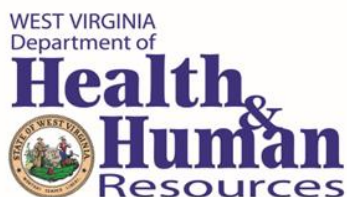


# West Virginia Family Protection Services Board

## 2023 Annual Report



Family Protection Service  
Board  
Courtney Saunders  
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## **Introduction**

The West Virginia 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 ensure 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 West Virginia 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 FPSB, 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 West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) and the Chair of the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction or their designees. A listing of board membership is as follows:

**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

**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

**Kimberly Sanford Sizemore, Vice Chair**

Representative-Licensed Batterer Intervention &  
Prevention Program  
Putnam County Day Report Center  
236 Courthouse Drive, Suite 8  
Winfield, WV 25213  
Telephone: (304) 204-1406

**Alice Hamilton**

Designated by the Cabinet Secretary  
WV Department of Health and Human Resources  
350 Davis Street  
Princeton, WV 24739  
Telephone: (304) 887-1128

**Quewannocii C. Stephens Sr.**

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

**Arlene Hudson**

Citizen Representative  
500 Virginia Street East, Suite 400  
Charleston, WV 25301  
Telephone: (304) 552-7901

**Courtney Saunders**

FPSB Coordinator  
350 Capitol Street  
Charleston, WV 25301  
Telephone: (304) 352-4534

**Amanda McComas**

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



- Victims received assistance in filing 6,510 domestic violence petitions.
- 1,248 educational programs for communities, schools, and professionals were conducted, with 42,575 participants.

## **The West Virginia Family Protection Fund**

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 DHHR. In FY2023, \$217,830.22 was distributed to the 14 licensed regional domestic violence programs.

## **Domestic Violence Programs Licensed by the FPSB in FY2023**

### **Branches, Inc.**

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

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

Lori Jones  
1100 Chapline Street  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 232-0511

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

Julie Britton  
1426 Kanawha Blvd., East  
Charleston, WV 25301  
(304) 340-3554

### **Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center**

Katie Spriggs  
236 W. Martin Street  
(304) 263-8522

### **HOPE, Inc.**

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

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

Alice Walker  
P.O. Box 669  
Welch, WV 24801

### **Family Crisis Center**

Sonya Fazzalore  
P.O. Box 207  
Keyser, WV 26726  
(304) 428-2333

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

Marissa Collett  
3158 West Street  
Weirton, WV 26062  
(304) 797-7733

### **Tug Valley Recovery Shelter**

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

### **Family Refuge Center**

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

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

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

### **Women’s Aid in Crisis**

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

### **A.W.A.Y. WV**

Regina Thomas  
P.O. Box 1476  
Beckley, WV 25802  
(304) 931-5028

## **Civil Legal Assistance Funds**

The 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 FPSB. In FY2023, \$860,000 was distributed.

Legal Aid of West Virginia, through agreements with the licensed domestic violence programs and assistance from local volunteers and low fee attorneys, opened 689 cases and closed 729 cases in FY2023, providing 30,870.3 hours of service to victims. 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 32 cases in FY2023.

Regional Legal Aid Office Contact Information is listed on the following page:

## Regional Legal Aid Office Contact Information

### State Administrative Office

922 Quarrier Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Charleston, WV 25301  
Phone: (800) 642-8279  
(304) 255-4481

### Huntington Office

418 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Huntington, WV 25701  
Phone: (866) 313-6129  
(304) 697-2070  
Counties Served: Cabell, Mason,  
and Wayne

### Morgantown Office

165 Scott Avenue, Suite 209  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
Phone: (800) 453-1939  
(304) 296-0001  
Counties Served: Marion,  
Monongalia, and Preston

### Beckley Office

115 South Kanawha Street  
Beckley, WV 25801  
Phone: (800) 319-4187  
(304) 255-0561  
Counties Served: Fayette,  
Nicholas, and Raleigh

### Lewisburg Office

125 Green Lane  
Lewisburg, WV 24901  
Phone: (866) 401-9391  
(304) 645-3131  
Counties Served: Logan and Mingo

### Parkersburg Office

327 Ninth Street  
Parkersburg, WV 26101  
Phone: (800) 675-7970  
(304) 485-7522  
Counties Served: Calhoun,  
Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane,  
Wirt and Wood

### Elkins Office

224 Third Street  
P.O. Box 229  
Elkins, WV 26241  
Phone: (866) 400-0196  
(304) 635-7600  
Counties Served: Barbour, Grant  
Pendleton, Randolph, Tucker and  
Upshur

### Logan Office

107 Stratton Office  
Logan, WV 25601  
Phone: (800) 319-4203  
(304) 752-4178  
Counties Served: Logan and Mingo

### Princeton Office

1519 North Walker Street  
Princeton, WV 24740  
Phone: (800) 319-4202  
(304) 487-1463  
Counties Served: Mercer,  
McDowell, and Wyoming

### Martinsburg Office

301 W. Burke Street, Suite B  
Martinsburg, WV 25401  
Phone: (866) 491-8871  
(304) 263-8871  
Counties Served: Berkeley, Hardy,  
Hampshire, Jefferson, Mineral,  
and Morgan

### Wheeling Office

The Mull Center  
1025 Main Street, Suite 716  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
Phone: (866) 401-5460  
(304) 232-1260  
Counties Served: Brooke, Hancock,  
Marshall, Ohio, Tyler, and Wetzel

## Licensed Batterer Intervention and Prevention Programs (BIPPs)

BIPPs are designed as a series of educational classes aimed at holding batterers accountable. In FY2023, 809 batterers participated at class sites operated by 16 local licensed programs. Additionally, 159 individuals participated in BIPPs at 12 correctional centers operated by the West Virginia Division of Corrections.

### **Community Alternatives to Violence    McDowell County Day Report Center    Pocahontas Day Report Center**

Jo Elliott

(304) 262-4424

Counties Served: Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan

Virgil Green

(304) 436-9009

Counties Served: McDowell

Jodi Zickafoose

(304) 799-6651

Counties Served: Pocahontas

### **Family Violence Prevention Program-    Marion County Day Report Center    Putnam Day Report Center** **YWCA Wheeling**

Lori Jones, (304) 232-2748

Counties Served: Marshall, Wetzel, and Ohio

Brandi Corley

(304) 333-2441

Counties Served: Marion

Kimberly Sanford Sizemore

(304) 204-1406

Counties Served: Putnam

### **Fayette County Day Report Center**

Teresa Gregory

(304) 900-5283

Counties Served: Fayette

### **Mason County Day Report Center**

Nathaniel Roub

(304) 675-7001

Counties Served: Mason

### **Rape & Domestic Violence Information Center (RDVIC)**

Cory Russell

(304) 292-5100

Counties Served: Preston, Taylor, and Monongalia

### **Goodwill Counseling & Therapy Services**

Janie Fuller-Phelps

(304) 523-9454

Counties Served: Cabell and Wayne

### **Mercer Day Report Center**

Michelle Stewart

(304) 487-8485

Counties Served: Mercer

### **Tucker County Community Corrections**

Dustin Luzier

(304) 478-2833

Counties Served: Tucker

### **Greenbrier Day Report Center**

Laura Legg

(304) 647-1389

Counties Served: Greenbrier

### **Mid-Ohio Valley Day Report Center**

Hernando Escandon

(304) 422-8570

Counties Served: Wood, Jackson, Roane, Ritchie, and Pleasants

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

Div. of Corrections & Rehab

Misty Adams

(304) 558-2036

Correctional Centers:

Anthony CC, Beckley CC, Charleston CC, Denmar CC, Huttonsville CC, McDowell County CC, Mount Olive CC, Northern CC, Parkersburg CC, Pruntytown CC, Salem CC, and St. Marys CC

### **Lewis/Upshur Day Report Center**

Cheyenne Troxell

(304) 472-9548

Counties Served: Lewis and Upshur

### **North Central Community Corrections**

Erin Golden

(304) 636-5273

Counties Served: Randolph and surrounding counties with a referral

## Licensed Monitored Parenting and Exchange Programs



Licensed Monitored Parenting and Exchange Programs (frequently called visitation centers) enable children to have safe 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 FY2023, six licensed programs provided 2,248 exchanges and visits for 325 children at nine sites. These visits and exchanges involved 218 custodial mothers, 37 custodial fathers, 30 non-custodial mothers, 208 non-custodial fathers, and six other adults.

### **Monitored Parenting and Exchange Programs Licensed by the FPSB in FY2023**

**Family Crisis Intervention Center  
Kids First Program**

Emily Larkins  
(304) 428-8721  
Counties Served: Jackson, Ritchie, Roane,  
Wirt, Wood, and Pleasants in WV.  
Washington County, Ohio.

**Resolve Family Abuse Program  
Monitored Visitation & Exchange Center**

Julie Britton  
(304) 414-0016  
Counties Served: Kanawha, Boone, Clay,  
Lincoln, Putnam, Cabell, Wood, Jackson,  
Mingo, and Logan

**Family Refuge Center  
Family Visitation & Exchange Center**

Stephanie Moore  
(304) 645-6586  
Counties Served: Greenbrier, Monroe,  
Pocahontas and Summers

**The Lighthouse of Change, Inc.  
Monitored Visitation & Exchange Program**

Marissa Collett  
(304) 748-0332  
Counties Served: Hancock and Brooke

**Family Violence Prevention Program  
YWCA Wheeling  
Visitation & Exchange Program**

Lori Jones  
(304) 232-2748  
Counties Served: Ohio and Marshall

**Tri-County Child Exchange & Visitation  
Program**

Beth Burkhart  
(304) 269-8247  
Counties Served: Lewis, Upshur, Braxton,  
and various surrounding counties