



Fayette Prevention Coalition

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Old Business

- 2025 Save a life Day – 9/25/25
 - Shannon reported the following numbers; 945 kits (1890 doses), trained 65 new individuals, connected individuals to birth certificates, voter registration cards, ss# and treatment. The Fayette County event had 7 site locations and this year, all 50 states participated on 9/25

New Business

- Drug Free Communities Update
 - Our DFC team wrote for years 6-10 and followed the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOF) that was provided by the CDC. However, it was determined that the NOFO did not follow Executive Orders from the President. The CDC did not award any DFC year 6 or year 1. The last update our local team received was that we'll reapply sometime in January, with funding starting in September 2026.
 - Our initiatives through the DFC grant are continuing and Sue will be staying on board but limiting her hours, please be patient if you reach out to her and do not receive a response right away.

Ongoing Business

Partnership for Success

- Cassady Berry– fayettepfs@gmail.com
- Increase perception of harm regarding Teen Marijuana Use, protective factors by providing healthy alternative activities in MB & MT, and effectiveness of community partnerships
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - E-Sports clubs have started back up at Midland Trail and Meadow Bridge.
 - Caitlin and Joey have started Too Good for Drugs at Ansted, Divide, Meadow Bridge and Midland Trail, they are about halfway done this first round.
 - On Thursday, Cassady, Diane and Joey will be handing out coffee and resources during the parent drop off line at Divide. If this event is successful, our team will look at expanding to other schools.
 - The Meadow Bridge Senior Nutrition Center is looking for lock boxes for medication if any organization has those as a resource. Potential organizations – Division of VA Affairs or HMOs. The center is also open to resources or presentations to their clients. The best way to reach them is either Facebook Messenger or visiting the site.

Coalition Promotion – November 18th at 10am at the NRHA Dietary Kitchen

- Focused on social media, press releases, media campaigns and website of the Fayette Prevention Coalition.
- <https://www.facebook.com/FayettePreventionCoalition>
- <https://www.instagram.com/fayettepreventioncoalition/>
- <https://www.tiktok.com/@fpcwv>
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - This group meets the morning before the Coalition meeting to discuss all social media (including committee pages), press releases, paid campaigns, articles, and the website (housed under the FRN site).
 - A sign-up sheet was passed around during the meeting, our coalition would like to have a better pulse on our local government meetings, if you are able to attend any meetings and bring back any relevant information to the coalition that would be great! This can include any problems or issues our towns are seeing and how we can help.
 - Key dates for November;
 - No Vape November, National Homelessness Awareness Month, National Stress Day on November 5th, Veterans Day on November 11th, International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day on November 23rd, Thanksgiving November 27th
 - The coalition is looking to spotlight coalition members, be on the lookout for information from committee chairs!

Youth Alcohol & Tobacco Prevention – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3045732535>

- Sue Wood – fayettefpc@gmail.com
- Drug Free Communities support program - substance use prevention curriculum, social norming initiatives & parental engagement
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - The HIDA Prevention Summit is tomorrow, October 29th from 8:30am-5pm virtually. It is a free summit and provides good information on how to share prevention messages.
 - Sue is presenting the Hidden in Plain Sight presentation to St. Peter and Paul staff and parents next week.

- This committee is pushing to have Catch My Breath taught to all 5th grade students next school year but we'll need help to get this done, if anyone is interested in becoming trained and teaching, please let Sue know. The curriculum is one 45-minute lesson a week for 4 weeks. Right now, there is an incentive for the schools and the facilitator to complete the curriculum.
- Sue and Carri are Train the Trainers for Catch My Breath and will be offering a training soon, more information to come!
- No Vape November starts soon! Rhonda and Project AWARE are working to showcase students in videos sharing their why, why they make healthy choices.
- The Coalition is now a community partner with the Partnership to End Addiction, their website is www.drugfree.org and they have good information for parents and community members.
- If you know a store is selling tobacco/vape to minors, please report that store to the FDA by using this link: <https://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products/compliance-enforcement-training/report-potential-tobacco-product-violation>

Youth Action Team

- Shelby Holt – fayetteyouthpfs@gmail.com
- Open to any 7th-12th grader in Fayette County - youth engagement in substance use prevention activities
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - The Youth Action Team is hosting an open house event on November 18th from 5pm-6:30pm at the FRN Office in Oak Hill. The event will show students what the team is all about and recruit new members. A flyer for the event is attached with the notes.
 - New members can sign up anytime by contacting Shelby at fayetteyouthpfs@gmail.com

Integrated Community Engagement Collaborative – November 6th at 9:30am at the FRN Office

- Katie Johnson – katie.johnson@fayettehealth.org
- <https://fayettefrn.com/get-local-data/>
- Data collection & dissemination
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - Our team is collecting our 7th year of student data, right now Oak Hill Middle School has the highest response rate with 93%. The past 6 years of data are available on the FRN website, the link is above.
 - The WVU Prevention Research Center has received a NIH grant to support collaboratives in 36 counties across the state, including the existing ICE Collaborative initiatives in Fayette, Nicholas and Preston. It is a five year grant, the first year will be to establish coalitions and foundations, and then years 2-5 will include data collection. Our Prevention Lead Organization, Community Connections, will be hiring a regional coordinator for Region 6, more information to come!
 - If you know of a group that would benefit from an ICE Data walk, or if anyone needs identified or community specific data, reach out to Katie at katie.johnson@fayettehealth.org

Fayette County Teen Court – November 6th at 11am at Oak Hill High School (must bring an ID)

- Kristin Perry – kperry@k12.wv.us
- Volunteer application: <https://forms.gle/ZGgZPeciUjMXBFwE8>
- Teen Court hearings, volunteer events, recruit community service, scholarship program
- **What have you accomplished?**

- Teen Court met last night for a trespassing case, we had 10 youth volunteers attend the hearing.
- Our team is still looking at program changes, if you are interested in seeing how the program works or if you have opinions on what we should be doing, please come to our next meeting!

Early Childhood Literacy – November 10th at 3:30pm at the BOE office

- JR Davis – Jeffery.Davis@mail.wvu.edu
- Read aloud, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Snuggle & Read, book distributions
- **What**
 - Dolly Parton Imagination Library sends free books to children 0-5, right now 63% of eligible children in Fayette County are registered.
 - Snuggle and Read has a few more visits to complete for this school year. Every Pre-K student in the county collaborative receives a free blanket and book to encourage early reading, parents and caregivers are invited to come to their child's school to learn the importance of early childhood literacy. Any volunteers for the events must be a read aloud reader.
 - If anyone is interested in being a Read Aloud reader in the classroom, please reach out to JR for the upcoming training dates!
 - DPIL - <https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/>
 - Read Aloud: <https://www.facebook.com/ReadAloudFayetteCounty>

Adventure: Fayette County – November 20th at 9am at Fayette Health Department or Zoom

- Teresa Workman – tfworkman@gmail.com
- Project Adventure, SOAR, Adventure Camp, Water Days,
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - Our team is partnering with Fayette County Libraries on their Story Trail at the Oak Hill Rail Trail.
 - Project Adventure dates are April 23rd and 24th 2026! Mark your calendars and event planning will begin in January.
 - Parents whose children attended Camp SOAR are asking for full day opportunities, unfortunately Camp SOAR does not have the capacity to be full day. So, the local team is looking for different camps who operate in the morning, and Camp SOAR can transport the students to the park for the afternoon. If anyone knows of any half day morning camps, please reach out to us and attend our next meeting!

Intervention & Recovery – Email Carri.Strunk@nrhawv.org to request attendance at the next meeting

- Carri Strunk, carri.strunk@nrhawv.org or Paula McCutcheon at paula.mccutcheon@outlook.com
- Sober events, Healing Our Plateau, Save a Life day, Naloxone trainings
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - Intervention and Recovery focuses on creating an inclusive environment for those in recovery and providing support and resources to those experiencing a Substance Use Disorder.
 - September was a busy month for this committee! We encourage any event or programs to come from those within the committee that have lived experience.

Treatment options in Fayette County

Anchor Medical 304-253-5155

- Offering primary care and Substance Use Disorder using MAT. Patients can receive care, counseling and treatment all in one visit. Medications include Suboxone and Vivitrol. We are also working on providing Hep C treatments and HIV prevention. We offer telehealth options.

Breakthru 304-860-8183

- Providing Medical Management Withdraw from Opioid, Benzodiazepine, and Alcohol. Located within Plateau Medical Center, participants stay on average 3-5 days in a private room within the hospital. The program has around 2-3 participants each week and participants receive an after can plan prior to leaving. They accept Medicare, Medicaid and commercial insurance plans.

Fayette County Health Department 681-238-8517 for QRT

- Harm Reduction- Every week Monday – Thursday appointments only. Call 304-574-1617
- Mobile Services
 - Smithers 1st & 3rd Tuesday from 11:00am to 2:00pm
 - Scarbro- 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00pm to 3:00pm
- QRT responds within 72 hours of an overdose.

FMRS 304-574-2100

- Providing Substance Use Disorder Therapy with two full time therapists. Medication Assisted Therapy include Suboxone, Vivitrol, and Sublocade. We also offer outpatient services, Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) medication, Alcohol withdraw, and Medication Assisted Treatment Access for Rural Appalachians (MARA) which is a wraparound service providing case management and transportation. Also, the Beckley Treatment Center does provide services for Fayette County residents. They offer counseling and medications include Suboxone, Vivitrol and Methadone.

Generations Health & Wellness 681-823-4257

- Currently housed in Oak Hill, offering counseling, urgent care and primary care services. Open every day throughout the week

Groups Recovery Together 304-584-1130

- Offering Medication Assisted Treatment, medications include Suboxone. Members attend weekly group meetings, either in person or virtually. Offering comprehensive recovery support to help address other aspects of life that impact recovery including employment, housing, transportation and others.

Harmony Ridge Recovery Center – Dave Taylor 304-877-1371

- Offering Detoxification, Residential Treatment and Partial Hospitalization. We have a new location in Barboursville and are looking to further expand.

Hope for Tomorrow 304-902-8532

- Offering in patient services up to 90 days. Medication Assisted Treatment as an option, medications include methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone. A co-ed facility and can accept pregnant women up to 30 weeks.

LEAD – 304-923-3318

- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is a pre-booking program aimed at redirecting low-level offenders engaged in drug or prostitution activities to available community services.

Lifeline Addiction Specialist – 681-207-7105(MAT)

- Family Options Providers, therapy for kids-adult, addiction, mental health, (in office or telehealth) and Peer Services. DUI Class via Zoom 304-256-9610

New River Health 304-469-2905

- Providing Medication Assisted Treatment and there currently is no waiting list. Medications include Suboxone, Sublocade, and Brixadi. The program requires 4 hours of weekly meetings, behavioral health once a month, random drug screens, and visiting NRHA once a week.

Police & Peers – Tyson Kincaid 304-640-6402

- PRSS assisting local police departments when interacting with someone dealing with a Substance Use Disorder

PRSS Doula Services – 304-663-0621**Pyramid Healthcare – 888-461-7426**

- Offering treatment facilities in Hedgesville and Kearneysville. Available for 18+, offering co-occurring treatment, MAT, Peer Recovery Support Services, 24/7 admissions and statewide private transportation. Accepts WV Medicaid

Seed Sower 304-392-5464

- 16 bed, female residential recovery treatment center in Greenbrier County. A women and children's recovery treatment center open in Montgomery.

Veltex 681-422-3338

- Medication Assisted Therapy include Vivitrol and Buprenorphine. Offering female only residential treatment facility, located in Mt. Hope.

Roundtable**Natasha Jones – NRHA**

NRHA is hosting a parent meeting on November 11th at 5pm, this meeting will cover ADHD and Autism information, IEPs and de-escalation techniques. A flyer is attached with the notes.

Rhonda Chuyka – Project AWARE

Valley PK-8 will be doing Chiller Thriller on Friday for Halloween.

Belinda Hopkins – AWAY

October is domestic violence awareness month, our incite hope awards is scheduled for tomorrow, October 29th at Noon at the memorial building in Fayetteville.

Cindy Whitlock – Board of Education

The movie Christy highlights Christy Martin from WV who survived domestic violence and is a pro female boxer. More information about her and her life can be found here:

<https://www.biography.com/athletes/a69148155/christy-martin-boxer-true-story>

Heather Green – Community Connections

Grant goal is to delay the initiation of use of alcohol, marijuana, vaping/tobacco and medication misuse among 9-20-year-old. If you need evidenced based programming, please reach out. Or if you have any youth initiatives that we can partner with. Heather can also offer stigma training, the dos and don'ts of prevention and information on the WV Clearing House.

Kevin Burgess – Young Life

Just want to say thank you for always be inviting and that faith-based initiatives tend to be under represented. We have hired Megan Weatherford to lead our pregnant teens programs, Megan will be covering more than just Fayette County. Beth shared that the ORN has training available and Heather shared that Bible Baptist Church in McArthur has an Embrace Grace program for single pregnant mothers.

Beth Bailey – City of Bluefield

Offers first aid/cpr training for free and this now includes a Narcan training. Beth asked about the coalition interest in the DITEP training and we are still trying to find a date that works for our teachers.

Christy Beaver – Her Plan

Her Plan is offering Meals in a Bag to distribute to food pantries or organizations offering food to community members. A list of the items needed are attached with the notes. Those interested in donating can connect with Christy or Diane at fayettefrn@gmail.com

Glisyn Mason – Nicholas ICE Collaborative

Nicholas County is experiencing food access issues and is working on compiling food pantry lists.

Angela Chambers - FMRS

Angie shared an excel sheet that has over 500 entries of food access or assistance all around WV, the sheet is attached with the notes.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at Noon at New River Health – Oak Hill Site

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