

BROOKE HANCOCK FAMILY RESOURCE NETWORK NEWSLETTER



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Throughout the month of April, the Hancock County Partners in Prevention Team, a collaborative of many Hancock county agencies, celebrated Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) month. CAP month is annual opportunity to celebrate positive childhood experiences and highlight the importance of safe, stable, nurturing environments that help children thrive. Hancock PIP planted pinwheels at all of the schools in the county as well as many other prominent spaces.



They also encouraged schools to hold a pinwheel coloring contest where the one child from each grade was given a pinwheel and a gift card to Prime Bookstore. The team rounded out the month with an ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) workshop that was open and free to the community.



ASAP PREVENTION



Youth Council with PAT and Inclusive Circle held a Take Down Tobacco Carnival to have fun while learning about the harmful effects of tobacco.



ASAP held the DEA Take Back Prescription Drug Day Apr. 27 with the help of Healthways and the Chester Police Department at the Chester Municipal Building.



BROOKE COUNTY FSC

Brooke FSC, local agencies and community members collected cleaning supplies to help families that were affected by the flooding.



HANCOCK COUNTY FSC



This month the Hancock County FSC set up at the New Cumberland City Building on April 4th from 12-3

to provide lunch to the city of New Cumberland due to the impact of flooding. We were able to provide many city workers, volunteers and families a place to come regroup during their cleanup efforts. We also were able to pass out premade bags to each child with activities as well as resource information for parents. We also received a generous donation of cleaning supplies from the Cub Scout Pack #1553 that we have available for anyone still suffering from flood damage. Please give us a call at 304-748-7850 ext. 1003 to arrange pickup.



The Hancock FSC had playgroup at both ends of the county this month. We set up carnival themed activity stations and each child went home with a fish and a balloon animal of their choice.

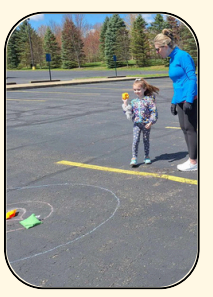


PARENTS AS TEACHERS

PAT's Lead Parent Educators, Nicole Reed & Nichole Riggle and Parent Educator Dani Cline attended the Celebrating Connections conference in Charleston, WV.



The FRN and Local Agencies hosted a annual Inclusion Story Book Walk where participants did activities as they read through the "Cows Can't Jump" book.



Interested in becoming a PAT Parent Educator? Click this QR code to learn more!

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- 5/8 @10-5 pm**

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

Ext. 1004 or 1015 **Pantry Pick Up- 5/10 @ 10-5pm**

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

Ext. 1003 or 1014 **Pantry Pick Up- 5/21 @ 10-5 pm**

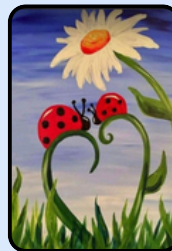


INCLUSION CIRCLE AND DISABILITIES ACCEPTANCE COALITION

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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY, 2024

- 5/2-Sweet Tea & Me Playgroup @11am - Hancock FSC
- 5/3-Teen Group Flower Pot Decorating @ 4:30 Hancock FSC
- 5/6 Safety & Resource Fair 2-4:30pm @ Brooke FSC
- 5/8 Inclusion Circle "May Flowers" at BHFRN 4:30-6:00pm, RSVP appreciated
- 5/9 Hancock County Community Baby Shower 12-2pm Chester City Building
- 5/11 Paint & Punch with Deborah at BHFRN 2:00pm RSVP by 5/8 (pictured)
- 5/11 WV Healthy Grandfamilies Luncheon Family Services of the Upper Ohio Valley 2200 Main St Wheeling, 11:30-12:30 pm
- 5/13- Cones with Cops @ 5pm Hancock FSC
- 5/16 Follansbee Community Pantry 11-12:30 pm
- 5/17-Budget Meals Class @5 pm Hancock FSC
- 5/18 ASAP Youth Council Weir Middle School Carnival @ 12-4pm
- 5/22 Inclusion Circle "Home Sweet Gnomes" at BHFRN 4:30-6:00pm
- 5/22 Food Insecurity Meeting 12:30-1:30 pm @ Brooke FSC
- 5/24 Registration Form Due Date for 6/12 Community Trip to Pittsburgh Zoo
- 5/31-Grow Bag Class 5pm @Hancock FSC
- 5/31 ASAP virtual meeting 12pm
- *Walking Group Every Wednesday at 11 am and 5 pm meet at Hancock FSC



BROOKE HANCOCK FRN COMMUNITY PANTRY

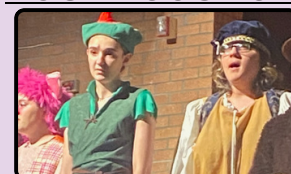


BHFRN provided food and hygiene/household bags to the community at our three pantry sites. We served 40 families at our Chester pantry site, 75 families at our Wellsburg pantry site, and 65 at our Weirton pantry site.

HEALTHY GRANDFAMILIES

We are looking to build our Healthy Grandfamilies group for Brooke, Hancock, Ohio, and Marshall counties. If you or someone you know has guardianship of their grandchildren please reach out to us. We would love to help provide support and educational sessions.

YOUTH COUNCIL



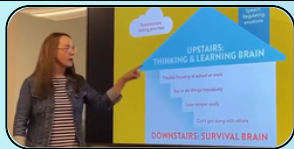
One of our Inclusion Circle participants, Bella, performed as Peter Pan and Dakota, Youth Council President, performed as Little Boy Blue on stage at Weir High's Shrek The Musical.

VITA

From February to April 15th the FRN offered free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance to the community. 4 FRN employees became certified to prepare income taxes through this program for the first time. The program was very successful and almost 40 individuals utilized the service! "This is just the beginning of the VITA program at the FRN. We will work to grow the program so that we can serve as many community members as possible" said Janna Gordon, the Executive Director of the BHFRN, and one of the taxpreparers.

Hancock County Partners in Prevention

Executive Direction, Janna Gordon presented a ACEs training at BHFRN that introduced Adverse Childhood Experiences and how to help yourself and others overcome the challenges that come with ACEs by building resilience.



Melody Osborne, Adolescent Health Initiative Coordinator for our Region (VI) presented Connections Matter for our Regional Collaborative meeting on April 10th as our contribution to Child Abuse Prevention Month. Melody is a part of the Marshall County Partners in Prevention.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you have a skill you would like to teach to others or are interested in volunteering for any FRN programs, please use this QR code to let us know.



Special thank you to Sandy for teaching a crochet class at the FRN.

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

(304) 748-7850 Facebook.com/BHFRN

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