

WEST VIRGINIA FAMILY PROTECTION SERVICES BOARD

2025 Annual Report



Family Protection Services
Board

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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 §§ 48-26-401 and 48-26-402, as well as in W. Va. Code St. R. § 191-1-1 *et seq.*

- Receive and consider applications for licensure of domestic violence programs, batterer intervention and prevention programs, and monitored parenting and exchange programs;
- Assess the need for domestic violence programs, batterer intervention and prevention programs, and monitored parenting and exchange programs, including licensure preapplication and application processes;
- Conduct licensure renewal reviews of domestic violence programs, batterer intervention and prevention programs, and monitored parenting and exchange programs, that will ensure the safety, well-being, and health of the programs' participants and staff;
- Monitoring compliance with standards through the licensure of domestic violence programs, batterer intervention, and prevention programs, as well as 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; and
- 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 Human Services (DoHS) 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, Secretary

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 Human Services
350 Davis Street
Princeton, WV 24739
Telephone: (304) 887-1128

Carolann Caudill

Designated by the Chair-Governor's Committee on
Crime, Delinquency & Corrections
Justice & Community Services
1124 Smith Street, Suite 3100
Charleston, WV 25301
Telephone: (304) 352-2441

Arlene Hudson, Vice Chair

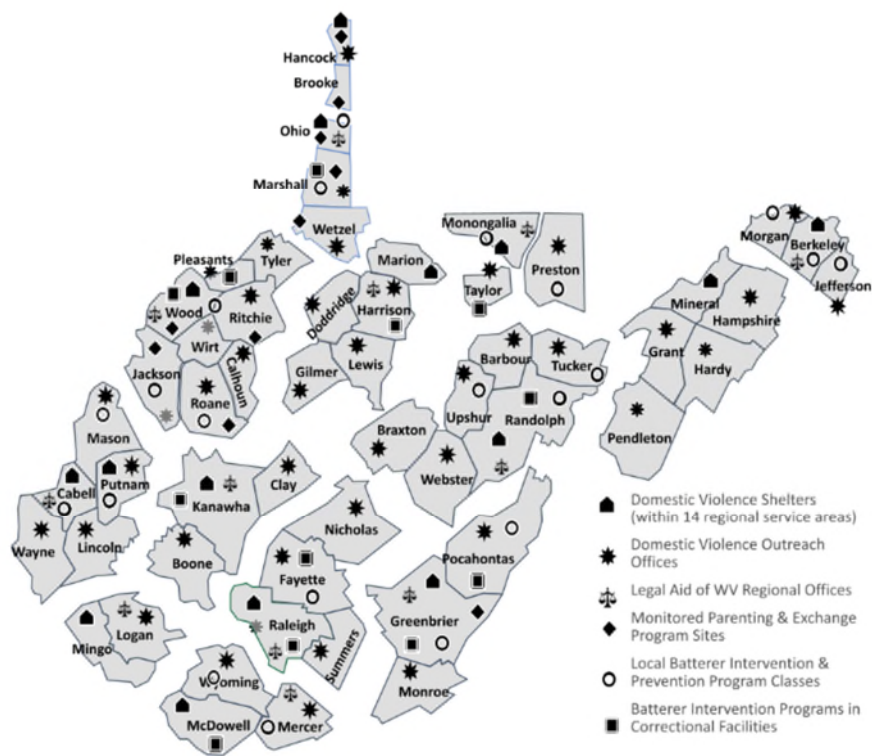
Citizen Representative
500 Virginia Street East, Suite 400
Charleston, WV 25301
Telephone: (304) 552-7901

Courtney Saunders

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

Julie Britton

Representative-West Virginia Coalition
Against Domestic Violence
1426 Kanawha Blvd., East
Charleston, WV 25301
Telephone: (304) 340-3554



Licensed Domestic Violence Program

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, between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, an unduplicated total of 11,649 adults and 1,682 children received shelter and non-shelter services.

- A total of 1,429 adults and children received shelter services.
- A total of 12,725 adults and children received non-shelter services.
- 78,109 shelter nights were provided to victims and their children.
- 199,190 units of service were provided to victims and their children. A unit of service is one hour of direct contact by staff on behalf of a client. An additional 9,124 units of services were donated by volunteers.
- Victims received assistance in filing 5,648 domestic violence petitions.
- 1,922 educational programs for communities, schools, and professionals were conducted, with 77,957 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 DoHS. In Fiscal Year 2025, a total of \$347,888.76 was distributed to the 14 licensed regional domestic violence programs.

Domestic Violence Programs Licensed by the FPSB in FY2024

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 Crisis Intervention Center

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

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

Family Refuge Center

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

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, is allocated by the FPSB. In Fiscal Year 2025, a total of \$567,118.18 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 458 cases and closed 517 cases in Fiscal Year 2025, providing 15,276.8 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 21 cases in Fiscal Year 2025.

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

Regional Legal Aid Office Contact Information

State Administrative Office

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

Huntington Office

418 8th Street, 2nd 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 FY2025, 983 batterers participated in class sites operated by 16 local licensed programs. Additionally, 237 individuals participated in BIPPs at 12 correctional centers operated by the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Community Alternatives to Violence

Jo Elliott
(304) 262-4424
Counties Served: Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan

McDowell County Day Report Center

Virgil Green
(304) 436-9009
Counties Served: McDowell

Pocahontas Day Report Center

Jodi Zickafoose
(304) 799-6651
Counties Served: Pocahontas

Family Violence Prevention Program-YWCA Wheeling

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

Mason County Day Report Center

Nathaniel Roub
(304) 675-7001
Counties Served: Mason

Putnam Day Report Center

Kimberly Sanford Sizemore
(304) 204-1406
Counties Served: Putnam

Fayette County Day Report Center

Teresa Gregory
(304) 900-5283
Counties Served: Fayette

Mercer Day Report Center

Michelle Stewart
(304) 487-8485
Counties Served: Mercer

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

Mid-Ohio Valley Day Report Center

Hernando Escandon
(304) 422-8570
Counties Served: Wood, Jackson, Roane, Ritchie, and Pleasants

Tucker County Community Corrections

Dustin Luzier
(304) 478-2833
Counties Served: Tucker

Greenbrier Day Report Center

Laura Legg
(304) 647-1389
Counties Served: Greenbrier

North Central Community Corrections

Erin Golden
(304) 636-5273
Counties Served: Randolph and surrounding counties with a referral

WV Dept. of Military Affairs and Public Safety

Div. of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Misty Adams
(304) 558-2036
Correctional Centers:
Anthony CC, Beckley CC, Charleston CC, Denmark 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

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 FY2025, four licensed programs provided 1,274 exchanges and visits for 155 children at nine sites. These visits and exchanges involved 79 custodial mothers, 31 custodial fathers, 26 non-custodial mothers, 72 non-custodial fathers, and six other adults.

Monitored Parenting and Exchange Programs Licensed by the FPSB in FY2025

Family Crisis Intervention Center

Kids First Program

Emily Larkins

(304) 428-8721

Counties Served: Jackson, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, Wood, and Pleasants in W.V. Washington County, Ohio.

Family Refuge Center

Family Visitation & Exchange Center

Stephanie Moore

(304) 645-6586

Counties Served: Greenbrier, Monroe, Pocahontas and Summers

Family Violence Prevention Program

YWCA Wheeling

Visitation & Exchange Program

Lori Jones

(304) 232-2748

Counties Served: Ohio and Marshall

The Lighthouse of Change, Inc.

Monitored Visitation & Exchange Program

Marissa Collett

(304) 748-0332

Counties Served: Hancock and Brooke