# FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD

## 2018 Annual Report



Family Protection Services Board July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

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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 board member of the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a representative of a batterer intervention and prevention program licensed by the board, a representative of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and a member of the public. The two additional members are the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources and the Chair of the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction or their designees.

## **Chair: Patricia Bailey**

Board Member of the WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence Women's Resource Center P.O. Box 1476 Beckley, WV 25802 Telephone: (304) 255-2559

## 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

## **Emily Larkins**

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

## Samuel J. Leizear

Citizen Representative P.O. Box 6830 Morgantown, WV 26506 Telephone: (304) 293-7339

## Vice-Chair: Trudi Blaylock

Representative from a Licensed Batterer Intervention and Prevention Program Resolve Family Abuse Program of the Charleston YWCA 1426 Kanawha Boulevard, East Charleston, WV 25301 Telephone: (304) 340-3554

## **Carla Harper**

Designated by the Cabinet Secretary, WV Department of Health & Human Resources 350 Capitol Street, Room 691 Charleston, WV 25301 Telephone: (304) 356-4571

## Quewanncoii 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

Nikki Erwin Staff to the Board



**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, 2016 and June 30, 2017, an unduplicated total of 12,381 adults and 1,794 children received shelter and non-shelter services.

- A total of 1,254 adults and children received shelter services.
- A total of 13,310 adults and children received non-shelter services.
- 40,406 shelter nights were provided to victims and their children.
- 114,003 units of service were provided to victims and their children. A unit of service is 1 hour of direct contact on behalf of a client by staff or trained volunteers; 19,904 volunteer hours were donated.
- Victims received assistance in filing 7,868 domestic violence petitions.
- 1,443 educational programs for communities, schools and professionals were conducted, with 39,838 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 FY2018, \$400,000 was distributed to the 14 licensed regional domestic violence programs, with grants ranging from \$18,273 to \$37,982.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS LICENSED BY THE FPSB IN FY2018

#### Branches, Inc.

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

## 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**

Kenosha Davenport P.O. Box 249 Lewisburg, WV 24901 304-645-6334

## Family Violence Prevention Program YWCA Wheeling Patricia Flanigan 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, Interim

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

#### **Shenandoah Women's Center**

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

## 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. Leigh Palmer P.O. Box 2062 Elkins, WV 26241 304-636-8433

## Women's Resource Center Patricia Bailey

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, is allocated by the FPSB. In FY2018, \$850,000 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 2,784 victims through 8,167 hours of service in FY2018. 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 44 such cases in FY2018.

**LICENSED BATTERER INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS** (BIPPs) are designed as a series of educational classes aimed at holding batterers accountable. In FY2018, 681 batterers participated at class sites operated by 15 local licensed programs. Additionally, 223 participated in BIPPs at 10 correctional centers operated by the WV 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 FY2018, eight licensed programs provided 5,852 exchanges and visits for 509 children at 14 sites. These visits and exchanges involved 278 custodial mothers and 102 custodial fathers; 120 non-custodial mothers and 277 non-custodial fathers; as well as 44 other adults.

#### **BATTERER INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS LICENSED BY THE FPSB IN FY2018**

#### **Community Alternatives to Violence**

Carolyn Zdziera 304-262-4424 **Class Sites:** Berkeley Springs, Charles Town & Martinsburg

#### **Family Violence Prevention Program YWCA**

Wheeling Patricia Flanigan 304-232-2748 Class Sites: Moundsville, Weirton & Wheeling

## Fayette County Day Report Center

Jessica Hames 304-469-2004 **Class Site:** Oak Hill

## Goodwill KYOWVA Inc. Jeff Bryson 304-523-9454 Class Site: Huntington

Greenbrier County Day Report Center Laura Legg 304-647-1389 Class Site: Ronceverte

26<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Community Corrections Day Report Center Cheyenne Walters Day Report Center 304-472-9548 Class Site: Buckhannon

#### **Marion County Community Corrections**

Day Report Center Brandi Corley 304-333-2445 Class Site: Fairmont

Mason County Day Report Center Kyle McGee 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 Kimberly Sandford 304-204-1406 Class Site: Winfield

Rape & Domestic Violence Information Center ABC Abusive Behavior is Criminal Alexia Jennings, Interim 304-292-5100 Class Sites: Kingwood & Morgantown

#### Resolve Family Abuse Program YWCA Charleston Jaqueline Harris 304-395-3479 Class Site: Charleston

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 Department of Military Affairs & Public Safety Division of Corrections Judith R. Acree 304-265-6111, x7220 Class Sites: Correctional Centers

## **MONITORED PARENTING AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS LICENSED BY THE FPSB IN FY2018**

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

> Patricia Flanigan 304-232-2748

Sites: Moundsville, New Martinsville & Wheeling

Mercer County Visitation & Exchange Program Children's Home Society of WV

> Jean Brown 304-431-2424 *Site:* Princeton

Rape & Domestic Violence Information Center

Time Together Carol Moats & Alicia Flynn 304-265-6534 *Site:* Grafton

#### **Resolve Family Abuse Program**

Monitored Visitation & Exchange Center Christina Bertelli-Coleman 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