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(Families Agencies Children Enhancing Services)

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BACKGROUND

McDowell County Families Agencies Children Enhancing Services (FACES) Inc. was created in 1997 as the Family Resource Network and was incorporated to be a neutral table where stakeholders could come, share issues, concerns, resources, and needs that could be put into a strategic plan of action to eliminate the gaps in services for children and families. The past 16 years have been successful in mobilizing agencies and families to identify those gaps and successfully put in place programs and strategies to make services more available to families.

Vision: To be the consumer voice in McDowell County for families and children’s services.

Mission: To facilitate the development of service delivery systems which encourage self-respect, self-determination, assess to timely services and opportunity for input by all citizens.

Stakeholders: The Stakeholders in McDowell County FACES include family, community, and service providers. We have a number of services providers at the table to review their programs and develop collaborative partners while trusting their counterparts to be the Board Members. To accomplish our vision, we value the input of family and community and depend on them to take lead roles in decision making. We provide training for our Board members to assist them in facilitation, planning and assessments. The Board Members for FY14 were: Shelia Muncy, Chair; Mary McKinney, Vice Chair; Beverly Slagle, Treasurer; Rosie Jackson, Secretary; J.J. Rose, Health Department; Bonita Miano, Board of Education; Todd Burnett, Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Services; Yvonne Walker, DHHR; and Helen Carson. Of the Board membership, 51% of the members are family and community and 100% of the elected officers are these family and community members.

In meeting our vision, mission and goals, we incorporate the assistance of personnel from many service provider agencies. The services include alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention, teen pregnancy prevention, child abuse and neglect, resource directory distribution, health issues, nutrition and fitness. We invite individuals from the community to become part of the networking that provides assessment, planning, mobilization, implementation, and evaluation processes for these projects. There have been times when we have found that an existing group in the county has been successful with a particular program and rather than duplicate their efforts, we request that those interested in similar programs join with, support and become part of what was existing.

Needs Assessment: McDowell County remains 55th in WV (with 55 being worst) for child and family wellbeing. Demographics for McDowell come from Kids Count Data Book 2013; Social Security Administration 2011; County Health Rankings, 2014; US Census; Division of Criminal Justice; Prevention Resource Center; and WV DHHR Vital Statistics 2011. According to these sources McDowell County, West Virginia has 21,326 residents of which 4,296 are under 18 years of age and 1,502 under age six. The total minority population is 10.4%. The total population over age 65 in 2010 was 2,109. As of November 2013, there were 3,435 total students enrolled in McDowell County.
The number of population receiving social security and/or SSI in 2012 is 2,993. McDowell County’s median household income is $22,154 and 45.4% of McDowell’s children live in poverty. The percent of children under age 6 who live in families with parents in the labor force is 25.9%. The unemployment rate is 12.8%. There are 46.1/1,000 substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect in McDowell County.

The DAWN Report (Drug Abuse Warning Network) reports for 2008-2010 demonstrated that McDowell County had the highest rate per capita in the state for drug related deaths. Welch Community Hospital reported that in 2012 there were 166 individuals in the ER due to drug overdose and there were seven babies with positive drug screens and one fetal demise where a mother tested positive for drugs.

WV Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health list McDowell with 13.25% for premature births, 12.91% in low birth weight infants, and 16.56% for infant mortality with all three excess of the state rates. More than 90% of children currently in custody are there because of drug issues in the home. WV DHHR identifies the teen birth rates in 2009 for youth ages 15-19 as 652 female population and 69 births. Welch Community Hospital reports 19 births to teen mothers.

There are no YMCA/YWCA, skating rinks, arcades, teen centers, and teen courts in McDowell County. Limited facilities or activities include swim teams, skate parks, tennis courts, boy and Girl Scout troops, 4-H clubs, weekend supervised activity or gathering sites, recreation centers, youth clubs, faith-based activities, and organized sports outside school environment. Computer social networking, cell phones, and video games in homes and friends’ homes take precedence over outdoor activities. There are few employment opportunities for youth.

According to the 2012 WV Profiles from the Bureau of Public Health McDowell ranked number one in deaths due to diabetes and intentional injuries, number two in deaths due to heart disease and number three in unintentional injuries, pneumonia and influenza. McDowell now ranks 4th in death due to obesity issues.

Based on this statistical data, McDowell County FACES has six (6) goals to which this report address accomplishments.
Goal 1: McDowell County will achieve and maintain good physical and mental health.

FACES co-created the Health Opportunities for Positive Education (HOPE) Coalition to provide concentration efforts on: Health (diabetes, cancer, obesity); Youth; At-Risk Youth; and Substance Abuse. Under the auspices of the HOPE Coalition, the monthly meetings have also addressed special issues regarding teen pregnancy; media training (using media to get our messages out there); a review of assessments from Big Creek People in Action, FACES, and the Healthy Lifestyle Challenge post survey results; the American Heart Association for new information sharing; review of the McDowell CHOICES (nutrition and fitness program) initiative; Children in Poverty; how budget cuts would be affecting many of the agencies at the tables; breast cancer initiatives; and finally a review of current initiatives and strategic planning for the Coalition to move into the next five years. Stakeholders for the HOPE Coalition include:

1. Alternative Sentencing Program,
2. Big Creek People in Action
3. Birth to Three,
4. Board of Education,
5. Children’s Home Society,
6. Community Crossing,
7. Council of the Southern Mountains,
8. Hospice Compassus,
9. Juvenile Drug Court
10. McDowell CHOICES,
11. McDowell County Commission
12. McDowell County Economic Development Authority
13. Reconnecting McDowell,
14. Rudolph Ministries,
15. SAFE,
16. Sheriff’s Office
17. Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center
18. Stop the Hurt,
19. Tug River Health Association,
20. United Methodist Church,
21. Welch Community Hospital
22. WV Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program
23. WV DHHR,
24. WV Free,
25. WV State Police
26. WV Tobacco Prevention Coalition
27. WVU Extension,

HEALTH

Diabetes: McDowell County FACES received $10,000 in grants from Marshall University to bring Chronic Disease Self-Management classes to local communities. FACES utilized money received in prior funds to pay to have Ginger Day, Courtney Jewell, and Nathan Acosta trained
in the curriculum. During the six week classes the participants will also be encouraged to form walking teams and learn about dental care. These individuals will begin in the new fiscal year recruiting and providing classes throughout the county. WVU Extension provided Dining With Diabetes and Adult Nutrition classes during the year.

**Impact:** McDowell County residents with chronic diseases will have access to self-management classes without cost to them and begin to monitor and manage their respective diseases effectively.

**Healthy Happy Lifestyles Challenge:** The HOPE Coalition completed a new Healthy Happy Lifestyles Challenge in Spring, 2014. There were four teams with a total of 21 participants representing different areas in the county. The results:

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<td>763</td>
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<td>children helped with an educational activity</td>
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<td>Volunteer hours</td>
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<td>People referred to the Rx Abuse Hotline</td>
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<td>Visits to businesses they had never been to before</td>
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<td>People referred to Tobacco Education Workshops</td>
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<td>People attended Chronic Disease Management Workshops</td>
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<td>Attended a Weight Support Group</td>
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<td>Prepared their car’s emergency response kit</td>
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<td>Assisted a senior citizen with a special need</td>
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<td>Quit drinking soda</td>
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<td>Made their home smoke-free zones</td>
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<td>Had their annual dental screenings</td>
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<td>Know their blood pressure reading</td>
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<td>Know their A1C Numbers</td>
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<td>People had their annual mammogram or took a friend for one</td>
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<td>Attended a workshop on social media</td>
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<td>Attended a WVU Financial Education Workshop</td>
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The winning team received $100 each and all other teams received gift cards. One team commented that the quantitative benefit such as relationship building and team activities were very valuable to them as well.

**Impact:** McDowell residents have information about agencies, services, resources, and increased their intake of healthy foods and drinks, increased their exercise levels, and followed through for annual health checkups. Individuals have formed teams that will continue to be a support system throughout the years. Through the efforts of team members there were 38 individuals in the county referred to prescription drug quit lines and 47 referred to tobacco quit lines. People became more involved in their county.

**Oral Health:** Through Reconnecting McDowell, Iaeger and Bradshaw elementary will from this point on have a dentist for half a day a week for check-ups and early detection. A hygienist will do follow-up cleaning and sealing.

**Mental Health:** Through collaboration between Reconnecting McDowell, Board of Education, and Southern Highlands Mental Health Support and Service has begun with 1-day a week. The services are now just designated for Students, but they hope to extend service to families in the future.
Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention:

The HOPE Coalition received the Susan G. Komen for the Cure grant during this fiscal year. The grant was to complete education, provide Clinical Breast Examinations, Mammograms, and referrals as necessary. The grant worked collaboratively with the McDowell County Health Department which provided all CBEs; Bonnie’s Bus which completed the majority of mammograms; Breast and Cervical Screening Program (BCCSP) which provided services to those women meeting their guidelines; Welch Community Hospital to complete mammograms that were not done through Bonnie’s Bus; Kelly Medical and WVU Hospitals for diagnosis of mammograms completed at Welch Community Hospital. Contract Coordinator Shelia Muncy completed 40 Circle of HOPE education classes with 234 participants; 59 in-home education classes; 7 events with 884 participants receiving literature and referral information; 42 clinical breast examinations; 26 mammograms; 20 referrals to BCCSP; and one referred for additional diagnostic services. There were no cancers detected in the participants receiving testing.

McDowell County FACES did not receive a new grant under Komen. We were successful in our application process however there was not enough money to fund the grant application and we will reapply next year. Shelia and the members of Breast Friends (formerly Pink Brigade) will continue the educational component this year and the Health Department will bring Bonnie’s Bus to the county at least once.

The HOPE Coalition coordinated again this year with the Sterling Drive Inn to host the annual Pancake Breakfast to raise funds to support WV BCCSP diagnostic screening and treatment for women in West Virginia. Members of both the HOPE Coalition and the Drive Inn waited tables, bussed tables, and the Drive Inn only charges actual cost of food for the event. All staff time is donated by the Drive Inn and all Coalition members contribute their time.

**Impact:** Women in McDowell have information necessary to make informed choices about their breast health; have resources available to them to obtain clinical breast examinations and mammograms; and have support for additional diagnostic screening and treatment if necessary. While not funded for our current year, McDowell Breast Friends, Bradshaw and surrounding communities, will continue the community awareness work started by this initiative and the Health Department, Bonnie’s Bus, and BCCSP will continue to offer services to uninsured and underinsured women.
Change the Future WV:

Entering a convenience store gives you an overwhelming amount of snack and meal options. However, very few of these options are healthy. Many common convenience store choices like hot dogs, candy bars and soft drinks are rich in calories but low in healthy nutrients. Fortunately, there are a handful of convenient stores in McDowell County who have taken on the responsibility of offering healthy foods for customers to choose from the next time hunger hits you on the road.

Partnering with Change the Future WV, locally owned and operated by Delbert Kiser, 3 Way Super Stop has joined in the efforts to fight the enormous obesity problem plaguing McDowell County.

Change the Future is a state-wide initiative designed for people who want to improve opportunities for healthy eating and physical activity in their communities. It focuses on changing local environments in ways that make it easier for people to choose healthy options.

Visiting Linda McKinney at the Five Loaves and Two Fishes, McDowell County’s Food Bank, I find they have provided food and products for six outlying pantries, infant and children’s pantry, a year round toy pantry for displaced children, a disaster pantry for those suffering through housing loss and also serves as a POINT OF DISTRIBUTION for Homeland Security during Emergency Disasters. Physical fitness programs are available at the site as well. Partnering with Change the Future WV, Linda has a good supply of reusable grocery bags that she fills with as much food items as the bags can hold.

Helping families with food, nutrition, and exercise is just a few things Linda is doing to change her community. Recently she held an event for grandparents raising their grandchildren. Spending the day talking with Linda and exploring the facility left me feeling exhausted and encouraged at the same time. Changing communities will take more people like the McKinney’s and lots of hard work and dedication.

Through the Change the Future WV 20 stores throughout the county chose to make changes in their snack areas, particularly at the checkout by placing 28 coolers for water and reduced sugar beverages, 25 tiered racks and 25 tiered tub bins for fresh fruits and/or healthy snacks. The stores also displayed large signage for nutrition information.

**Impact:** When speaking with Mr. Kiser, he stated, “Since making changes to my store by
offering healthier options such as yogurt, whole grain granola bars, fruits, beef jerky, a variety of salads, bottles of water and 100% juice, people have really taken notice and the response has been great!” Families across the county have better access to healthier food choices which will reduce disease such as diabetes.

Fitness: Through Reconnecting McDowell, the National Foundation for Governors’ Fitness Councils (NFGFC), led by Jake Steinfield of “Body by Jake” and West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, officially opened the Southside K-8 Live Positively Fitness Center in War, WV. Southside is one of 3 schools that received $100,000 for a fitness facility as part of the NFGFC’s effort to combat the nation’s growing obesity rate among children.

Impact: Youth at Southside K-8 have access to circuit training. Physical movement will assist in reducing the obesity rates.

McDowell CHOICES: WVU & Highmark worked with Reconnecting McDowell and donated a renewal grant of $200,000 for countywide improvements for physical education. The foundation for student achievement matches a strong and healthy body with a strong and healthy mind. This grant also works to improve issues with student obesity and further health concerns related to obesity.

This report is provided by CHOICES (Children’s Health Opportunities Involving Coordinated Efforts in Schools). CHOICES is a member of the HOPE Coalition and McDowell FACES is on their advisory board. The purpose of McDowell CHOICES is to develop, implement, and evaluate an integrated approach for childhood and adolescent health related to improved physical activity participation using evidence-based strategies in the school setting.

Equipment Purchases and Program Enhancements

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<th>CSPAP Components</th>
<th>Primary Program Enhancements</th>
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<td>Anawalt</td>
<td>Physical education</td>
<td>Added Active Gaming and Volleyball to the PE curriculum; provided tricycles for pre-school programming; added new equipment to existing PE program offerings</td>
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<td>Bradshaw</td>
<td>Physical Education, Before/After school, Family/Community Programming</td>
<td>Wiffle Ball, Xbox Complete Set Added Active Gaming to the PE curriculum and during school time PA; purchased equipment for the family program; added new equipment to existing PE program offerings and for use in before school programs and recess</td>
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<td>Fall</td>
<td>Physical education,</td>
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<td>River</td>
<td>during school PA</td>
<td>Physical education curriculum; added new equipment to existing PE program offerings and for use in before school programs and recess</td>
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<td>Iaeger</td>
<td>Physical education, During School, Before/After School</td>
<td>Added new equipment to existing PE program offerings and for use in recess and classroom activity</td>
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<td>Kimball</td>
<td>Physical education</td>
<td>Added equipment to the current PE program to introduce new sports (hockey, flag football), and purchased pedometers to track physical activity</td>
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<td>Mt. View Middle</td>
<td>Physical education, Before/After School, Staff Wellness</td>
<td>Exercise therapy ball, soccer balls, Wii games Added active gaming and weight training activities to the PE curriculum; purchased new equipment to help delivery existing units in PE; purchased equipment to be used in the during school PA class on Fridays, and staff wellness</td>
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<td>Mt. View High</td>
<td>Physical education, Before/After school, other Physical Activity during school day, staff wellness</td>
<td>Added Active Gaming and Yoga to the existing PE program, and for use in an after school program and a program for staff</td>
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<td>River View High</td>
<td>Physical Education</td>
<td>Added floor hockey to the PE curriculum; purchased equipment to teach interdisciplinary lessons during activity time</td>
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<td>Sandy River Middle</td>
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<td>Added table tennis and step aerobics to the current PE curriculum; purchased tumbling mats for use in PE and during an after-school program</td>
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<td>Southside K-8</td>
<td>Physical Education, other physical activity during school day</td>
<td>Added new equipment to existing PE program offerings and for use in recess and classroom activity</td>
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<td>Welch</td>
<td>Physical education, Before/After School</td>
<td>Added gymnastics to PE and as an after-school program</td>
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**After School Programming** includes or will include ballet, tap dance, Zumba, Fire Up Your Feet, Fun With Parents, Karate, Gymnastics, Walking, Yoga, Game Day, Archery, Dance Dance Revolution, and Mother-Daughter Fitness.

CHOICES staff Nathan Acosta attends the HOPE Coalition and networks with agencies to implement physical fitness initiatives throughout. He volunteers to assist agencies with their initiatives as well.

**Impact: Youth in McDowell County have access to physical fitness programs, equipment, and resources to ensure they have the ability to make informed choices to become active rather than sedentary. Students are responding to the initiatives by actively participating.**

**Individual Health Support:** McDowell County FACES is the fiscal agent for foundations or local individuals that want to assist a specific health need for a family. This year, we received funding to continue support of two individuals and while we do not provide the direct services to these individuals, the money is funneled through us to the providers of said services:
Case 1: Joshua Foster, cystic fibrosis double lung transplant recipient on July 3 and 4, 2013 was provided $9,318.00 in support through First Community Bank to go with money from local business and individuals in June and $1,000 from a foundation. Joshua was lost three times during the surgery which took 17 hours because the lungs were literally glued to his ribs to prevent collapse in prior years, he lost massive amounts of blood, but when the lungs were fully installed, they began working perfectly. Joshua has had his one year anniversary and he has no signs of rejection, gained 50 pounds, and while he still has the other side effects of the disease it will never be in his lungs. He is back to work part time and enjoying life. The money donated helped them stay in North Carolina for six months, pay their costs there as well as their bills at home. Completing his hospital stay in six months rather than anticipated 12 months, it saved them approximately $30,000. The pictures below show one month after his lung transplant, 11 months after surgery, and his co-worker support by wearing purple, the support color of cystic fibrosis.

Case 2: Young man, auto accident victim, was assisted through a Foundation to contribute towards his utility bills, home repair, etc. McDowell County FACES interfaced with all utility companies and his family to write checks directly to the companies on a quarterly basis. The foundation has assisted in getting this young man furniture and a storage building as well. All the efforts are to ensure as much safety in and around the home as possible.

Case 3: Assistance with home repairs for a family through this Foundation.

McDowell County FACES does not take any administrative funds from any of these local family accounts to ensure that the families are benefited to the maximum amount. No checks are written to individuals if possible to ensure transparency.

**Impact:** Of all the work we do, these two stories show immediate impact. Joshua is alive and well on his way to full-time work. Glen has what he needs to ensure quality of life through comfortable housing with utilities including internet and television.

**Health Education:** McDowell County FACES participated in three webinars on Marketplace 101 for new health care reform, County Health Rankings Policy and Procedures, and Nonprofits and Health Care Reform Requirements. The purpose in participating in these is to be able to have resources and information available for other local health providers and nonprofits.
Goal 2: McDowell County children will be ready to succeed in school.

**Information Dissemination:** McDowell County FACES participated in the Southside K-8 Beginning of the School Year Social Event and Fall River school event where we provided information and resources on health, Help Me Grow, Parents as Teachers, substance abuse prevention, etc. to 880 individuals. FACES provided bags with information brochures, glue, pencils, notebooks, paper, folders, etc. to help children with school supplies. Staff spoke to one grandmother that was raising her 14 year old granddaughter who had delivered her baby in the spring. FACES shared information about the Parents as Teachers program and gave her contact information for the granddaughter.

At Fall River Event, there was a child approximately 4 years old that came by the table and as soon as he was given a glue stick, he took off running down the hall squealing for his mom to see he finally got glue. He was so thrilled that he didn’t pick up anything else until she made her way back to the table area.

There was a second child approximately 6-8 that asked if she could have some information that was on the table about Substance Abuse Quitline. She volunteered that her daddy had problems with that “stuff” and she wanted to get him some help so he could be nicer to her. I gave her the literature and also introduced her to Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center rep that talked to her a little further.

**Impact:** McDowell County families and children have access to supplies and information on resources and services. Because of face-to-face interaction, children feel comfortable asking for help for family members.

**Technology:** In conjunction with a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission, Reconnecting McDowell distributed over 872 laptops to every middle school student in McDowell County. Over the course of 3 days, RM partners and staff distributed laptops to
students and provided them with an essential tool for education. This effort was a defined goal of giving the students of McDowell access to technology that will help them connect and compete with the rest of the world. This boost in access not only facilitates the students’ chances of betterment, but also assists in connecting the entire family with tools needed to better their lives and futures.

Through Reconnecting McDowell IBM for the second year in a row donated another 10 KidSmart Units to McDowell children. IBM’s KidSmart program includes the Young Explorer, a computer housed in brightly colored, kid-friendly Little Tikes™ furniture and equipped with award-winning educational software to help children learn and explore concepts in math, science and language. The computer centers can also help children learn important socialization skills such as working together and sharing. Exploration and socialization skills are important to prepare children for future success in school, help level the playing field and ensure all children have access to educational tools.

With negotiations and partnerships with Reconnecting McDowell, Shentel Communications installed $9.7 million dollars’ worth of fiber optic lines throughout McDowell County to bring over 10,000 homes broadband access. Each home now has the capability to get internet connection as a rate as fast as large cities and metropolitan areas. Shentel has also priced their internet access at an extremely reduced rate for Families in McDowell starting at $9.95/month.

*Impact: Families in McDowell have access to broadband internet, computers, and technologies sufficient to prepare them for the future.*

**Community Schools Concept:** Reconnecting McDowell and Southside K-8 have been working to bring the Community Schools initiative to the area. McDowell FACES volunteered to serve on the Steering Committee and assisting with designing the community focus group material. FACES designed and completed surveys with in-school personnel and service providers, nonprofits, faith, and community groups, analyzed the data and used it to identify areas of interest from both groups. FACES will assist with the focus groups and combine the data from the meetings with the surveys to make sure the initiative has identified all areas of need.

Community schools are the center around which the community revolves. In the community school model, public schools, non-profit organizations and local businesses come together to provide a broad range of programs and services to students and their families in support of comprehensive child development. Through this approach, community schools create an environment where students and their families can reach their full potential.

Community schools promote a comprehensive and collaborative approach to child development.
They strive to elevate learning and to encourage family and community engagement with initiatives that extend beyond traditional after school programs.

The community school model has three distinct features:

1. Boost academic achievement through **educational, social and emotional supports**, offering programs and services that remove barriers and provide enhanced opportunities
2. Comprehensive support of the **health and wellness of children and their families** through medical support, counseling services, and youth and community development programs
3. **Parental and community engagement**, including an active role in decision-making through shared leadership

Community-based organizations foster engagement in a variety of different ways. Some bring resources to bear on challenges that students face while others develop the capacity for parents to be involved with schools. In some instances, community-based organizations that advocate for families and develop families' capacities to advocate for themselves, also add another layer of accountability for schools and school districts in terms of being open to families, working to meet family needs, and promoting engagement.

**Impact:** **Southside catchment area families have opportunity to utilize facilities, provide support for students, and become a part of solutions. Families and students will have opportunity at the Community Center to participate in a wide array of activities, events, programs, and community engagement. This initiative has the potential to reduce the barriers to access social services needed by the family units. The community schools initiative, once successful, will be duplicated to other schools throughout the county.**

**Student Resource Centers:** McDowell County FACES introduced this concept to the Superintendent of Schools, personnel, and agencies to bring service providers on location at both High Schools to offer access to resources. The HOPE Coalition felt that the reason the on-site school based clinics are so successful is the access to students. Our children are not familiar with resources that are available to them throughout the county and if we could secure a location at both high schools youth would be able to freely communicate with the providers of services, find out how to access their services, and receive valuable information. The Superintendent is supportive of the concept and details have been on the table this year. We currently have a staff member that was placed in April who should be able to open these centers once per week for agencies to come in and provide contact and service information to students.

**Impact:** **Students and parents will have access to resources and services information on site and understand how to navigate the systems of service through face-to-face time.**
Reconnecting McDowell, a public-private partnership, was launched in December 2011 as a long-term effort to improve the floundering public schools and address unmet needs brought on by unrelenting poverty that affects student achievement. It now has more than 100 partners that contribute services, funding and/or expertise.

Reconnecting McDowell is a comprehensive, long-term effort to make educational improvement in McDowell County the route to a brighter economic future. Partners from business, foundations, government, nonprofit agencies and labor have committed, in a signed covenant, to seeking solutions to McDowell’s complex problems—poverty, underperforming schools, drug and alcohol abuse, housing shortages, limited medical services, and inadequate access to technology and transportation.

As a member of the Reconnecting Board and Wrap Around Services committee, McDowell County FACES interfaces with its members regularly to share concerns and provide information. The accomplishments for Reconnecting McDowell are listed below:

**WV Legislature** added $125,000 additional dollars in state funds for literacy and early childhood education programs to be administered by Save the Children, which is a Reconnecting McDowell partner. Save the Children have trainers on the ground in three county schools to work with students and families to raise literacy rates, strengthen early childhood education opportunities and increase parental involvement in student learning.

**Reconnecting McDowell Executive Committee** voted to purchase both the Best Furniture Building as well as the attached Katzen Building for anticipation of construction of the Teacher Village to be built in downtown Welch. This property will help alleviate the lack of available housing for Teachers in McDowell County. It also provides a centrally located facility with community type living and access to local businesses, parks, restaurants, and entertainment. This event marked a giant step forward in an overall project benchmark of creating a housing facility to attract and retain teachers in McDowell.

**VH1 Save the Music Foundation**, a new Reconnecting McDowell partner, provided a school with $30,000 worth of musical instruments in cooperation with the county superintendent furnishing an elementary or middle school music teacher and agreeing to offer music as a normal part of the instructional day. The foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring instrumental music education in America’s public schools and raising awareness about the importance of music as part of each child’s complete education.

**AT&T and Reconnecting McDowell** started the first of a three year *Broader Horizons Mentoring Program*. It is a program that takes High School Juniors through an extensive mentoring line-up that includes leadership development, public speaking, job shadowing, job networking, cultural tours, visit to the State Capital in Charleston meeting legislators and
dignitaries, and a tour West Virginia State University. Students are paired with a mentor that will provide guidance and experience to assist them in preparing to be college and career ready by graduation. The next stage of the program will consist of a week-long trip to Washington D.C. to again do job shadowing, leadership and public speaking development, museum and cultural tours, college and university visits, and meeting with members of Congress. The program is made possible by a $300,000 grant from AT&T. Approximately 20 Juniors from both Mount View & River View High Schools participated in a week long program designed to get them more college and career ready. The trip included college campus visits to The University of Maryland & Georgetown University. It included a visit to the Nation’s Capital and meetings with both Senator Manchin and Congressman Rahall. We visited NBC studios, visited the National Zoo, and toured AT&T’s innovation lab. We had students participate in public speaking and leadership seminars. We also visited several key monuments/historic spots in Washington, D.C.

**Women of Steel** Raise $5,000 to help McDowell Children attend 4-H camp. The 4-H camp in McDowell has a day program for kids ages 5-12, and residential (overnight) programs for younger kids ages 9-12 and older kids ages 13-18. Campers come together to learn new skills, such as archery, cooking and photography. The older campers have the opportunity to discuss teen issues, including drug abuse, relationships, money management, and planning their futures. Healthy lifestyles and STEM (science, technology, engineering, & math) classes are also offered at camp.

**Impact:** Through Reconnecting McDowell’s multiple level approach to changing McDowell County, local agencies, nonprofits, boards, schools, etc. have a greater opportunity to network with partnerships to improve the overall health of McDowell County residents, systems, health and wellbeing.

**Goal 3:** McDowell County will possess marketable skills and have access to good jobs.

**McDowell County EXPO:** The McDowell County EDA, Chamber of Commerce, National Guard, Reconnecting McDowell, FACES and other agencies joined together to host the first annual McDowell County EXPO. The EXPO was held in October with 975 participating in the event through the reception, job fair, vendors, and participants. All booths were sold out and resources were available for families. Even with McDowell County FACES being the resource locator for the county, it proved there were additional resources that had not been previously listed in our directory etc., and we were able to get their information for future listings.
The event utilized the McDowell County students for security and performances. Jo’s Pastries and Candies was the highlight of the banquet. There were multiple speakers, door prizes, activities, and events throughout the two-day event.

**Impact:** McDowell County families have access to resources, programs, services, under one location. They had opportunity to participate in a job fair with five employers present. Students were given the opportunity to complete hands-on job skills through the Criminal Justice security, and other youth were given the opportunity to perform for the County population and dignitaries. Overall survey ratings demonstrated that the EXPO was a success and will be duplicated again next year.

**Goal 4:** McDowell County parents will have adequate resources to protect, nurture, educate and support their children.

**Parents As Teachers:** Community Crossing continues the Parents as Teachers Program in McDowell County with approximately 98 individuals participating. The “Parents as Teachers” Mission is to provide all parents with research-based child development information, guidance,
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assistance, and family support that encourage the development of young children. Our vision is that all children will learn, grow, and develop to realize their full potential. Statistics show that “Parents as Teachers” parents are: more involved in their children’s schooling; more confident in their parenting role; and read more to their children. Statistics show that children of “Parents as Teachers” programs are: significantly more advanced in language, social development, problem solving and other cognitive abilities than comparison children; score higher on kindergarten readiness tests and on standardized measures of achievement in early grades.

Services provided include: home visits conducted by Parent Educators to provide information about stages of development, general parenting guidance, tips on home safety, effective discipline, and constructive planned activities. Periodic monitoring and formal screening of overall development, language, hearing and vision are also offered to participating families. Parents in the program enjoy monthly group connection meetings and weekly play groups. In addition, resource networks are provided to help families link with other local providers of special services beyond the scope of Parents as Teachers.

Impact: Families in McDowell County have access to Parent Educators in the home for prenatal through age five providing resources and education to reduce risk factors in their children. Families learn parenting skills that will be passed on through the generations.

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Substance Abuse Prevention

McDowell FACES, the HOPE Coalition and both stakeholders work toward alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery. This is accomplished through the Prevention Without Borders and Partnerships for Success initiatives. The initiatives are as follows:

Example of how SBIRT (Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) works at a health facility intake.

SBIRT (Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) is an evidence-based approach to identifying patients who use alcohol and other drugs at risky levels with the goal of reducing and preventing related health consequences, disease, accidents and injuries. Risky substance use is a health issue and often goes undetected.

SBIRT is a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach that provides opportunities for early intervention before more severe consequences occur. Evidence-based tools that are demonstrated to be valid and reliable in identifying individuals with problem use or at risk for a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) must be used.

Why is SBIRT Important?
SBIRT is effective. More than screening, SBIRT is an effective tool for identifying risk behaviors and providing appropriate intervention.

By screening for high risk behavior, healthcare providers can use evidence-based brief interventions focusing on health and other consequences, preventing future problems.

How does SBIRT work?

SBIRT incorporates screening for all types of substance use with brief, tailored feedback and advice.

SBIRT can be performed in a variety of settings. Screening does not have to be performed by a physician.

Simple feedback on risky behavior can be one of the most important influences on patient behavior and change.

In McDowell County Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center has placed two SBIRT Coordinators at Welch Community Hospital. From July 2013 through June 2014 the SBIRT report was as follows:

- Total Screens Collected: 935
- Number positive screenings: 568
- Number that received interventions: 278
  - Number that received brief interventions: 239
  - Number that received brief treatment: 2
  - Number receiving referral to treatment: 31
  - Number receiving mental health referrals: 31

**Impact:** Individuals in McDowell County have access to early screening which can lead to prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery. Residents have access to professionals during non-traditional hours.

**Prescription Drug Take Back Days:** McDowell County Sheriff’s Office; HOPE Coalition; FACES; Kimball Wal-Mart; Big Creek People in Action; youth and volunteers worked collaboratively to host two DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Days during the year at two different locations. In October, 2013, FACES negotiated with the Kimball Wal-Mart to allow a collection location and Big Creek People in Action contacted us to see if they could also be a
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collection location. The Sheriff’s Office agreed to send officers to both locations and a total of 78 pounds of prescriptions were turned in. In April, 2014 the partners agreed to have the second Take Back day however BCPIA opted not to be a collection location. The total collected at the Wal-Mart was 36 pounds. Ninety two (92) individuals brought prescription to the different locations. There was newspaper articles submitted to prepare the county for these Take Back dates as well.

Throughout the year, residents have the opportunity to take unused prescriptions to the Sheriff’s Office and place them in a sealed container. This container was placed in our county in a collaborative effort between McDowell County FACES, HOPE Coalition, Sheriff’s Office, Stevens Correctional Facility, and was decorated and publicized by youth. These medications are also disposed of on the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Days. All medications are incinerated by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

**Impact:** There were 114 pounds of prescription medication turned in insuring proper disposal, reduction in access to youth, and decrease in crime of breaking in homes, selling pills, and in the long run, the potential of saving lives.

SYNAR Tobacco Compliance: SYNAR Tobacco Prevention requires states to enact and enforce laws (O.C.G.A. 16-12-171) prohibiting any manufacturer, retailer, or distributor from selling or distributing tobacco products to individuals under the age of 18; and to ensure compliance states must conduct random, unannounced inspections of tobacco outlets.

Prior to the checks, See Red information was sent out to outlets throughout the state.

McDowell County FACES is the fiscal agent for the Prevention Without Borders grant and has hired staff to work with the State Police in Welch to complete SYNAR requirements. During the McDowell County 4th SYNAR Compliance Checks, nine stores were checked for their compliance of these requirements. While eight of the stores checked the identification of the youth and did not sale to the individual, one store did make a sale.

Tobacco retailers play a direct role in protecting kids from nicotine addiction and the deadly effects of tobacco use. FDA recognizes that tobacco retailers can help prevent our nation’s youth from becoming the next generation of Americans to die prematurely from tobacco-related disease.

By complying with federal and state tobacco regulations, retailers help keep tobacco products out of the hands of youth and break the chain of tobacco addiction.
How You Can Help?

Spread the word: Share this information through your email distribution lists, newsletters, Websites, and other communication channels.

Show your support: Place the “Protecting Kids from Tobacco” social media badges and buttons on your Web site, Facebook page, MySpace page, or in your blog to share information about these new regulations.

Submit your data: FDA is also publishing an advance notice of proposed rulemaking that requests information from the field on the regulation of outdoor advertising of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

For more information, visit: http://www.fda.gov/protectingkidsfromtobacco.

**Impact:** Stores are held accountable for selling to underage youth and when compliance happens it reduces access to tobacco to youth.

**McDowell County Juvenile Drug Court:** began as a result of negotiations through Reconnecting McDowell and WV Supreme Court. It has graduated its second round/class juvenile offenders. This program provides an alternative to incarceration and focuses on rehabilitation, future drug prevention, education, and continued support structures to reduce or eliminate recidivism and keep the youth offenders focused on a positive future. It is an intensive individualized treatment and counseling process that works to counter one of the main problems plaguing McDowell County, which is drug and alcohol abuse. This program is carried out under the direction of the West Virginia Supreme Court.

**Impact:** Juveniles in McDowell County have opportunity for early intervention and alternatives to incarceration while potential for a positive future.

**Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD):** The mission of SADD is to provide students with the best prevention tools possible to deal with the issues of underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, and other destructive decisions.

SADD chapters serve as a direct link to the heart of a school system and community. Using students themselves as primary agents and meaningful contributors, SADD chapters have become an efficient and effective avenue for quality programming to be implemented in thousands of schools and communities across the country. The SADD National office supports its chapters and develops programming grounded in the most up-to-date concepts, information, and strategies from research and practice. Ultimately, SADD has the potential to lead the youth
culture into a new era in which young people passionately embrace their ability and desire to nurture and protect their minds, bodies, spirits, and futures.

To promote SADD in McDowell County staff at McDowell County FACES and one youth and adult has been trained at the National SADD Conference and are ready to take on membership. The Partnership for Success initiative will begin with a County-wide SADD Chapter and then move toward school-based chapter meetings.

**Impact:** Youth have opportunities to create a support system while developing prevention skills for themselves and support for peers. Future impact should show a reduction in the number of youth using alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

**Seminars/Training:** Staff at McDowell County FACES received the following training throughout the year for substance abuse prevention: SAPTS; Social Norms; SADD; SYNAR; SPF Process: Building Local Capacity; TIPS; Recovery Coach; Making Media Work For Us; Workforce and Substance Abuse; Juvenile Drug Court Overview

**Other Trainings:** The inaugural WV Integrated Behavioral Health Conference was held on September 17-19, 2013 with over 700 in attendance and 26 States represented. The goal was learning how Partnerships with the right People can create Possibilities for the citizens of West Virginia! The event began with a Federal Panel: Michael Botticelli (ONDCP), Jean Bennett (SAMHSA), Kathleen Reynolds (National Council for Behavioral Health), Rob Morrison (NASADAD). Following were the keynote speakers or workshops attended by staff:

1. Michael Botticelli (ONDCP), Jean Bennett (SAMHSA), Kathleen Reynolds (National Council for Behavioral Health), Rob Morrison (NASADAD)
2. Taming the Epidemic of Mental, Emotional, Behavioral and Related Disorders
3. West Virginia Journeys - From Addiction to Recovery: A Personal Story
4. Alone in a Crowd: The Experience of Vulnerable People in Our Culture
5. West Virginia Drug-Endangered Children and Drug ID (DEC)
6. The Drug-Endangered Family’s Road to Resiliency: Beyond the Trauma (DEC)
7. Instant Stress-Busters
8. Did My Culture Inform My Trauma or Did My Trauma Inform My Culture?
9. Protecting Children from Online Victimization
10. SAMHSA-HRSA Integrated Health Solutions and Health Reform: Walking the Talk
Staff received and/or hosted the following general resource trainings:

- Diabetes Prevention;
- WVU Lunch and Learn on resources available through the University;
- WV Right From the Start;
- Susan G. Komen for the Cure Lunch and Learn;
- Stop the Hurt Child Advocacy Center Lunch and Learn.
- 211 Review and Update;
- WV Foodbank;
- WV Comprehensive Assessment and Planning;

Staff participated in the following Webinars:

- Health Marketplace;
- Health Insurance for Small Nonprofits;
- Effective Policy and Programs for Health Rankings;

**Governor’s Task Force Region VI File:** Region VI video link for Prevention Without Borders: [http://wvsubstancefree.org/IBHC-kickoff-event.php](http://wvsubstancefree.org/IBHC-kickoff-event.php). Staff attended all meetings of the Governor’s Task Force Region VI and participated in assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation. Region VI Regional Task Force (RTF) was surveyed regarding alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and below are the findings:

Alcohol: Many RTF participants, 30%, believe that most (more than 60%) of West Virginia adults drink alcohol monthly (Q7). In fact, about 32% drink monthly. Alcohol use by West Virginia adults has not changed significantly in the past 15 years (source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2012).

Many RTF participants, 30%, believe that about half or more of West Virginia high school students drink alcohol monthly (Q11). Similarly, 60% believe that drinking among West Virginia high school students has increased in the past 15 years (Q16). In fact, about 34% drink monthly,
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and drinking among high school students has decreased (source: Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, 2011).

Marijuana: Many RTF participants, 25%, believe that about half or more of West Virginia adults use marijuana monthly (Q8). Similarly, 55% believe that marijuana use among West Virginia adults has increased in the past 15 years (Q14). In fact, about 5% use marijuana monthly, and marijuana use by West Virginia adults has not changed significantly in the past 15 years (source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011-2012).

Prescription Drugs: Many RTF participants, 65%, believe that about half or more of West Virginia adults have taken a prescription drug that was not prescribed to them in the past year (Q9). In fact, about 4% have used prescription pain relievers for non-medical use in the past year (source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011-2012).

Many RTF participants, 30%, believe that about half or more of West Virginia high school students have taken a prescription drug that was not prescribed to them in the past year (Q12). In fact, about 17% have done so (source: Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System, 2011).

Beliefs about Prevention, Intervention and Treatment: Prescription drug abuse has increased in the past 15 years among both adults and high school youth. However, it has decreased among both adults and high school students in the past year in West Virginia.

Many RTF participants, 40% strongly agree or agree that substance abuse can be prevented among West Virginia adults (Q17), and 75% strongly agree or agree that substance abuse can be prevented among West Virginia youth (Q18). Most RTF participants, 85% strongly agree or agree that if you can identify substance abuse problems among adults early, you can intervene and reduce the likelihood of future problems (Q19). Similarly, 95% strongly agree or agree early identification and intervention is effective for youth (Q20). Most RTF participants, 80% strongly agree or agree that adults who are abusing substances can recover and lead healthy, productive lives (Q21). Similarly, 95% strongly agree or agree that treatment is effective for youth (Q22). Most RTF participants, 90%, believe it is important to use evidence-based strategies to prevent substance abuse in West Virginia (Q23).

**Impact:** *Through the many options under the Governor’s Task Force, individuals understand that prevention works, intervention and treatment happen, and recovery is possible. Resources are increased for addressing substance abuse.*

**Drug Free Violence Free Day:** is hosted by the McDowell County School System in which all youth are able to come to Mount View High School for a day of prevention, entertainment, fun, and resources. Families are encouraged to participate and agencies provide literature, incentives, door prizes etc. during the event.

**Alternative Activities:** FACES has utilized their portable sound system, LCD projector, screen, and laptop to provide movie nights in McDowell County. The movie nights began at church locations in War and Canebrake for easy access. The movies consisted of: Fire Proof, One Night With A King, Courageous, and Fifth Quarter. These are alternative activities providing
safe locations for movies and offering literature on prevention and resources available in the county. A total of 68 viewers participated in the activities.

*Impact:* McDowell has access to alternative activities where families can enjoy movies and enjoy time together as well as obtain resource information.

**Stop The Hurt:** The Child Advocacy Center for McDowell County continues to work with FACES and the HOPE Coalition at monthly meetings. While the center has struggled with staff turnover, they continue to offer counseling, MDTs, forensic interviews etc.

**SAFE Domestic Violence and Homeless Shelter:** FACES is a board member for SAFE and during this fiscal year they provided services to 1,487 clients; 10,145 shelter nights; and served 25,200 meals to 120 women and 85 children. There are 31 single rooms that include 4 handicap units and 3 hearing impaired units; a licensed family child care center; learning center; commercial kitchen; dining area; counseling; lounges; laundry; thrift store; gym; and playground areas. SAFE promotes independence by providing a supportive environment, case management, legal advocacy, goal planning, self-reliance, on-site learning, survival and life skills, self and family esteem, parenting skills, and lasting positive change from the cycle of violence.

*Impact:* Through the Child Advocacy Center and SAFE victims of abuse have access to resources. Since 1997 SAFE has had a grand total of 185,451 shelter nights and provided a safe haven for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and homelessness. SAFE provides opportunity for women and their children to develop skills necessary to be self-sufficient and transition into permanent housing, jobs, and break the cycle of abuse.

**Goal 5:** McDowell County’s children and families will live in permanent stable homes.

McDowell County FACES is on the Board of SAFE Housing and Economic Development (SHED), Reconnecting McDowell, and works with the Economic Development Authority to identify housing needs and offer assistance in planning.

**Affordable Housing:** SAFE Housing and Economic Development (SHED) and the Council of the Southern Mountains had five modular homes placed in the county (3 in War and 2 on Rt 52). The homes vary in size from 2-3 bedrooms, have heat pumps, are energy efficient, permanent foundations with highway access, public water and sewer. There are opportunities to reduce the total cost of the homes considerably and while these five homes are beautiful and many individuals have shown interest only one has sold. The barrier for accessing the homes includes income guidelines, policy, and timeframe.
SHED continues to offer low-income rental units throughout the county. The Economic Development Authority continues working toward mixed income units on Toms Mountain.

**Impact:** *Low-income housing is available in McDowell County at multiple locations however rental continues to be the housing sought after most.*

Wastewater Treatment Coalition of McDowell County

Wastewater Treatment Coalition of McDowell County continues to educate the public on sewer needs as well as students on water quality. They have meetings every two months to identify issues and work on the county-wide treatment plan. The McDowell County Public Service District has been given authority over all unincorporated sewage projects thereby reducing the type of work the Coalition can offer. The Coalition was formed with this transition in mind and will continue efforts to move all initiatives under the PSD.

This year the water festival was hosted by the Coalition with 250 students attending; 46 presenters and volunteers which included 9 high school students. The schools provided bus transportation and lunches to the students, permitted 12 teachers to work with the project, and the City of Welch donated use of the city park for the event. The Coalition staff also assisted the WVU 4-H by providing Project Wet curriculum to 43 youth.

**Impact:** *Youth in McDowell County have opportunity to understand water quality, water systems, and how to care for the water environment. Home owners have literature available for maintenance of sewage systems and the importance of cleaning up the streams through approved treatment methods.*

Onsite Septic System Program (OSLP): Through negotiations at the County and state levels, the Wastewater Treatment Coalition secured funds several years ago for an on-site septic loan program. SHED is the management entity for the program. The septic program assists homeowners in the financing, repair, and installation of septic systems. There is professional staff to help homeowners finance septic installation, repairs, and locate local contractors. With a maximum interest rate of only 2%, this program provides a unique opportunity to improve housing and water quality in West Virginia. The maximum loan amount is $10,000 and the term of the loan will not exceed 10 years. All systems are installed by contract installers.
Homeowners and long-term lease holders within Mercer, Wyoming and McDowell counties; those with proven ability to repay (minimum credit score of 580 with income verification; and a credit score of 660 without income verification) qualify for the loan program. Currently there are 98 loans approved. The Coalition also received funds to offer grant/loan program for individual septic systems in the Northfork Hollow.

**Impact:** McDowell County has funding opportunities to place individual septic systems at a very low interest rate on loans up to $10,000 that can be repaid over 10 years. Youth in McDowell County are educated on the necessity of septic systems, how it can clean up the streams and bring back ecosystems and tourism, and how to care for our water sources. McDowell County PSD is willing to be the management entity for completed projects such as Ashland.

**Goal 6:** McDowell County will have a sustainable Family Resource Network that is a planning, mobilizing, implementing, and evaluating entity among its organizations.

**Newsletter:** As a constant effort to maintain networking relationships with agencies, providers, government, faith, and community McDowell County FACES provides a monthly newsletter highlighting events, meetings, issues, etc. These groups are encouraged to submit articles for placement in the newsletter. Once completed FACES sends out the newsletter to 300-350 individuals and asks them to forward. Paper copies are provided on a limited basis however we encourage families to send in their email to be put on the list. The newsletter is placed on our website each month as well.

**Resource Directory:** McDowell County makes corrections, updates, and deletions from its Resource Directory each year. These changes are immediately updated on our Website (facesfrn.com) and as funds become available printed copies are available (typically every 3 years).

**Website:** McDowell County FACES has a volunteer, Christy Lester, which maintains the website. The site has multiple pages for areas of need i.e. breast cancer, substance abuse, links, impact reports, etc.

**FaceBook:** McDowell County FACES has a FaceBook page with 367 friends.

**Boards and Agency Connections:** The McDowell County FACES Executive Director is currently on the following Boards:

1. McDowell County Wastewater Treatment Coalition, Chair
2. Reconnecting McDowell, Wrap Around Services
3. Stop Abusive Family Environments (SAFE) and SAFE Housing and Economic Development (SHED), Secretary
4. Southside K-8 Community Schools
5. McDowell CHOICES
6. Juvenile Drug Court, Planning and Development Committee
7. South Central Community Collaborative
FACES had seven Community and Board meetings (3 cancelled due to weather and 1 falling on a holiday) and one Executive Committee meeting. All Community meetings provide opportunity for agencies to bring issues, events, activities, etc. to the table for discussion, networking, and creating change. Topics at the monthly meetings included a presentation by Right From the Start, a review of all work around the Student Resource Center, networking regarding the McDowell County EXPO, presentation by Kim Tilley for a Juvenile Residential Treatment Facility proposed for McDowell, CQI review, Board evaluation, male homelessness, and distribution of the new Resource Directory, annual meeting and a presentation from Stop Hurt Child Advocacy Center. The Executive Committee reviewed the by-laws, membership, and office procedures manual for any changes. The Lunch and Learn was a Celebration of Women meeting where 31 participants listened to Rebecca Newhouse from Susan G. Komen for the Cure provided updated information on breast health, examinations, and treatment. It was also recognition of women surviving breast cancer.

FACES attended three quarterly South Central Community Collaborative meetings to prepare for the Region IV Summit meetings held quarterly. These two entities represent DHHR, Family Resource Networks, and Providers of Services meeting to identify gaps in services to children and families and implementing plans to address those gaps.

**Impact:** McDowell County families, agencies, faith, and community have access to news, resources, events, in a timely fashion and have opportunity to provide input. Agencies are working collaboratively rather than in silos to respond to needs of the community. Networking is made available at a neutral table where agencies can bring opportunities to the table without threat of others taking the information for gain to their organization. Information is moved from the local county, to the three-county collaborative, to the regional summit, and then to the state to ensure the grassroots needs are heard and have greater potential of being met.

**Conclusions:** McDowell County FACES, Inc. continues to meet its goals with the assistance of the stakeholders at the table. Families have better access to services through the networking of the providers, families, and community. Agencies appreciate and respond to the neutrality of the FACES table for assessment, planning, capacity building, implementation, and evaluation.
**FINANCIAL REPORT** (Based on in-house accounting as 990 not complete.)

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