



Fayette Prevention Coalition

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Old Business

- Recover Loud: SWV: 6/24/26 – 12pm-4pm - 286 Sunday Rd, Hico, WV
 - No one in attendance attended the event, however Carri mentioned seeing photos on social media and it looked like a good turnout
- 2026 Teach Resort-6/29-7/1
 - The Teach Resort had 65 participants, participants were trained in Catch My Breath, Darkness to Light, and others.
- Fayette County ICEC Meeting- 7/24/26 - 1-2:30pm Fayette County Park Shelter 1 ICEC
 - Katie and the ICEC invited community leaders and policy makers from all areas of the County to participate in the data walk and solutions-based conversation. The three goals that the participants came up with were; (1) having a “street rules” curfew, (2) having a digital curfew, and (3) increasing meaningful activities available to our youth. There were 26 participants.

- Rev Up Prevention Car Show Meadow Bridge – 8/1/26-10am to 2pm @ Meadow Bridge Regional School
 - The car show had 89 participants, including the providers who set up tables. This is an increase from last years event and an increase from the event held at Midland Trail High School. The project team had a community survey that gave insights and trending data on perception of youth substance use.
- Youth Empowerment Summit – 8/6/26
 - Carri attended with members of the Greenbrier County youth coalition, the summit was an overall good day and Carri reported that her youth members started to connect issues that are in their areas to effective prevention strategies.
- Thrivefest – 8/8/26
 - Thrive Fest had 140 participants throughout the timespan of the event, Shelby thanked all the community partners who helped make the event successful. The participants number was lower than previous years, this may be attributed to the numerous back to the school events that were hosted throughout the county.
- Poverty Simulation – 8/12/26 10am-2pm
 - No one in attendance attended the event

New Business

- Destiny Helmick, Hemp and Kratom Program Manager for the West Virginia Department of Agriculture
 - Destiny and Millie were asked to attend the coalition meeting after the groups “Vape Safety Act” conversation from the June coalition meeting.
 - Destiny and Millie offered a wealth of knowledge regarding the regulation of hemp and kratom products. There is a section on the Department of Agriculture website dedicated to Hemp and Kratom - <https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/regulatory-and-environmental-affairs/hemp-products/>
 - The Hemp and Kratom division of the Department of Agriculture regulates all Hemp and Kratom retailers and products. Any retailer selling Hemp and Kratom must register their business and their products. A list of registered retailers and registered products is available on the website linked above
 - There are 4 inspectors or regulatory officers who inspect retailers once their application has been received. These inspectors work closely with Destiny, Millie, the WV State Police, the ABC and the WV Tax Department to ensure all retailers are complying with regulations.
 - If a retailer is in violation of regulations, the Hemp and Kratom division will take products and can suspend licensure. The WV State Police will handle any criminal charges due to the violation of regulations.
 - This division also regulates any online purchases of Hemp or Kratom, whether they are located in WV or located in another state.
 - Retailers must renew their license and products annually, in January.
 - There is a compliant form available if a retailer is selling Hemp or Kratom products and they are either not registered as a retailer or have not registered their products - [Hemp Product](#)

[Complaint Form](#) Those filing a complaint do not have to complete the top portion if you want to stay anonymous.

- Destiny and Millie's email are available in the attendance list should anyone have any questions.
- Save a Life Day still needing volunteers! <https://forms.gle/gPVKVmcibwbdogeE66>
 - Save a Life Day will be held on September 24th in various locations throughout Fayette County, fixed sites and mobile units are still looking for volunteers
- Recovery Barbecue Bash
 - A recovery barbecue bash is scheduled for Friday August 28th from 11am-3pm at the Day Report Center (908 Scarbro Road, Scarbro WV). Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ongoing Business

Partnership for Success

- Cassidy Berry– fayettepfs@gmail.com
- Focused on increasing perception of harm regarding Teen Marijuana Use, protective factors by providing healthy alternative activities in Meadow Bridge & Midland Trail, and effectiveness of community partnerships
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - Cassidy, Joey and Levi hosted a coffee distribution at Valley PK-8 on August 18th
 - The Midland Trail Car Show had 77 participants and the Meadow Bridge Car Show had 89 participants.
 - Levi is scheduled and has started teaching Too Good For Drugs at Midland Trail High School for grades 6-9. The team is still working on finalizing scheduled for Midland Trail Elementary and Meadow Bridge.

Coalition Promotion – September 22nd 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 committee 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).
 - Sue completed the SYNAR inspections, where the State selects stores where an underage youth inspector goes to purchase tobacco products. Out of the 6 stores, 2 sold to the youth inspector.
 - Once the SYNAR inspections around the state have concluded, Sue will work to schedule adjunct inspections, where the youth inspector will go into other stores in the county.
 - Since the last coalition meeting, Sue hosted a Hidden in Plain Sight presentation at Midland Trail Middle School, presented at the Principal's Academy, and hosted a Substance Free Athletics presentation at Oak Hill High School.

Youth Action Team

- Shelby Holt – fayetteyouthpfs@gmail.com
- Open to any 7th-12th grader in Fayette County. Focused on prevention education, community service, sharing positive mental health resources, offering healthy alternative activities and talking with policy makers.
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - The Youth Action Team hosted a healthy alternative activity on August 21st, offering a free skate night to any 7-12th grader at the skating rink in Ansted. This event had 59 kids attend, one of the largest healthy alternative activities the Youth Action Team has hosted. The youth action team members plan to host this event next year around the same time
 - The next healthy alternative activity will take place in Meadow Bridge. Shelby and the members will be revamping their presence in Meadow Bridge and working with those students on what type of event they would like to have in their community.

Integrated Community Engagement Collaborative (ICEC) – September 3rd at 9:30am at the FRN Office

- Katie Johnson – katie.johnson@fayettehealth.org
- <https://fayettefrn.com/get-local-data/>
- ICEC is based on the Icelandic Prevention Model, surveying all 7th-12th graders in our county to identify risk and protective factors in their lives. There are 4 domains that surround a youth; Family, Peers, Leisure Time and School.
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - Information on the ICEC event is provided in the New Business section. During the ICEC event, two youth action team members presented a data poster and received raving reviews from the meeting participants on a job well done.
 - Year 8 survey will be starting this fall
 - If you know of a group that would benefit from an ICEC Data walk, or if anyone needs identified or community specific data, reach out to Katie at katie.johnson@fayettehealth.org

Fayette County Teen Court – September 3rd at 11am at OHHS

- Kristin Perry – kperry@k12.wv.us
- Volunteer application: <https://forms.gle/ZGgZPeciUjMXBFwE8>
- Teen Court is a court for teenagers (7th through 12th graders). There are two aspects to the program, the students in trouble and the youth volunteers. The highest charge heard in Teen Court would be a misdemeanor, both juvenile and parent consent in required. Youth volunteers serve in all court roles (Defense Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney, Clerk, Bailiff and Jury). The philosophy of Teen Court is a juvenile offender won't become a repeat offender if a jury of their peers determine their consequences. Mandatory consequences include community service and jury duty.
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - Kristin, Diane and Carri attended opens houses at Midland Trail Middle and High School, Fayetteville PK-8, Oak Hill Middle and High School, and at the back to school event, Thrive Fest. There have been 5 new volunteer applications so far through those recruitment efforts
 - Teen Court hosted the annual training event last night. Similar to last year, the youth volunteers had dinner and then broke into groups and they rotated around to 3 different stations, each station highlighting that role for Teen Court. They were defense attorney and prosecuting attorney, clerk/bailiff and jury. There were 21 youth and 15 adult volunteers.

- Meeting participants received the updated volunteer rack card, brochure and post card of upcoming hearing dates.

Early Childhood Literacy – September 14th at 3:30pm at the Board of Education office

- JR Davis – Jeffery.Davis@mail.wvu.edu
 - DPIL - <https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/>
 - Read Aloud: <https://www.facebook.com/ReadAloudFayetteCounty>
- Focused on Read aloud (training youth and adults to read in classrooms around Fayette County), Dolly Parton Imagination Library (sends free books to children 0-5), Snuggle & Read (offers a free blanket and book to every PreK student in the County Collaborative), and book distributions to schools across the county.
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - JR set up at the Montgomery Health Fair on August 7th, giving away free books to attendees
 - The State Read Aloud office shared a post regarding Marion Tanner and her efforts in childhood literacy, the post can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/ReadAloud>

Adventure: Fayette County – September 17th at 9am at the Health Department or via Zoom

- Teresa Workman – tfworkman@gmail.com
- The Adventure Fayette County committee started in the early days of the coalition, focused on connecting youth with meaningful activities led by caring adults. Events include Project Adventure, Camp SOAR and Water Days.
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - This committee meets the 3rd Thursday at 9am
 - The team's largest event, Project Adventure, will start their planning at the next meeting
 - Camp SOAR finished a full summer of camp, available to 9-12-year old's and offering counselor in training positions to 13-14-year old's and offering junior counselor positions to 15 and older.
 - Shelby is working on collecting parent survey data to see Camp SOARs impact on mental health and physical health.
 - In partnership with the Board of Education, Camp SOAR campers are put into a cohort to track test scores, behavior and attendance versus students who do not attend camp.

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
- 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. Events include Healing Our Plateau, Save A Life Day, Substance Free Social Activities and Naloxone trainings
- **What have you accomplished?**
 - Save A Life Day information is under New Business
 - Those interested in attending Intervention and Recovery meetings will need to contact Carri to receive prior approval from the Family Treatment Court team.

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.

Fayette County Health Department 304-646-6029

- 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 – 304-316-6893

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

Hope for Tomorrow 304-857-6494

- 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.

Wisepath – 304-877-1371

- Offering residential, outpatient and MAT options for Substance Use Disorder. Three locations (two in Morgantown and one in Williamson).

Roundtable**Beth Bailey – City of Bluefield**

A flyer is attached for the upcoming conference being held in Nicholas County on October 7th through October 9th.

Natasha Jones – NRHA

Bonnie Bus will be at the Lester Square location tomorrow, August 26th from 8am-4pm

Carri Strunk – Coalition Coordinator

Carri presented to the Leadership Fayette County juniors, bridging the gap between hosting community events and prevention efforts.

Carri is working on starting a cohort of students to implement the peer to peer Catch My Breath model.

Angela Chambers – FMRS

FMRS is conducting their Community Needs Assessment, the survey link is below and needs to be completed by August 31st -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIR4DBRnkldZXurE5Q6tvY9dHI5QcLjDdOERntTLrWRxbX1w/viewform>

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at Noon at New River Health – Oak Hill Site

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