

FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD

2021 Annual Report

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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, §48-26-401 and §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.

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Director of a Licensed Domestic Violence Program
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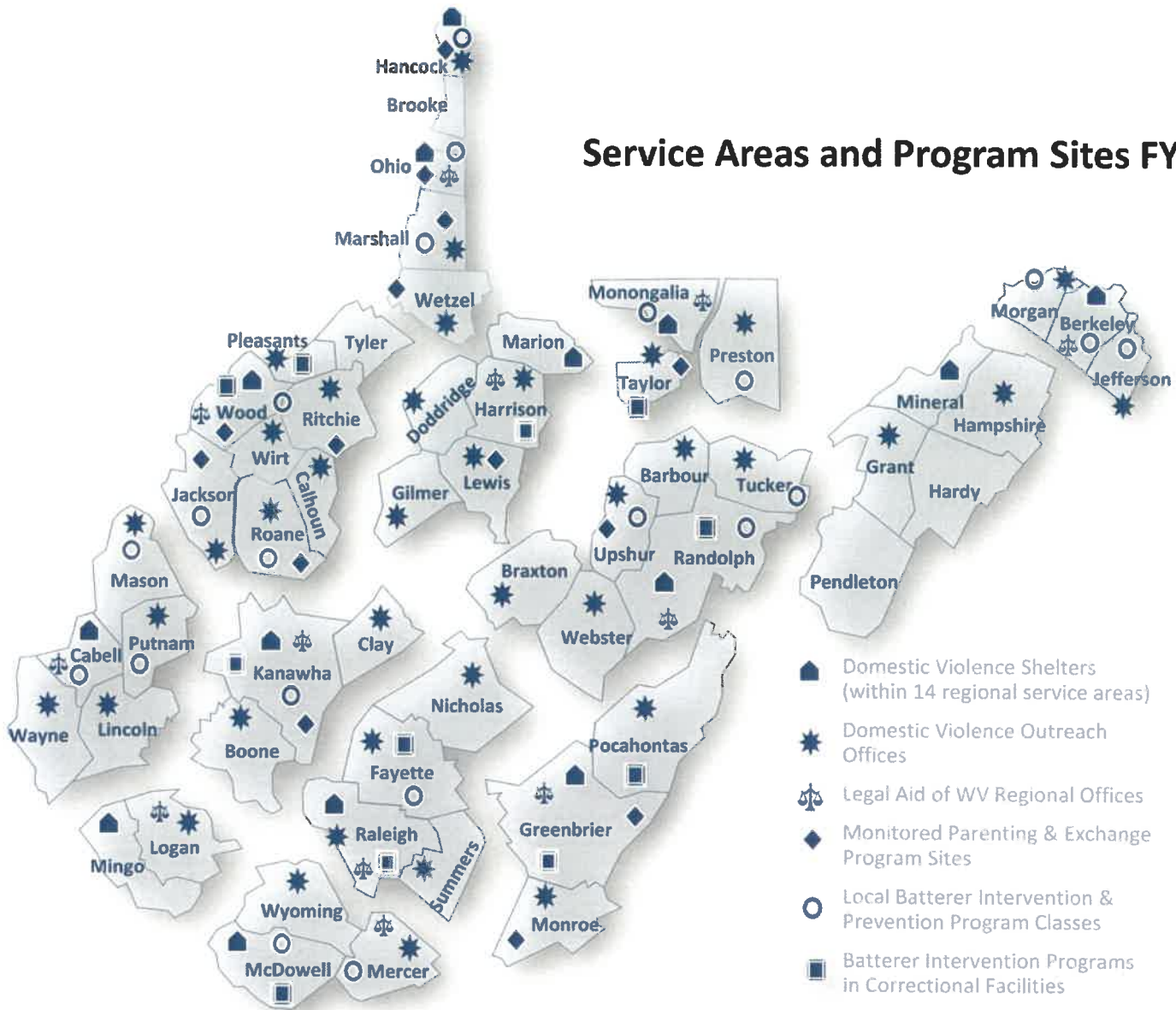
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Service Areas and Program Sites FY2021



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, 2019 and June 30, 2020, an unduplicated total of 11,232 adults and 1,596 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.
- ◆ 55,614 shelter nights were provided to victims and their children.
- ◆ 117,127 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 12,080 units of services were donated by volunteers.
- ◆ Victims received assistance in filing 6,338 domestic violence petitions.
- ◆ 1,082 educational programs for communities, schools and professionals were conducted, with 62,973 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 WV Department of Health and Human Resources. In FY2020, \$400,000 was distributed to the 14 licensed regional domestic violence programs.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS LICENSED BY THE FPSB IN FY2021

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 FY2021, \$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 34 cases in FY2021.

LICENSED BATTERER INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS (BIPPs) are designed as a series of educational classes aimed at holding batterers accountable. In FY2021, 504 batterers participated at class sites operated by 15 local licensed programs. Additionally, 117 individuals participated in BIPPs at 8 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 FY2021, seven licensed programs provided 2,040 exchanges and visits for 170 children at 11 sites. These visits and exchanges involved 116 custodial mothers, 40 custodial fathers, 37 non-custodial mothers, 114 non-custodial fathers and 11 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
304-469-2004

Class Site: Oak Hill

Goodwill KYOWVA Inc.
304-523-9454

Class Site: Huntington

**26th Judicial Circuit Community
Corrections Day Report Center**
Cheyenne Troxell
304-472-9548

Class Site: Buckhannon

McDowell County Day Report Center
Don Bowen
304-436-9009

Class Site: Welch

**Marion County Community Corrections
Day Report Center**
Brandi Corley
304-333-2445

Class Site: Fairmont

Mason County Day Report Center
304-675-7001

Class Site: Point Pleasant

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 County Day Report Center
Jamey Hunt
304-204-1406

Class Site: Winfield

**Rape & Domestic Violence
Information Center**
ABC: Abusive Behavior is Criminal
Alexia Jennings
304-292-5100

*Class Sites: Kingwood &
Morgantown*

**Southern Regional
Community Corrections**
Bill Jesse
304-487-8485

Class Site: Princeton

Tucker County Day Report Center
Dustin Luzier
304-478-2833

Class Sites: Parsons, Davis

**WV Dept. of Homeland Security
Division of Corrections
and Rehabilitation**
Jennifer Ballard
Director of Programs
304-558-2036

Class Sites: Correctional Centers

MONITORED PARENTING AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS LICENSED BY THE FPSB IN FY2021

Family Crisis Intervention Center
Kids First Program
Cindy Buckingham
304-428-8721

Sites: Harrisville, Parkersburg, Ripley & Spencer

Family Refuge Center
Family Visitation & Exchange Center
Lesley J. Tolliver
304-645-6586

Sites: Lewisburg & Union

Family Violence Prevention Program
Visitation & Exchange Program
Molly Holden
304-232-2748

Sites: Moundsville, New Martinsville & Wheeling

Rape & Domestic Violence Information Center
Time Together
Margaret VanDotteren
304-265-6534
Site: Grafton

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