills. They hope to offer these days on the last Wednesday of the month and are looking for individuals/organizations who want to teach something to the kids. If you are interested in helping with this initiative, please reach out to Katie</p>

	Katie and Heather attended a virtual meeting surrounding the 2024 Substance Use Response Plan which goes through the plan and participants can provide feedback and suggestions. The last meeting is August 31 st from 10-12, the link for more information is here: https://helpandhopewv.org/odcp/
Belinda Hopkins – AWAY Bhopkins.awaywv@gmail.com	AWAY is without a sexual assault advocate, that job posting should be available within the next few weeks, Belinda will be working both position for the time being.
Jigna Patel – AETNA Pateljll@aetna.com	A flyer is attached for a webinar on Supporting the Health and Wellbeing of Kinship Caregivers. A reminder that we are hosting a 211 luncheon on August 28 th from 11am-1pm. A flyer is attached

~ THE NEXT FAYETTE COUNTY FRN MEETING ~
Thursday, September 21, 2023
Quarterly Alliance meeting with Raleigh County FRN

Questions, comments, and concerns can be addressed to Diane Callison, Director for the Fayette County FRN at 304-574-4338 or fayettefrn@gmail.com

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