

# BROOKE HANCOCK FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK NEWSLETTER



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## PREVENTION DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE

On March 4th our Executive Director, Janna Gordon, set up at an education table at the Hope and Help Prevention Day at the Legislature in Charleston. The day was established for organizations around the state to have conversations with state legislators about issues happening in our local communities and shine a spotlight on the programs that are providing prevention services. Janna spoke to Brooke County House Delegate, Jimmy Willis, along with Hancock county Delegate, Mark Zatezalo, about programming that the FRN is providing in the Northern Panhandle and how prevention efforts don't stop at substance use. Family services and economic supports also fall under the umbrella of prevention and FRNs are at the forefront of those efforts all across the state. The ASAP Youth Council, as well as Amy Neeley, the Prevention Coordinator for the BHFRN also had a table at the event and were able to engage many lawmakers in conversations around the efforts we are making to combat negative issues that are affecting WV.



### HANCOCK COUNTY FSC

The Easter Bunny attended playgroup this month! We had fun with our friends by doing crafts and participating in an egg hunt.



### BROOKE COUNTY FSC



We love that we can provide childcare and fun activities so that Moms can get together for some adult conversation and to share their parenting experiences!



### AGENCY FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION & YOUTH COUNCIL

March 18 Amy Neeley & Dakota Neeley (Youth Council) spent the day at Bethany College where they were trained and provided



Narcans to 63 students. "The student and staff response was amazing, and so many professors asked that we speak to their classes that the Student Life Department reserved a conference room for April 2." The professors will be able to bring their classes for a group demonstration/ distribution.



On March 19, 2024 Hancock County FSC case manager, Emilee Jarrell, and Prevention Coordinator Amy Neeley attended Oak Glen Middle School's first student led health fair. Emilee spoke on the importance of self care and doing self care jars with the students. It is estimated 1,140 students were there. 750 students tried their luck at the Wheel of Misfortune with ASAP. The game allows students to spin a wheel with different substances on it. Whatever topic they landed on was discussed, and the kids got to answer a question for a prize.



### PARENTS AS TEACHERS

PAT did window art at the annual City of Moundsville Easter Drive-Thru. Families were able to receive treats from their car and get out to take a picture with the Bunny. PAT also delivered a new Easter tradition to kids at the Refocus Church Easter egg hunt. We provided cups of "dirt" with a special jelly bean that grows into a lollipop by Easter morning. Creating magic in children's life is one of the greatest joys in parenthood! We are happy to be a part of that!



For PAT sign-up information, call 304-748-7850 ext. 1005 Or text 724-298-8493



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## PANTRY AND SITE INFORMATION

To sign up for pantry assistance and upcoming events call: 304-748-7850

**BHFRN**- 1300 Potomac Ave Ste. C Weirton, WV

Ext. Option 2 **Pantry Pick Up- 4/10 10-5**

**Brooke County FSC**-1447 Main St, 2nd Floor Wellsburg, WV

Ext. 1004 or 1015 **Pantry Pick Up- 4/12 9-3**

**Hancock County FSC**-600 Indiana Ave. Chester, WV Room 306

Ext. 1003 or 1014 **Pantry Pick Up- 4/16 10-5**



## MOUNTAINEER FOOD BANK MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

April 23, 2024  
11 am-12:30 pm

**FOOD**

1425 Main St,  
Follansbee, WV



**GIVEAWAY**

While Supplies Last

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL, 2024

4/3 Walking Group 11am and 5pm @ Hancock FSC

4/5- National wear blue day for Child Abuse Prevention Month

4/5 Safety Fair @ Brooke FSC 12- 3:30 pm -Postponed!!

4/6 Free movie night w/ Hancock County Parks and Rec.

Doors open at 6pm @ Chester City Building gymnasium

4/9 How to talk workshop 9-11am @ Brooke FSC

4/9 Healthy Grandfamilies 5:30-7pm @ Brooke FSC

4/10 Regional Collaboration in Moundsville with PAT

4/10 Take Down Tobacco Carnival @ BHFRN 4:30 pm

4/10 Chester Walking Group 11am and 5pm @ Hancock FSC

4/11 Chester Playgroup Carnival Activity - 11:00 to 12:30

4/12 Teen Group- Trivia Night 4:30-5:30 @ Hancock FSC

4/13 Inclusive Story Walk 1-3pm @ 1000 Colliers Way, Weirton

4/16 Story Time with Ms. Kim 10-11:30 am @ Brooke FSC

4/17 Couponing Class at 5:30pm @ Hancock FSC

4/17 Walking Group 11am and 5pm @ Hancock FSC

4/20 Dad workshop 10-11:30 am @ Refocus Church in Follansbee

4/22 Earth Day Bird Feeder Activity 4:30-5:30

4/22 Craft Time 12-2pm @ Brooke County Senior Center in Follansbee

4/24 Walking Group 11am and 5pm @ Hancock FSC

4/26 Weirton Playgroup-Carnival 11am-12:30pm

4/27 DEA Take Back Prescription Drug Day @ Chester City Building.

4/29- ACEs 101,102, & 103 training at BHFRN- Registration required

4/30 Special Ed support group 5:30-7pm @ Brooke FSC



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month! The Hancock County Partners in Prevention Team will be planting pinwheels at all Hancock county schools as well as the libraries.

## BROOKE HANCOCK FRN COMMUNITY PANTRY



BHFRN provided food and hygiene/household bags to the community at our three pantry sites.

We served 35 families at our Chester pantry site, 80 families at our Wellsburg pantry site, and 75 at our Weirton pantry site.

## INCLUSION CIRCLE AND DISABILITIES ACCEPTANCE COALITION

To inquire about IC and RVSP call Mary at 304-748-7850 Ext. 1013, To inquire about and RSVP to DAC call Rita at 304-748-7850 Ext. 1002

## FREE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

Services are available by appointment until April 10th! Call (304)748-7850 to schedule.

## Brooke Hancock Food Security Team

On March 27th the Brooke Hancock Food Security Team met at the FRN to discuss service gaps and other barriers to accessing nutritious food in both counties. This team was a result of the data driven workshop, Nourishing Networks, led by WVU Food Justice Lab and the Mountaineer Food Bank, that identified both counties as food deserts due to the lack of accessibility to larger grocery stores and/or food distributions. The FRN has taken the lead role to navigate this team of other organizations that provide food services to the Brooke and Hancock communities. The Family Support Centers in both counties have created a calendar with county specific information for individuals to use as a reference in finding pantries, hot meals, and blessing box locations. The meeting takes place at 12:30pm on the last Wednesday of the month at the BHFRN Weirton office.



## Volunteer Opportunities

If you or anyone you know would be interested in volunteering for any of the FRN's programs, please use this QR code to let us know!



If you have a special skill you would like to teach to others please reach out to 304-748-7850 ext. 1003 or 1014.

Contact us and follow our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information on events, resources, and more!

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