

# FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD

2022 Annual Report

## **FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD**

The Family Protection Services Board (FPSB) was established by the passage of the Domestic Violence Act of 1989. The seven-member board is appointed by the Governor to assure that programs working toward the elimination of domestic violence are adequately funded and provide quality services.

### **ROLES OF THE FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD**

Duties of the FPSB are set forth in the W. Va. Code §48-26-301, W. Va. Code §48-26-401, and W. Va. Code §48-26-402 as well as in Legislative Rules Title 191, Series 1 through 5. These duties include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ 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 member of the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence Board of Directors, a representative of a batterer intervention and prevention program licensed by the Family Protection Services 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.

#### **Emily Larkins , Chair**

Director of a Licensed Domestic Violence Program  
Family Crisis Intervention Center  
P.O. Box 695  
Parkersburg, WV 26102  
Telephone: (304) 428-2333

#### **Kimberly Sanford Sizemore, Vice Chair**

Representative from a Licensed Batterer Intervention and Prevention Program  
Putnam County Day Report Center  
11624 Winfield Road, Suite 4  
Winfield, WV 25213  
Telephone: (304) 204-1406

#### **Quewanncoi C. Stephens Sr.**

Designated by the Chair of the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency & Correction  
Division of Juvenile Services  
1200 Quarrier Street  
Charleston, WV 25301  
Telephone: (304) 558-9800

#### **Staff to the Board**

*Vacant*

#### **Pepper Arrowood**

West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals  
State Capitol Building, Room E-100  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
Charleston, WV 25305  
Telephone: (304) 558-0145

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Designated by the Cabinet Secretary  
WV Department of Health & Human Resources  
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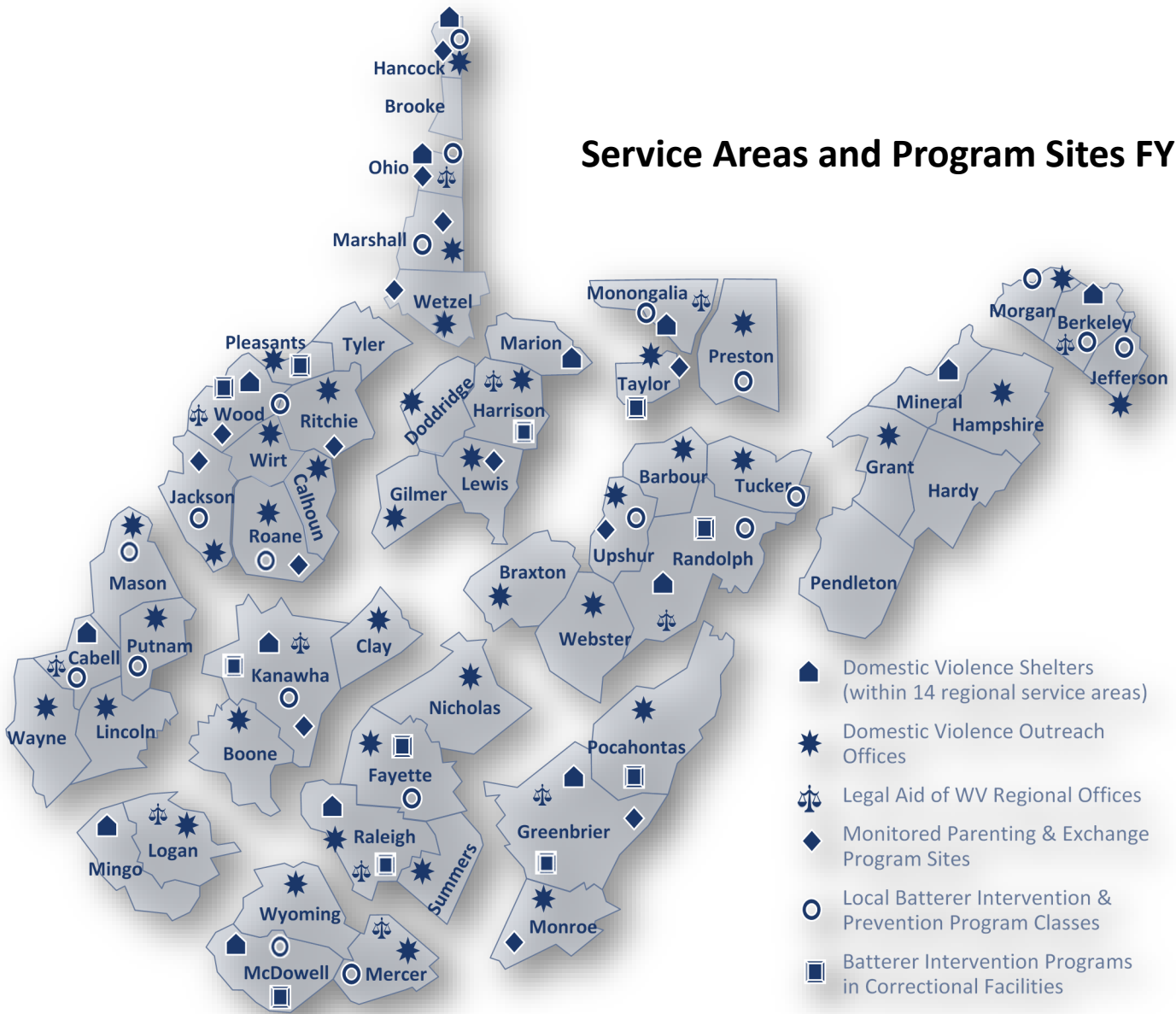
#### **Arlene Hudson**

Citizen Representative  
500 Virginia Street East, Suite 400  
Charleston, WV 25301  
Telephone: (959) 299-9697

#### **Amanda McComas**

Representative of the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
P.O. Box 403  
Huntington, WV 25708  
Telephone: (304) 529-2382

## Service Areas and Program Sites FY2022



**LICENSED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS** in 14 regional service areas provide shelter services, advocacy, outreach services and community education to all 55 counties. According to the most recent program data available, between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022, an unduplicated total of 10,251 adults and 1,575 children received shelter and non-shelter services.

- ◆ A total of 1,561 adults and children received shelter services.
- ◆ A total of 12,699 adults and children received non-shelter services.
- ◆ 26,581 shelter nights were provided to victims and their children.
- ◆ 77,801 units of service were provided to victims and their children. A unit of service is one hour of direct contact on behalf of a client by staff. An additional 6,981.50 units of services were donated by volunteers.
- ◆ Victims received assistance in filing 6,281 domestic violence petitions.
- ◆ 1,489 educational programs for communities, schools and professionals were conducted, with 27,595 participants.

**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 West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. In FY2022, \$475,000 was distributed to the 14 licensed regional domestic violence programs.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS LICENSED BY THE FPSB IN FY2022

### **Branches, Inc.**

Amanda McComas  
P.O. Box 403  
Huntington, WV 25708  
304-529-2382

### **Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center**

Katie Spriggs  
236 W. Martin Street  
Martinsburg, WV 25401  
304-263-8522

### **Family Crisis Center**

Sonya Fazzalore  
P.O. Box 207  
Keyser, WV 26726  
304-788-6061

### **Family Crisis Intervention Center**

Emily Larkins  
P.O. Box 695  
Parkersburg, WV 26102  
304-428-2333

### **Family Refuge Center**

Stephanie Moore  
P.O. Box 249  
Lewisburg, WV 24901  
304-645-6334

### **Family Violence Prevention Program —YWCA Wheeling**

Molly Holden  
1100 Chapline Street  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
304-232-2748

### **HOPE, Inc.**

Michelle McCord  
P.O. Box 626  
Fairmont, WV 26554  
304-367-1100

### **The Lighthouse of Change, Inc.**

Marissa Collett  
3136 West Street  
Weirton, WV 26062  
304-748-0332

### **Rape & Domestic Violence Information Center**

Alexia Jennings  
P.O. Box 4228  
Morgantown, WV 26504  
304-292-5100

### **Resolve Family Abuse Program — Charleston YWCA**

Julie Britton Haden  
1426 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
Charleston, WV 25301  
304-340-3554

### **Stop Abusive Family Environments (SAFE)**

Alice Walker  
P.O. Box 669  
Welch, WV 24801  
304-436-8117

### **Tug Valley Recovery Shelter**

Kim Ryan  
P.O. Box 677  
Williamson, WV 25661  
304-235-6121

### **Women's Aid in Crisis**

J.J. Johnson  
P.O. Box 2062  
Elkins, WV 26241  
304-636-8433

### **Women's Resource Center**

Regina Thomas  
P.O. Box 1476  
Beckley, WV 25802  
304-255-2559

**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 are allocated by the Family Protection Services Board. In FY2022, \$810,000 was distributed.

Legal Aid of West Virginia, through agreements with the licensed domestic violence programs and assistance from local volunteer and low fee attorneys, provided civil legal assistance to 1,237 victims through 12,979 hours of service in FY2021. 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 providing assistance in 13 cases in FY2022.

**LICENSED BATTERER INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS (BIPPs)** are designed as a series of educational classes aimed at holding batterers accountable. In FY2022, 934 batterers participated at class sites operated by 16 local licensed programs. Additionally, 325 individuals participated in BIPPs at 13 correctional centers operated by the West Virginia Division of Corrections.

**LICENSED MONITORED PARENTING AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS** (frequently called visitation centers) enable children to safely have in-person contact with their non-custodial parents. The need for monitored visitation and exchange results from family safety issues such as domestic violence, divorce and custody disputes. During FY2022, six licensed programs provided 1,801 exchanges and visits for 197 children at 7 sites. These visits and exchanges involved 115 custodial mothers, 34 custodial fathers, 111 non-custodial mothers, 114 non-custodial fathers and 6 other adults.

## BATTERER INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS LICENSED BY THE FPSB IN FY2021

### Community Alternatives to Violence

Jo Elliott  
304-262-4424

**Class Sites:** Berkeley Springs,  
Charles Town & Martinsburg

### Family Violence Prevention Program

#### YWCA Wheeling

Molly Holden  
304-232-2748

**Class Sites:** Moundsville, Weirton &  
Wheeling

### Fayette County Day Report Center

**Programming currently on hold**

Teresa Gregory  
304-900-5283

**Class Site:** Oak Hill

### Goodwill Counseling & Therapy Services

Janie Fuller-Phelps  
304-523-9454

**Class Site:** Huntington

### Greenbrier Day Report Center

Laura Legg  
304-647-1389

**Class Site:** Ronceverte

### McDowell County Day Report Center

Virgil Green  
304-436-9009

**Class Site:** Welch

### Marion County Day Report Center

Brandi Corley  
304-333-2441

**Class Site:** Fairmont

### Mason County Day Report Center

Nathaniel Roub  
304-675-7001

**Class Site:** Point Pleasant

### Mercer Day Report Center

Bill Jessee  
304-487-8485

**Class Site:** Princeton

### Mid-Ohio Valley Day Report Center

Hernando Escandon  
304-422-8570

**Class Sites:** Parkersburg, Ripley &  
Spencer

### North Central Community Corrections

Erin Golden  
304-636-5273

**Class Site:** Elkins

### Putnam Day Report Center

Jamey Hunt  
304-204-1406

**Class Sites:** Winfield & Virtual

### Rape & Domestic Violence Information Center

**ABC: Abusive Behavior is Criminal**

Cory Russell 304-292-5100

**Class Sites:** Virtual

### Tucker County Community Corrections

Dustin Luzier  
304-478-2833

**Class Site:** Parsons

### WV Dept. of Military Affairs and Public Safety

#### Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Misty Adams  
304-558-2036

**Class Sites:** Correctional Centers

Anthony | Beckley | Charleston |  
Denmar | Huttonsville |  
McDowell Co. | Mount Olive |  
Northern | Parkersburg |  
Pruntytown | Salem | St. Marys

## MONITORED PARENTING AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS LICENSED BY THE FPSB IN FY2022

### Family Crisis Intervention Center

#### Kids First Program

Cindy Buckingham  
304-428-8721

**Sites:** Parkersburg, Ripley & Spencer

### Family Refuge Center

#### Family Visitation & Exchange Center

Lesley J. Tolliver  
304-645-6586

**Site:** Lewisburg

### Family Violence Prevention Program

#### Visitation & Exchange Program

Jennifer Sorg  
304-232-2748

**Site:** Wheeling

### Resolve Family Abuse Program

#### Monitored Visitation & Exchange Center

Julie Britton Haden  
304-414-0016

**Site:** Charleston

### The Lighthouse of Change, Inc.

#### Monitored Visitation & Exchange Program

Marissa Collett  
304-748-0332

**Site:** Weirton

### Tri-County Child Exchange & Visitation Program

Beth Burkhart  
304-269-8247

**Sites:** Buckhannon & Weston