

## CURRENT EVENTS FOR ALL HAPI COUNTIES

- Hampstead Williams and Shook, WV Healthy Start/HAPI Project and other partners are working together so that deserving families that are in need receive car seats. **Buckle Your Baby for Life program has two main objectives:**
  - a. Buckle your baby now, for life. We want to help protect the lives of our new generation by ensuring that every family in North Central West Virginia has access to a child safety seat and is trained in its proper use. This will be done through an education program and, most importantly, providing child safety seats to those who cannot afford to buy one.
  - b. Teach your baby to buckle for life. Good habits developed at a young age are more likely to continue over a lifetime. Thus, a secondary goal of the program is to instill the habit of "buckling up" at an early age that will naturally carry over into the teen driving years and into adulthoodFor more information go to [www.buckleyourbabyforlife.org](http://www.buckleyourbabyforlife.org)
- The Bee Hive Website should be up and running By November. This is a state wide resource guide provided by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and local Family Resource Networks. You can find information about: managing money/budgeting, going to college, finding the right job, staying healthy and much more. Just visit: [wv.thebeehive.org](http://wv.thebeehive.org)
- OMCFH and Mt. Blue Cross Blue Shield are administering a program call Kids First: Hearing Services. They will be providing hearing aid services and supplies to children age 3-6 years old that lack insurance coverage for this benefit. Medicaid and CHIP recipients are ineligible. For more information call 1-800-642-9704
- September is Infant Mortality Awareness Month.
- The WV Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention meeting will be held at the Flatwoods Days Inn on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> from 10-2
- The intermountain Collaborative is having its next meeting at the Elkins DHHR on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
- October is DV awareness month.
- March of Dimes is having a Chef's Auction at the Bridgeport Conference Center on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. Cost is \$75 and includes wine, great food and entertainment by Albuteral and the Inhalers . For more information contact Sandy Vredingburgh @304-848-2012
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of NCWV is sponsoring a Purse Bingo on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Knights of Columbus on University Ave. Doors open at 1pm. Bingo Starts at 1:30. Tickets are \$20 each. For more information contact BBBS @ 304-983-2383  
Also...BBBSs is in need of volunteers
- November 7<sup>th</sup> is Prematurity Awareness Day.

- The 2009 Growing Healthy Children Conference on Maternal, Child, and Family Health will be held November 12 – 13, 2009 at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University/Charleston Division. The 2009 conference will include plenary sessions on public policy and child mental health, as well as workshops on school based health care, oral health, perinatal concerns, child development, and child mental health. For more information go to <http://www.wvhealthykids.org/>
- The next quarterly West Virginia Breast Feeding Alliance Meeting is November 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information go to: <http://www.wvbfa.com/index.htm>
- Share the Vision Conference is at the Charleston Civic Center on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information go to: [www.prevnet.org](http://www.prevnet.org)
- “Tools to Quit” is a FREE 3 hour workshop for those who are ready to quit smoking. It is developed by the Permanente Medical Group and provided by the Division of Tobacco Prevention. Contact Beverly Keener @ 304-366-3360 x24 or [bevkeener@wvdhhr.org](mailto:bevkeener@wvdhhr.org) if you live in Mon, Marion, Preston, Harrison, Doddridge or Taylor Counties
- Understanding the Framework of Poverty workshop will be held Wed. October 14<sup>th</sup> at Woodford Church in Elkins from 9am-2:30pm. Cost is \$5. 4.25 CEUs available. For more information contact Rebecca Vance, FRN Coordinator at 304-636-4454.

### **Harrison**

- The Harrison Co PATCH (Planned Approach to Community Health) is having a Pumpkin PATCH walk at Maple Lake on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. They will have agencies display health and service education, car seat checks/installation and safety information; Prizes, Pumpkins and much more. For more information contact Jodi Fleshman @ 304-376-0086
- UHC has a new Child Birth Educator, Carletta
- The Central WV Resource Fair will take place on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 8-5 at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn. Whether you are new to the profession; new to the area; want a better understanding of services available or meet the person on the other end of the phone.....please join us for Agency information, Lunch, Networking opportunities and CEUs. For more information contact Jodi @ 304-376-0086
- September 4, 10am at the Clarksburg Wal-mart there will be free car seat checks and installation by Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. The event is sponsored by the WV Healthy Start/HAPI Project, Hampstead, Williams and Shook Law Offices and the Buckle Your Baby for Life program. Car seat applications will be on hand for those in need. Or visit [www.buckleyourbabyforlife.org](http://www.buckleyourbabyforlife.org) for more information.
- September 12 the Governors Highway Safety Program is sponsoring free car seat checks and installations by Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians in honor of the National Car Seat Safety Day. It will be held at the Clarksburg K-Mart from 10am-12pm. For more information contact Georgia Hatfield at 304-672-3636.

- September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm at the Clarksburg City Park in Nutter Fort there will be a Family Fun night. It is sponsored by the Tobacco Prevention Coalition. Contact Beverly Keener 304-366-3360 x24 for more info.

### **Marion**

- There is a new non-profit in Fairmont. New Mystics Theatre Company, which is youth based, would like to work with the school system and the community to do social relevant plays (DV, Pregnancy Prevention, Alcohol use etc.) and provide classes on acting, music, writing, yoga etc. They still need to find a building to house the classes and then they will begin to start providing activities for children ages 3 and up. For more information, or to provide assistance on available buildings contact Joey Madia at 304-212-8038 or [www.newmystics.com](http://www.newmystics.com) or [joey@newmystics.com](mailto:joey@newmystics.com)
- FGH will host Woman's Health Awareness Fair at the hospital on September 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 PM. All are welcome.
- The Farmer's Market is open at the Post Office parking lot on Tuesdays at 4pm and Saturday at 8am

### **Mon**

- The Mon County Community Baby Shower will be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Morgantown Mall from 10am-2pm. For more information contact Penny Womeldorff at 304-293-1560.

### **Randolph**

- National Kids Day will be on September 13 from 12-3pm at Elkins City Park. Activities include: car seat checks, dunking booth, rock climbing wall, bounce house, giant slide, bean bag toss and other games, scavenger hunt, hillbilly horseshoes, tricycle obstacle course, giveaways, door prizes and more. For more info contact the FRN at 304-636-4454.
- The tip line for anonymous reporting of underage drinking and parents hosting parties is up and running. The phone number is 304-636-TIPS

### **Taylor**

- "Walk for Women" will be at the Mother's Day Shrine from 11-1 on October 10<sup>th</sup> in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. There will be refreshments, T-Shirts and Door Prizes. For more info, contact Cally @ 304-636-1576.

### Upshur

- March of Dimes is holding its March for Babies event at WV Wesleyan College at 12:30 on September 20th. For more info contact Sandy at 304-842-4608.
- The Children's Festival will be held at Stockert Youth Center on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. This is a free event for parents and children. Call Joyce at 304-473-0145 for more information.
- Stockert Youth Center has several activities for children. Contact them at 304-473-0145 about the following: Karate (Advanced), USA Martial Arts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Drill team (rifles, flags, batons, and Poms) ScrapBooking and more.
- Literacy Volunteers will be having a book sale on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Holy Rosary Catholic Church from 8-3. They are in need of books and volunteers. You can drop off books at 1<sup>st</sup> Community Bank.