

**Fayette County FRN
Community Meeting
Thursday January 22 2026**



Working together for children and families

In Attendance: Sue Wood, Cindy Whitlock, Natasha Jones, Katie Johnson, Cassady Berry, JR Davis, Shelby Holt, Rita VanBuskirk, Josh Asbury, Jordonne Bostic, Joycie Wawiye, Belinda Hopkins, Arnold Lee Leftwich, Ellie Fox, Monica Kern, Heather Green, Alice Nelson, Keith Bowling, Sylvia Cline, Gabrielle Jones and Diane Callison

The meeting of the Fayette County Family Resource Network was held on: Thursday, January 22, 2026 at the Fayette FRN office. The meeting was called to order at 12:09pm. Number present for the meeting was 21.

Welcome and Introductions

- **Previous Meeting Notes:** No changes were made to the November meeting notes prior to today's meeting
- **Treasurer's Report** – During the timeframe of November 20, 2025 to January 21, 2026, the FRN brought in \$174,571.25 in revenue and expensed \$105,044.68. Current balance is \$424,308.28

REPORTS:

- **Fayette FRN Report** – Diane Callison, fayettefrn@gmail.com
 - Basic Need program
 - Attached with the notes is the Basic Need flyer for 2026, anticipated start date is Monday January 26th. New this year, our program can offer utility assistance for water, sewer, electric and gas.
 - Year in Review
 - Attached with the notes is the 2025 Year in Review for the Fayette FRN. We had many milestones this year and we are excited to see what happens for us in 2026!
 - 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 296 people.

PRESENTATION: Jordonne Bostic with Boys Home of Virginia

- The following documents are attached with the notes;
 - Power Point Presentation
 - Application page 1 and 2
 - Brochure
 - TIC Infographic
 - Informational booklet
- The Boys Home of Virginia is celebrating 120 year in 2026, the home started as an orphanage but has grown and covers 1300 acres.
- The home is set up like a college campus, with cottages and classrooms. Boys from any state are welcome to complete the application
- There are currently 40 boys enrolled, once renovations are complete the home will be able to house 65

OPEN DISCUSSION / ROUND TABLE/SUCCESS STORIES:

Name and Organization Contact Information	Updates
<p>Cassady Berry – Fayette FRN (PFS Grant) fayettepfs@gmail.com</p>	<p>SALS (Southern Appalachian Labor School) has started a warming center for Fayette County. The Facebook group is here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1142309087934953/</p> <p>When the temperature is below 19 with the wind chill, the center will open. Volunteers are needed in 4-hour shifts; 8pm to 12am, 12am to 4am and 4am to 8am.</p> <p>Right now, the warming center has a list of items for donation.</p>
<p>Cindy Whitlock – Board of Education Member cjwwvu@gmail.com</p>	<p>Please send thoughts to Coach Ray who had a successful heart surgery but is still in the hospital recovering.</p> <p>With the 2026 election, I encourage everyone who runs for office to run with good intentions and that all offices have other members who balance ideas.</p>
<p>Natasha Jones – NRHA Natasha.green@nrhawv.org</p>	<p>Two flyers are attached with the notes;</p> <p>Parent meeting at NRHA on January 27th at 5pm</p> <p>All Ability Camp at Woodrow Wilson on June 13th</p>
<p>Ellie Fox – Step Stone Elsbeth.fox@stepstoneyouth.com</p>	<p>StepStone Family and Youth Services – a foster care agency helping find home for children ages 0-21.</p> <p>Wrapped in Love valentines blanket drive will start on February 1st, there will be drop off boxes at Secret Sandwich Society and DoHS. A flyer should be available soon</p>
<p>Belinda Hopkins – AWAY Bhopkins.awaywv@gmail.com</p>	<p>AWAY covers domestic and sexual violence in Fayette, Summers, Nicholas and Raleigh counties. They can assist with protective orders, legal aid, accompany victims to court or be present at the hospital during exams. There is a shelter in Raleigh County available to women and children.</p> <p>February is Teen Dating Month, if anyone needs a presentation or informational materials, you can contact Samantha Sizemore at 304-255-4066 or at ssizemore.awaywv@gmail.com</p>
<p>Keith Bowling – AETNA BowlingG@aetna.com</p>	<p>AETNA is finalizing the Value Added Benefits flyer and it should be available soon.</p>
<p>Alice Nelson – DoHS alice.d.nelson@wv.gov</p>	<p>LIEAP for those who received it last year runs until the end of January. New LIEAP applications will start February 2nd and are open to the public.</p>
<p>Sylvia Cline – NAMI WV (National Alliance on Mental Health) Southernregionalnavigator@namiwheeling.org</p>	<p>Offering Mental Health support programs, visit https://www.nami.org/find-your-local-nami/west-virginia/</p> <p>Offering free Mental Health First Aid training in February</p>

~ THE NEXT FAYETTE COUNTY FRN MEETING ~
Thursday, February 26, 2026 at Noon
Fayette DoHS office (1400 Virginia Street, Oak Hill WV)
Presentation from Melanie Seiler with Active Southern WV

Questions, comments, and concerns can be addressed to Diane Callison, Director for the Fayette County FRN at 304-575-1428 or fayettefrn@gmail.com

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