

LICENSED MONITORED PARENTING and EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

(frequently called visitation centers) enable children to safely have in-person contact with their parents that do not have custodial responsibility. Monitored exchange means the observation of movement of a child or children from the custodial responsibility of one parent or guardian to the custodial responsibility of the other parent or other adult without allowing contact between the adults. Monitored parenting means the contact between a parent without custodial responsibility, guardian or other adult and one or more children, in the presence of a third person who monitors the contact to promote the safety of the participants. The need for monitored visitation and exchange results from family safety issues such as domestic violence, divorce and custody disputes.

During FY2014, nine licensed programs provided 8,644 exchanges and visits for 701 children at 16 sites. These visits and exchanges involved 355 custodial mothers and 123 custodial fathers; 159 non-custodial mothers and 358 non-custodial fathers; as well as 53 other adults.

CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS enable domestic violence victims to access legal representation. Using these funds, local licensed domestic violence programs refer victims for legal representation at protective order hearings, divorce and custody hearings, and other proceedings to enhance victim safety. Since 1999, the West Virginia Legislature has authorized funds annually for the Domestic Violence Legal Services Fund, which, along with funds generated through civil filing fees, is allocated by the FPSB. In FY2014, \$880,697 was distributed.

Through agreements with the licensed domestic violence programs, Legal Aid of West Virginia attorneys, with assistance from local volunteer and low fee attorneys, provided civil legal assistance to 1,872 victims through 15,904 hours of service in fiscal year 2014. In cases where Legal Aid of West Virginia is unable to represent the victim due to a conflict of interest, the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence coordinates a conflict fund, and reports 112 such cases in FY2014.

THE WEST VIRGINIA FAMILY PROTECTION FUND is allocated by the FPSB to licensed domestic violence programs from fees generated by marriage licenses and divorce filings in West Virginia. The funds are held in a special revenue account administered through WV Department of Health and Human Resources. In FY2014, \$400,000 was distributed to the 14 licensed regional domestic violence programs, with grants ranging from \$18,234 to \$39,271.

MONITORED PARENTING & EXCHANGE PROGRAMS LICENSED BY THE FPSB IN FY2014

**Children's Home Society of WV
Family Visitation and Exchange Program**
Jean Brown 304-431-2424
603 Harrison Street
Princeton, WV 24740
Site: Princeton

**Family Crisis Intervention Center
Kids First Program**
Katelyn Jennings 304-428-8721
2601 Dudley Avenue, Suite 2
Parkersburg, WV 26101
Sites: Harrisville, Parkersburg, Ripley & Spencer

**Family Refuge Center
Family Visitation & Exchange Center**
Lesley J. Tolliver 304-647-0744
P.O. Box 249
Lewisburg, WV 24901
Sites: Lewisburg & Union

**Family Violence Prevention Program
Visitation & Exchange Program**
Patricia Flanigan 304-232-2748
1100 Chapline Street
Wheeling, WV 26003
Sites: Moundsville, New Martinsville & Wheeling

**Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center
Time Together**
Carol Moats & Alicia Flynn 304-265-6534
P.O. Box 4228
Morgantown, WV 26504
Site: Grafton

**Resolve Family Abuse Program
Monitored Visitation & Exchange Center**
Christina Bertelli-Coleman 304-356-4559
1426 Kanawha Blvd., E.
Charleston, WV 25301
Site: Charleston

**The Lighthouse of Change, Inc.
Monitored Visitation & Exchange Program**
Debra Fair & Marissa Collett 304-748-0332
3136 West Street
Weirton, WV 26062
Site: Weirton

Tri-County Child Exchange & Visitation Program
Beth Burkhart 304-269-8247
P.O. Box 724
Weston, WV 26452
Sites: Buckhannon & Weston

**Women's Resource Center
Family Visitation Center**
Bonita Sarrett 304-255-6906
205 Woodlawn Avenue
Beckley, WV 25801
Site: Beckley

Family Protection Services Board Annual Report FY 2014 July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD

The Family Protection Services Board (FPSB) was established by the passage of the Domestic Violence Act of 1989 and recodified in 2013. The seven-member board is appointed by the Governor.

ROLES OF THE FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD

Duties of the FPSB are set forth in the WV Code, Chapter 48-26-301, 401 and 402 as well as in Legislative Rule Title 191. These duties include:

- > Monitoring compliance with standards through the licensure of domestic violence programs, batterer intervention and prevention programs and monitored visitation and exchange programs.
- > Allocating the WV Family Protection Fund, generated from marriage and divorce fees, to regional licensed domestic violence programs across the state that provide shelter and outreach advocacy to victims of domestic violence and their children.
- > Allocating the Domestic Violence Legal Services Fund, generated through civil court filing fees and state funds, for victims' representation in civil cases.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints five members to serve three-year terms: a director of a licensed domestic violence program, a board member of the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a representative of a batterer intervention and prevention program licensed by the board, a representative of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and a member of the public. The two additional members are the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources and the Chair of the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction or their designees.

Chairperson: Judy King

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Women's Resource Center
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Awaiting Appointment

Representative from Licensed Batterer
Intervention and Prevention Program

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Kathie King

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The FPSB extends its sincere gratitude for consultation from Trudi Blaylock, PSIMED Vice President of Operations, Juvenile Services Division.

