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I. Advocacy

1. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES FOR ATTENDANT PROGRAMS TODAY – (ADAPT) WV**

ADAPT is a national organization, founded in 1977, working for the civil rights of persons with disabilities. West Virginians with disabilities has formed a group to prepare to take the initiative and action necessary to bring to the attention of the legislator's, media and general public issues of importance to persons with disabilities. Through direct activism, ADAPT has played a vital role on the national level. Examples are making transportation accessible in a number of cities across the country and the passage of a national personal assistance service program which provides persons with disabilities with the services they need to live full productive lives in their communities. ADAPT WV provides peer advocacy training, support and employment for persons with developmental disabilities.

For more information, contact:

ADAPT

Phone 1-877-860-1995

Website: www.labs.net/adapt

2. **CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University - SEXUAL ASSAULT FREE ENVIRONMENT (SAFE) PARTNERSHIP**

The Center for Excellence in Disabilities provides opportunity for participation in the development and implementation of strategic plans to address the unmet needs of women with disabilities who may be victims of sexual violence using systems change activities.

For more information, contact:

Lori Risk, Assistant Director

Center for Excellence in Disabilities

959 Hartman Run Road

Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304-293-4692, ext. 1113

TDD Only: 800-518-1448

Fax: 304-293-7294

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Email: lrisk@hsc.wvu.edu

Web site: www.cedwvu.org

3. THE FAIR SHAKE NETWORK

The Fair Shake Network is a grassroots disability advocacy network developed for West Virginians who have disabilities. It is an association of West Virginians dedicated to a “fair shake” for people with disabilities and to the belief that diversity makes our communities stronger. People with disabilities have the right to live, work, and play in their own homes and communities. The Fair Shake Network provides training and systems advocacy on issues affecting people with disabilities through state-wide, grassroots, cross disability activities.

For more information, contact:

The Fair Shake Network

PO Box 354

Institute, WV 25112-0354

Phone: 304-766-0061

Email: wvfn@charter.net

Website: <http://www.fairshake.org/>

4. MOUNTAIN STATE PARENT - CHILD ADOLESCENT NETWORK (MSP-CAN)

MSP-CAN, Inc. is a private non-profit, family-run organization that improves outcomes for children with serious emotional disorders and their families. MSP-CAN improves outcomes for children and families by increasing access to comprehensive, coordinated, and individualized care that is child-centered, family-focused, and strength-based. Mountain State Parents CAN provides advocacy training for parents, foster parents and caregivers for children with emotional or behavioral challenges using an empowerment model of service delivery. Supported employment, legislative news, youth leadership program and a resource library are available.

For more information, contact

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MSPCAN: Terri Toothman

1201 Garfield Street

McMechen, WV 26040

Phone: 1-800-CHILD85

Website: <http://www.mspscan.org>

5. OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Office of the Ombudsman was established to assist citizens of West Virginia in addressing concerns and grievances that they have regarding the behavioral health care delivery system and to provide for a process in which resolution of those issues can be accomplished.

Any citizen who has a grievance relative to the delivery of behavioral health services in the state of West Virginia may pursue resolution of those issues or systemic problems by contacting this office.

There may be particularly sensitive times when a grievant may wish to register a complaint anonymously. In those situations, the identity of the grievant will be preserved within the Office of the Ombudsman.

The Ombudsman will have independence to administratively resolve all complaints or disputes filed with the office and shall have access to all facilities and records, as well as access to patients, staff, contracted staff, or any other person affected by the behavioral health delivery system for the purpose of gathering information relevant to service need and measuring compliance with the law and court orders resulting from Hartley.

For more information, contact:

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Office of the Ombudsman for Behavioral Health

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Charleston, WV 25305

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Email: davidsudbeck@wvdhhr.org

Website: www.wvdhhr.org/bhhf/ombudsman.asp

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6. WV ADVOCATES, INC. (WVA)

WVA is mandated by the Federal government to advocate for and protect the legal rights of West Virginians with disabilities. WVA is a private, nonprofit agency whose services are confidential and free of charge.

WVA's clients are individuals with disabilities, including developmental, cognitive, physical, and mental disabilities. WVA's mission is to protect and advocate for the human and legal rights of persons with disabilities. People with disabilities are entitled to the same opportunities afforded all members of society. WVA works to ensure that West Virginians with disabilities have access to those opportunities so that they can be totally integrated into their communities and can live full, independent as possible, productive lives.

Contact WVA if because of your disability, you have experienced: abuse or neglect, discrimination in housing, transportation or education, denial of services, such as mental health, rehabilitation and support services, or services of poor quality, problems with Individual Educational Plans, Individual Plans for Employment or other legally mandated program, lack of accessibility to public facilities and polling places, denial of assistive technology devices and services and other violations of disability rights.

For more information, contact:

West Virginia Advocates

1207 Quarrier Street

Litton Building, Suite 401

Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: 1-800-950-5250

Email: wvainfo@wvadvocates.org

Website: www.wvadvocates.org

7. WV DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL (DDC)

The DD Council is a 32 member organization established by and Executive Order of the Governor in 1972. The Council addresses needs of persons with disabilities in areas of community living, education, employment, and coordination. The DDC's mission is to assure that West Virginians with

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developmental disabilities receive the services, support and opportunities they need to achieve independence, productivity, integration and inclusion into the community of their choice.

For more information, contact:

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WVDDC

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Charleston, WV 25312

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Fax: 304-558-0941

TDD: 304-558-2376

Email: stevewiseman@wvdhhr.org

Website: www.wvddc.org

8. WV EMERGENCYC MEDICAL SERVICES TECHNICAL SUPPORT NETWORK (WV EMSTSN)

The WV EMS Technical Support Network provides linkage, referral, and legal assistance for people with disabilities. EMS TSN is contracted by the WVDHHR Office of Behavioral Health to provide advocacy services to Medley and Hartley Class Members.

For more information, contact:

Libby Collins, Program Administrator

EMS/TSN Advocates

1609 Garner Street, Suite 104

Fairmont, WV 26554

Phone: 1-800-525-6324

Email: mcollins@wvemstsn.net

Website: www.wvemstsn.net

9. WV LEGAL AID- FAMILY ADVOCACY, SUPPORT AND TRAINING (FAST)

WV Legal Aid provides linkage, referral, and legal assistance for people with disabilities. FAST is a state-wide program. To qualify for services from one of the advocates or attorneys, a family must have a child from age five to eighteen years of age or transitioning to adulthood up to the age of 22. Further, the legal guardian of the child must agree to participate and the child must have a primary

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mental health diagnosis and meet one of the following factors: 1. The level of disability requires a multi-agency intervention to improve conditions, or, 2. The child has received mental health/behavioral health service for at least a year or those services are expected to last more than a year.

If a family qualifies under the above criteria, they then meet with the assigned advocate and/or attorney for the area of the State in which they live. In that meeting, staff will assist the family in determining how program can best help the family and work to provide them with self-empowerment necessary for navigating through the many state run systems. We have six advocates and three attorneys covering the needs of families statewide. Support services are also offered by our statewide youth coordinator specifically for youth. Service examples include but are not limited to: illegal issues, social security, educational issues, multidisciplinary (MDT) meetings and treatment planning.

For more information, contact:

Bill Albert

Phone: 1-800-642-8279 or 304-343-4481

Fax: 304- 345-5934

Email: balbert@lawv.net

Website: www.lawv.net/home/publicWeb/FAST

10.WV MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION

The WV Mental Health Consumers Association provides linkage, referral, and legal assistance for people with disabilities.

For more information, contact:

Phone: 1-800-598-8847

Website: www.wvmhca.org/wvhmca_Website/index.htm

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II. Assistive Technology

1. CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University – ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (WVATS):

WVATS is an interagency collaboration between the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services and the Center for Excellence in Disabilities (CED). Assistive technology can be used to modify community living and work environments to accommodate special needs using adaptive equipment, computers and electronic and mechanical devices. A virtual lending library for communication devices is accessible. Devices can be used for four weeks to explore the feasibility of purchasing similar items.

For more information, contact:

Jamie L. Hayhurst-Marshall

Center for Excellence in Disabilities – WVU WVATS

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Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304-293-4692

Fax: 304-293-7294

E-mail: jhayhurst@hsc.wvu.edu

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/wvats/index.shtml>

2. WV COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

The mission of the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is to advocate for, develop, and coordinate public policies, regulations, and programs to assure full and equal opportunity for persons who are deaf and hard of hearing in West Virginia. The commission also provides assistive technology services for people who have difficulty hearing.

For more information, contact:

WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Capitol Complex

Building 6, Room 863

Charleston, WV 25305

Phone: v/tty: 1-866-461-3578

Phone: 304-558-0937

Video Phone: 304-558-2923

Website: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/>

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3. MISSION WEST VIRGINIA, INC.

Mission West Virginia, Inc. is a non-profit organization that collaborates with public and private entities to improve the lives and productivity of West Virginians. Services offered include foster and adoptive recruitment, child specific adoption recruitment, kinship care support to relative caregivers, computer hardware and training and distribution of donated corporate surplus goods to non-profits.

For more information, contact:

Mission West Virginia, Inc.

168 Midland Trail

Hurricane, WV 25526

or

1408 5th Avenue

Huntington, WV 25704

Phone: 304-562-0723

Toll Free – 1-866-CALLMWV (866-225-5698)

Website: www.missionwv.org

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III. Comprehensive Behavioral Health Centers

1. West Virginia Behavioral Health Providers

Behavioral Health is a term used not only in West Virginia but also in a number of other states. Generally it refers to services and programs organized to meet the needs of people having a mental illness, a chemical addiction, or a developmental disability.

Construction began on the first institution in 1858 at a time when the state was still part of Virginia. It was named the Trans-Allegheny Asylum for the Insane, in the community of Weston, Lewis County. Construction was interrupted by the Great Conflict between the States at the time Virginia seceded from the Union. It was finally completed in 1990 and later came to be known as Weston State Hospital until its closing in 1994. West Virginia is one of the few states to have closed all of its institutions for those having developmental disabilities, while moving services to community-based settings.

There are currently eighty-three organizations having the West Virginia behavioral healthcare provider license as issued by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Office of Health Facilities Licensing and Certification. In addition here are hospitals, distinct parts of hospitals, and private practitioners devoted to treatment and serving those with behavioral health needs.

To find a behavioral health center in your community, use the locator at:

Website: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/ohflac/FacilityLookup/default.aspx>

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IV. Division of Developmental Disabilities

1. WVDHHR OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Mission of the Office of Behavioral Health is to improve the quality of life for West Virginians with behavioral health needs for people with or at risk for substance abuse, mental illness, or developmental disabilities. The goal is to provide the necessary supports to live, learn, work, play, participate, and be valued in their community and to improve the quality of life for the behavioral health population by providing and managing financial, human, and other resources for the continuous innovation and improvement of behavioral health policy and best practices through education, training, collaboration, evaluation, technical assistance, and quality improvement.

For more information, contact:

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V. Crisis Services

1. WVDHHR/BHMF MR/DD CRISIS RESPITE PROGRAM:

The Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities provides temporary, facility based respite, nursing and behavioral support for up to 8 children and 15 adults who have developmental disabilities or mental retardation for a maximum of 30 consecutive days. Sliding scale fees may apply, however, WV Medicaid is accepted.

For more information, contact:

Kristie Byrd, Crisis Services Program

WVDHHR/Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities, 350 Capitol Street, Room 350, Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: 304-558-3851

Email: KristieByrd@wvdhhr.org

Website: http://www.wvdhhr.org/bhmf/pdfs/mrdd_crisis/Crisis%20Respite%20Site%20Directory%20Jan%202007.pdf

2. CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University - CRISIS SERVICES PROJECT:

The Center for Excellence in Disabilities at West Virginia University provides time-limited consultation, training and assistance for behavioral health providers and community members who may benefit from positive behavioral support to prevent, or minimize the impact of a psychosocial crisis. Works to assist interdisciplinary teams in stabilizing the behavior of individuals are in crisis.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Mark Clingan, Program Manager

Center for Excellence in Disabilities-WVU

959 Hartman Run Road

Morgantown, WV 26505

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E-mail: mclingan@hsc.wvu.edu.

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/pbs/crisis.shtml>

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3. WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES - SPECIALIZED FAMILY CARE PROGRAM

The Bureau of Children and Families Division of Children and Adult Services contracts with three agencies to find, certify and monitor respite care homes for children and adults with mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities who are eligible for personal care or Title XIX MR/DD Waiver funding. Children must be in the custody of WVDHHR to be referred to this program.

Three agencies are contracted to provide this service - Center for Excellence in Disabilities - West Virginia University, Braley and Thompson, Inc. and Potomac Center, Inc. All referrals need to be reviewed for eligibility by the program manager who is employed through the CED – WVU but based at the Bureau of Children and Families, but any agency can accept a referral pending eligibility determination.

For more information, contact:

Patricia S. Nisbet, Program Manager

Specialized Family Care Program

Children and Adult Services

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Fax: 304-558-4563

E-mail: Patricia.S.Nisbet@wv.gov

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/sfcp/index.shtml>

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VI. Planned Respite

1. POTOMAC CENTER, INC.

Potomac Center, Inc. provides short-term routine Respite Services for children and adults with developmental disabilities. There are two settings available, one in Moorefield and one in Romney. Both settings are three (3) bedroom homes that provide 24 –hour awake staff, private bedrooms and home-cooked meals. Days are structured and include off-ground recreational activities. Respite must be scheduled in advance.

For more information, contact:

Betsy Nelson, Service Coordinator

Potomac Center, Inc.

One Blue Street

Romney, WV 26757

Phone: 304-822, 3861, Ext. 153

E-mail: bnelson@potomaccenter.com

Website: <http://www.potomaccenter.com>

2. WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES - SPECIALIZED FAMILY CARE PROGRAM

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E-mail: Patricia.S.Nisbet@wv.gov

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/sfcp/index.shtml>

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VII. Daily Living Services

1. WEST VIRGINIA AGED AND DISABLED WAIVER (ADW) PROGRAM

The ADW Program is a long-term alternative that provides services that enable an individual's over the age of 18 to remain at or return home rather than receiving nursing facility (NF) care. Specifically, ADW services include Homemaker, Case Management, Medical Adult Day Care, Transportation and RN Assessment and Review.

For more information, contact:

Any local Senior Citizen's Center

or

Marcus Canady, Program Manager

ADW Program

350 Capitol Street, Room

Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: 304-558-1700

Email: Marcus.Canaday@wv.gov

or view the manual at:

http://www.wvdhhr.org/bms/Manuals/Common_Chapters/bms_manuals_Chapter_500_ADWAIVER.pdf

2. WEST VIRGINIA TITLE XIX MR/DD WAIVER PROGRAM

The MR/DD Waiver Program is designed to deliver Services to individuals with MR/DD and/or related conditions in their home and community as an alternative to receiving services in an ICF/MR facility.

Individuals must have a primary diagnosis of mental retardation and/or related condition with substantial deficits in three of the six major life areas that require the same level of intensive instructions and services that are provided in an ICF/MR Facility.

The applicant and/or guardian is responsible to make application of contact the MR/DD Waiver Provider in the applicant's residence, County DHHR office, or the State Waiver Office and requests that an application be initiated. For individuals not currently living in the area, such as those placed out of the home or state, the application process may require the assistance of the facility where the individual

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is placed. The completed needs assessment is submitted to BHHF (MR/DD Waiver Program). Based on the eligibility results the applicant will either be placed on the waitlist or deemed ineligible to receive services through the MR/DD Waiver.

Services offered as identified in the Waiver Manual and designated by the recipient's IDT that will assist and support the person in the least restrictive community environment. Some of these services are Community Residential Habilitation, Respite, Day Habilitation, Supported Employment, Environmental Accessibility, Adult Companion and Transportation.

In case of problems accessing the needed services, you may choose to contact the service coordination agency and request an informal hearing, formal hearing or file a grievance.

For more information, contact:

Jon Sassi, Program Manager

Office of Behavioral Health

Title XIX Program

350 Capitol Street, Room 350

Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: 304-558-0627

Email: Jon.D.Sassi@wv.gov

or view a list of providers at:

<http://www.wvdhhr.org/bhhf/pdfs/waiver/Waiver%20Provider%20Reference%20Guide.pdf>

3. WEST VIRGINIA STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL: RON YOST PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

In 1999, the West Virginia legislature created a consumer-controlled program to enable people with severe disabilities to live in their own homes and communities. The RYPAS program provides resources to assist people to hire personal assistants for assistance with daily living tasks including mobility, personal hygiene, and money management.

For more information, contact:

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West Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council

PO Box 625

Institute, WV 25112-0625

Phone: 304-766-4624 or 1-800-642-8207, Ext. 4624

Email: wvsilc@wvsilc.org

Website:

http://www.wvsilc.org/RON_YOST_PERSONAL_ASSISTANCE_SERVICES.htm

4. MOUNTAIN STATE CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Mountain State Centers for Independent Living (MTSTCIL) is a community-based organization providing a variety of community integration supports in Beckley, Sistersville and Huntington for persons with disabilities and their families. Advocacy, networking, support groups, skills development, work adjustment, school to work transition services, peer support, housing assistance, transportation, food pantry, assistive technology, personal assistance, and socialization and information and referral services are available.

For more information, contact:

Mountain State Centers for Independent Living

Corporate Office

821 Fourth Avenue

Huntington, WV 25701

Phone: 304-525-3324

Toll Free: 1-866-MTSTCIL (866-687-8245)

Email: mtstcil@mtstcil.org

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VIII. Education

1. AUGUSTA LEVY LEARNING CENTER

Augusta Levy Learning Center is an intensive autism treatment program using applied behavioral analysis and educational techniques to enhance the language, social, academic and independent living skills of privately funded students. Each student at the Levy Center has his or her own unique curriculum based on the child's needs and abilities and receives at least the recommended 30 hours a week of intensive, 1:1 instruction using Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA).

ABA is a systematic approach to teaching small, measurable units of behavior, from relatively simple responses, like making eye contact to spontaneous communication and social interaction. These skills are broken down into small steps and taught systematically through one-to-one instruction and positive reinforcement from teachers trained by the Lovaas Institute for Early Intervention (LIFE).

A unique component of the program is parent involvement. Parents are considered the most essential part of the child's educational team and are trained by Lovaas consultants to work alongside the child's therapists and to implement programs in the home.

For more information, contact:

August Levy Learning Center

99 N. Main Street

Wheeling, WV 26003

Phone: 304-242-6722

Website: <http://www.augustalevylearningcenter.org/aboutus/aboutus.asp>

2. WV OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Assistance with the educational needs of students with disabilities can be accessed in county education departments. Eligible students receive a free and appropriate education in the least restrictive environment. Each school initiates and conducts meetings to develop and review the Individualized Education Program (IEP) for exceptional students.

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Individuals with disabilities ages three to 21 who meet the eligibility criteria for one or more of the exceptionalities described in State Board Policy 2319 and who need special education and related services.

Each school district maintains a child identification system which accepts referrals from: a school-based screening process, school teams, a private-religious school, or any interested person or agency.

Services offered include Child Find, Evaluation, Eligibility, Special education and related services.

For more information, contact:

The local special education director for assistance

Website: <http://wvde.state.wv.us/osp/contactosecounty.htm>

3. WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND (WVSD&B)

The WVSD&B provide a comprehensive curriculum for day or residential students from preschool thru post-graduate programs including individualized services, on campus training, vocational services, and summer camps. All children are entitled to an education that will prepare them to make their greatest contribution to society. The WVSD&B has the responsibility to provide a high quality education program for students with visual and hearing impairments and/or multiple challenges while making provisions for each student's individual needs, interests and abilities. The school intends to fulfill all federal and state mandates to assure that all students between the ages of birth and twenty-one have available to them an appropriate education.

The school endeavors to develop a sense of self-respect in each student. To attain this goal, academic, development, character education, general health and wellness and career and technical skills are stressed throughout the school's program. The ultimate goal of the school is the development of independent, well-adjusted and productive citizens in the twenty-first century.

For more information, contact:

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West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

301 East Main Street

Romney, WV 26757

Phone: 304-822-4800

Website: <http://wvsdb.state.k12.wv.us>

4. PARENT /EDUCATOR RESOURCE CENTERS (PERC)

County based centers which provide informational resources to parents of students enrolled in public school. The purpose of this project is to build partnerships between parents and educators to ensure that children receive the highest educational opportunities and achievement possible. Local education agencies in 37 counties participate in the project by establishing centers to work with families of children in the school system, educators and others.

A team consisting of a parent of a special needs child and an educator staffs each PERC. All PERCS have certain common functions and responsibilities including: Providing information, resources and training for parents on important issues such as parenting skills, problem solving, educational planning for their child, behavior management, home learning activities, and other topics to strengthen home-to-school partnerships; Assisting families on an individual basis to better understand their children's educational needs and to discover opportunities and options for meeting these needs; Connecting families with appropriate community services; and Offering information, resources and training to educators to increase the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed to encourage and strengthen training to educators to increase the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed to encourage and strengthen family involvement and positive school-to-home experiences. Additionally, PERCs will train teachers and students in topics which are related to their interests. PERCS were once thought to only assist parents, students and teachers of students with exceptionalities; however, now PERCs will work with all parents, students and teachers.

For more information, contact:

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Contact the local school system for location of their Parent/Educator Resource Center

or

Betsy Peterson, Parent Coordinator

Phone: 1-800-642-8541

Website: <http://wvde.state.wv.us/osp/percdirectory.html>

5. WEST VIRGINIA AUTISM TRAINING CENTER (ATC)

Information and training for families, service providers and others concerned with individuals with Autism. It is the philosophy of ATC that individuals with autism can lead happy, productive lives and deserve the same quality of life that others without disabilities enjoy. The most effective way to support individuals with autism in enjoying quality life experience is through the commitment, hard work, creativity and problem solving efforts of a team of people who live in the individual's community and provide care, education and training for that person. Each individual with autism and their family or care providers are unique; therefore, instructional programs must be individually tailored to fit each unique situation.

The mission of the ATC is to provide education, training and treatment programs for West Virginians who have Autism, Pervasive Development Disorder (NOS) or Asperger's Disorder and have been formally registered with the Center. This is done through appropriate education, training and support for professional personnel, family members or guardians and others important in the life of a person with autism. Training shall be provided by highly skilled and appropriately experienced staff.

For more information, contact:

West Virginia Autism Training Center

Marshall University College of Education and Human Services

1 John Marshall Drive, Suite 316

Huntington, WV 25755

Phone: 1-800-344-5115

Website: <http://www.marshall.edu/coe/atc/>

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6. WEST VIRGINIA BIRTH TO THREE

The WVS Birth to Three services are administered by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal and Child and Family Health in cooperation with the Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC). All eligible infants/toddlers and their families are entitled, as needed to a comprehensive array of early intervention services.

Age eligibility includes children up to 36 months of age. There are no financial requirements. Eligibility is based only on a child meeting with one of the following conditions: Experiencing developmental delay having a physical or mental condition which has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay if early intervention services are not provided.

Children who are suspected of having or being at significant risk of developmental delay receive a multi-disciplinary evaluation to determine eligibility for the WV birth to Three Program. According to federal law, entitled services identified on the child/family IFSP are delivered in an environment in which the child would be if he/she was not in need to early intervention services. A variety of specialist may be called up to help the family decide what strategies and services they may need such as audiologists, occupational, speech or physical therapists.

Referrals may be made directly to the child's local WV Birth to Three providers by parents, service providers, or others. By federal and state law, referrals for determining WV Birth to Three eligibility should be made within two days after identification of a child who may need early intervention services.

For more information, contact:

West Virginia Birth to Three

Phone: 1-800-642-9704

Website: <http://www.dhhr.org/birth23>

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7. **CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES - West Virginia University - JOHN CHAFEE FOSTER CARE INDEPENDENCE SERVICES:**

The Center for Excellence in Disabilities at West Virginia University provides Chafee services to help youth in foster care to become self-sufficient providing assistance with building support systems, community activities, and funding post secondary education related costs.

Five Types of Chafee Independence Programs

- Programs to identify children likely to remain in foster care until age 18 and to provide them with services aimed at helping them obtain a high school diploma, vocational training, career exploration, job placement and retention skills, daily living skills, financial management skills, and preventative health training (including substance abuse prevention, nutrition skills and pregnancy prevention).
- Programs to assist children likely to remain in foster care until 18 years of age with the education, training, and services necessary to obtain employment.
- Programs to assist children likely to remain in foster care until 18 years of age prepare for and enter post-secondary educational and training institutions: Colleges, Universities, Technical Schools, and Vocational Schools.
- Programs to provide personal and emotional support, through mentors and the promotion of interactions with dedicated adults, to children aging out of foster care.
- Programs to provide financial, housing, counseling, employment, education, and other appropriate support and services to children between 18 and 21 years of age who had formerly received foster care to enhance their own efforts to become self-sufficient and to accept personal responsibility for the transition from adolescence to adulthood.

For more information, contact:

Christina Bertelli, Program Manager

Chafee Foster Care Independence Program

[Bureau for Children and Families](#)

Children and Adult Services

350 Capitol St. Room 691

Phone: 304-558-6067

Toll Free: 866-720-3605

E-mail: Chafee@hsc.wvu.edu

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8. MOUNTAIN STATE CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Mountain State Centers for Independent Living (MTSTCIL) offers online skill training classes designed to further individual capacities for self-reliance, coping and personal safety. Instructional topics include how to manage health care, time, stress and finances. Training is also offered regarding how to use adaptive equipment, legal rights and the legislative process to benefit persons with disabilities and their families.

For more information, contact:

Mountain State Centers for Independent Living

Corporate Office

821 Fourth Avenue

Huntington, WV 25701

Phone: 304-525-3324

Toll Free: 1-866-MTSTCIL (866-687-8245)

Email: mtstcil@mtstcil.org

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IX. Employment, Development/ Supported, Employment

1. CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University- GATEWAYS PROGRAM

The Center for Excellence in Disabilities provides opportunity for participation in strategic planning to increase in the employment of people with developmental disabilities. No fee.

For more information, contact:

Jack Stewart, Program Manager

Center for Excellence in Disabilities - WVU

959 Hartman Run Road

Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304-293-4692

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org>

2. JOB ACCOMMODATION NETWORK (JAN)

The Job Accommodation Network in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Disability Employment Policy facilitates employment of people with disabilities by providing support for self-employment, small business ownership and reasonable accommodations to increase staff retention.

JAN helps employers hire, retain and promote qualified employees with disabilities; provide information on accommodation options and practical solutions; become educated about their responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Rehabilitation Act; reduce worker's compensation and other insurance costs; and address issues pertaining to accessibility.

JAN also helps people with disabilities become educated about their rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act; acquire accommodation options; and learn about other government and placement agencies.

JAN also helps rehabilitation professionals facilitate placement of clients through accommodation assistance; brainstorm accommodation options; and find local

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resources for workplace assessment and discover resource for device fabrication and modification.

JAN also helps people affected by disability to discover local, regional, and national organizations and resources and support groups; and obtain helpful accommodations and legislative information.

For more information, contact:

Job Accommodation Network

P.O. Box 6080

Morgantown, WV 26505-6080

Phone: 800-526-7234

Website: www.jan.wvu.edu

3. CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University - WORK INCENTIVE PROJECT (WIPA)

The Center for Excellence in Disabilities disseminates information to assist people with disabilities to determine how employment may impact Medicaid benefits. Many individuals with disabilities who receive Social Security benefits (SSDI and/or SSI) want to work or increase their work activity. One barrier for these individuals is fear of losing health care and other benefits if they work. Valuable work incentive programs can extend benefits, but are often poorly understood and underused. WIPA can help reduce these concerns. Community Work Incentive Coordinators provide services to all West Virginia SSDI and SSI beneficiaries age 14 and older with disabilities. No fee.

For more information, contact:

Jennifer Tenney, WIPA Program Manager

Center for Excellence in Disabilities – West Virginia University

959 Hartman Run Road

Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: (304) 293-4692 ext. 1107

Email: jtenney@hsc.wvu.edu

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/wipa/background.shtml>

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4. WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES (WVDRS)

The mission of WVDRS is to enable and empower individuals with disabilities to prepare for, find and keep jobs. A person may be found eligible for services depending upon his or her individual needs. He/she will be helped to make informed choices for services, service providers, and vocational objectives.

Eligibility for services is based on a person having the following:

A physical or mental impairment; and the physical or mental impairment constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employ; and the individual can benefit in terms of an employment outcome from the provision of rehabilitative services; and the individual requires Vocational Rehabilitation services to prepare for entry into, engage in, or retain employment consistent with the person's strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities and informed choice.

With the assistance of a counselor, the eligible person will sign an Individual Plan for Employment which lists objectives and services which will lead to the completion client's vocational goal. The plan may be changed if the client needs more help in reaching their goal.

Some of the services available to eligible individuals are: Counseling and guidance, job placement and assistance; medical, psychological and vocational evaluations; hearing examinations, purchasing of hearing aids, and other communication equipment; medical treatment including hospitalizations, surgery and therapy to lessen or remove the disability; assistive devices; rehabilitation engineering services, rehabilitation technology, training to learn job skills and learn appropriate work behaviors and follow-up after placement to ensure job success.

For more information, contact:

West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services nearest the person's home address and request an appointment to meet with a counselor

or call:

1-800-642-8207

<http://www.wvdrs.org>

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5. SUPPORTIVE EMPLOYMENT – WVDHHR OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Developmental Disabilities Division and the Adult Mental Health Division of the Office of Behavioral Health Services (OBHS) have collaborated to fund ten supported employment programs throughout the state. OBHS currently supports the following supported employment programs: REM-West Virginia, Inc., Pretera Center for Mental Health Services, Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center, Inc., Valley Healthcare, Autism Services Center, Open Doors, Inc., West Virginia Mental Health Consumers Association, Futures Vocation and Rehabilitation Services, Inc., Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA Area, Inc. and the Arc of Harrison County. Each of these programs assists individuals with behavioral health needs who seek community placement.

For more information, contact:

Cassandra Toliver, Program Manager

WV Family Support Program

Office of Behavioral Health

350 Capitol Street, Room 350

Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: 304-558-0627

Email: Cassandra.L.Toliver@wv.gov

Website: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/bhhf/mrdd.asp>

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X. COMMUNITY FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

1. WEST VIRGINIA FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The WV Family Support Program began in 1991 as a result of legislation passed by the WSV Legislature. The program is available in every county and provides services and supports to families who have a person with a developmental disability living at home. Family Support provides limited funding to buy needed services and goods that cannot be purchased through other sources. Family Support provides information to assist in finding services and maximizing community resources. Family income is not a basis for eligibility; however, the family may need to contribute something towards the cost of the requested good or service.

Families apply for services through the regional Family Support Program agency. The application process includes an assessment to identify needs. The applications are then submitted and reviewed by the regional Family Support Council and a recommendation is made to the Family Support Coordinator, including funding decisions. Family Support funds are not a guaranteed source of income and are available as a last resort after all other funding sources have been exhausted. Funding amounts vary based upon local council guidelines and availability.

For more information, contact:

Cassandra Toliver, Program Manager

WV Family Support Program

Office of Behavioral Health

350 Capitol Street, Room 350

Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: 304-558-0627

Email: Cassandra.L.Toliver@wv.gov

Website: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/bhhf/famsup1.asp>

2. UNMET NEEDS, SUPPORTS AND TERMINATION GRANTS – OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Unmet Needs is a grant set forth by the Bureau of Behavioral Health and Health

Facilities to meet the unmet needs of individuals who are NOT living with family

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members who are in need of items that are not covered under any other funding source. It is a funding source of last resort and all other sources must have been attempted before applying for this grant.

Supports Grants is a grant set for by the Bureau of Behavioral Health and Health Facilities for those individuals who have been determined eligible for Waiver and are waiting for availability of funding. An individual must have been determined eligible for Wavier to be eligible for this grant.

Termination Grants is a grant set forth by the Bureau of Behavioral Health and Health Facilities for those individuals who have been terminated from Title XIX Home and Community Based Waiver Services for whatever reason and are in a transition period and are in need of some limited services until alternative services can be arranged.

For more information, contact:

Cassandra Toliver, Program Manager

WV Family Support Program

Office of Behavioral Health

350 Capitol Street, Room 350

Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: 304-558-0627

Email: Cassandra.L.Toliver@wv.gov

Website: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/bhhf/mrdd.asp>

3. MEDLEY DEMAND

Medley Demand is a funding source only for individuals living in the foster care setting of Specialized Family Care. It may be accessed by both children and adults living in a SFC home if no other funding source is available. There are six core areas that are able to be funding including: Medical, Transportation, In-Home Respite, Out-of-Home Respite, Environmental Adaptation and Specialized Family Care. Requests for funds are made to the Family Based Care Specialist who monitors that particular home and are usually requests from the treatment team for the individual placed in this foster care setting.

For more information, contact:

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Patricia S. Nisbet, Program Manager

WV Specialized Family Care Program

350 Capitol Street, Room 691

Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: 304-558-0074

Email: Patricia.S.Nisbet@wv.gov

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/sfcp/index.shtml>

4. WEST VIRGINIA TRANSITION NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

The West Virginia Transition Navigator Program assists persons with transitioning from nursing facilities back to a home and community-based setting.

The Olmstead Office has grants with Community Access, Inc. and Northern West Virginia Center for Independent Living to operate this program.

This pilot program is operated in 22 counties and provides direct, hands-on assistance to individuals to transition from nursing facility care back home. Participants are eligible for up to \$2,500 in transition start-up funding for one-time necessary and reasonable expenses.

Transition start-up funding is available for: security deposits for housing; set-up fees for utilities; moving expenses; essential home furnishings; home accessibility modifications and/or assistive technology devices.

Transition start-up funds are available state-wide and participation in the Transition Navigator Program is not required.

Applications for funding can be received by contacting the Olmstead Office.

For more information, contact:

Tina Maher, Olmstead Coordinator

Office of the Ombudsman for Behavioral Health

State Capitol Complex

Building 6, Room 850

Charleston, WV 25305

Phone: 304-558-3287

Email: Tina.E.Maher@wv.gov

Website: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/bhhf/olmstead/default.htm>

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5. FUNDS FOR YOU – TRUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) STATE GRANT – CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES

Funds for YOU are available for individuals with traumatic brain injury in order to promote independence. Funds for YOU may be available for purchasing:

- Durable Medical Equipment
- Assistive Technology
- Therapies
- Medical/dental services and supplies
- Case Management
- Family Support Services
- Attendant Care
- Home Accessibility Modifications
- Other items or services approved by the TB/SCI Rehabilitation Board

Funds for YOU may be requested for as little as \$50 or as much as \$2000 depending on the need. Applicants must be determined eligible for services by the TBI Coordinators. Funds for YOU will only be provided as a last resort, after all other funding options have been exhausted and checks are issued directly to the vendor. Applications can come from people with TBI or family members on their behalf. An appeal process is available if the application is denied.

For more information, contact:

Traumatic Brain Injury Program

Center for Excellence in Disabilities

West Virginia University

P.O. Box 6870

Morgantown, WV 26506-9927

Phone: 304-293-4692

Toll-free: 1-877-724-8244

Email: TBI@hsc.wvu.edu

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/tbi/fundsforU.shtml>

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XI. INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

1. WEST VIRGINIA PARENT TRAINING AND INFORMATION PROJECT (WVPTI)

A state-wide cross-disability parent and professional private non-profit group funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and Rehabilitative services to provide free resource information to parents of children with special needs.

For more information, contact:

Pat Haberbosch, Executive Director
West Virginia Parent Training and Information
371 Broaddums Avenue
Clarksburg, WV 26301
Phone: 1-800-281-1436
Website: <http://www.wvpti.org>

2. CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University - PARENT NETWORK PROJECT

The Center for Excellence in Disabilities Parent Network Project is a statewide project providing information, referral, follow-up and mentoring to families who have a child with a disability. Care Notebooks are available as a resource guide and depository of medical information. The program also collaborates with the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health, Division of Children's Specialty Care regarding policy and practice funded by Title V.

The Parent Network Project has produced a Care Notebook for parents and other family members caring for a child with a disability. The Care Notebook is a case management tool and a resource guide, which can be used as a single depository of information (e.g. medical, emergency contacts, and care provider contact information) that parents can have available to take to appointments, or to leave at home as a reference for care providers. The annotated resource guide section provides contact information for disability-related agencies and services.

For more information, contact:

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Mary Ellen Zeppuhar, Assistant Director for Pre-Service Education

Center for Excellence in Disabilities – WVU

959 Harman Run Road

Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304-293-4692 ext. 1108

Email: mzeppuhar@hsc.wvu.edu

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/pns/>

3. CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University - FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER:

The Resource Center at the Center for Excellence in Disabilities at West Virginia University provides information on disability law, research and best practice, referral sources, advocacy supports and community living. Meeting space with internet access and a library is available.

For more information, contact:

Jeannie Grimm, Program Manager

Center for Excellence in Disabilities -WVU

959 Hartman Run Road

Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304-293-4692 X 1102

Email: jgrimm@hsc.wvu.edu

Website: www.cedwvu.org

4. CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University - TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) PROGRAM:

The Center for Excellence in Disabilities at West Virginia University provides traumatic brain injury services. The TBI State Grant Program works to establish a coordinated and consumer directed system of statewide services for individuals with traumatic brain injuries and their families. Staff provide training, technical assistance and information/referral for services and resources. TBI/SCI Funds may also be available to support unmet needs.

For more information, contact:

Lori Risk, Assistant Director

Center for Excellence in Disabilities –WVU

959 Hartman Run Road

Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304-293-4692 X1113

E-mail: TBI@hsc.wvu.edu

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/tbi/index.shtml>

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XII. POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

1. CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University - POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT (PBS) PROJECT:

The PBS project provides time-limited consultation, training and assistance for behavioral health providers and community members who may benefit from positive behavioral support to design positive environments and help teach alternative behavior.

The PBS process utilizes a team approach to create support plans by asking, “Why is this person behaving this way?” PBS is a long-term approach that focuses on teaching participants new behaviors to replace challenging ones. It requires an initial investment of time and resources from a variety of people to create a real and lasting change. PBS is positive and proactive and focuses on preventing problems before they occur.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Mark Clingan,

Center for Excellence in Disabilities-WVU

959 Hartman Run Road,

Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304 293-4692

E-mail: mclingan@hsc.wvu.edu.

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/pbs/index.shtml>

2. WEST VIRGINIA POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT NETWORK:

Positive Behavior Support is a comprehensive and inclusive approach that positively and proactively focuses on developing effective behavior supports and preventing problems before they occur by changing environments, teaching new skills, and improving the quality of life. The West Virginia Positive Behavior Support Network promotes the emphasis on the fidelity of positive behavior support and implementation of positive behavior support best practices in the state of West Virginia. The Center for Excellence in Disabilities is available for consultation, instruction and training for various persons, families and service providers in West Virginia.

For more information, contact:

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Website: <http://www.as.wvu.edu.wvpbs/index.html>

3. THE WEST VIRGINIA AUTISM TRAINING CENTER:

The Autism Training Center provides training, information and support to West Virginians with autism, their families, educators, and other persons.

Services available to registered families and educators working with those families include:

- Family Focus Positive Behavior Support Program;
- Library Materials;
- Model College and Preschool Programs;
- In-service Training;
- Special Topics Training;
- College Credit Coursework on Autism;
- Family Coaching;
- Autism Training Center Newsletter;
- Information about Community Supports;
- WV Autism Spectrum Disorders Registry;
- 11. The West Virginia Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Program.

For more information, contact:

The West Virginia Autism Training Center

Marshall University College of Education and Human Services

1 John Marshall Drive, Suite 316

Huntington, WV 25755

Phone: 304-696-2332

Toll Free: 1-800-344-5115

Website: <http://www.marshall.edu/coe/atc/>

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XIII. THERAPY

1. THE WEST VIRGINIA AUTISM TRAINING CENTER (ATC) AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

ATC provides individual training, education and treatment programs for individuals who meet the criteria for an autism spectrum disorder and are registered as a client with the center. Family Focus Positive Behavior Support process provides time-limited family-centered planning using a team approach and lecture series. In-service training, family coaching, a lending library, autism awareness campaigns is also available. The College Program for Students with Higher Functioning Autism provides academic, social and life skills support to assist enrolled students to earn a college degree using a team approach.

For more information, contact:

Marshall University

Old Main 316

One John Marshall Drive

Huntington, WV 25755

Phone: 304-696-2332

Fax: 304-696-2846

Website: www.marshall.edu/coe/atc

2. CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University - FINE ARTS PROGRAM:

The Center for Excellence in Disabilities provides opportunities for people with developmental and other disabilities to explore art mediums including photography, painting, music, sculpture and dance for self expression. An Artist Registry and Gallery are available for purchase. Funding is available to sponsor children with disabilities who are interested in participating in community art classes through the College of Creative Arts at WVU.

For more information, contact:

Helen Panzironi

Center for Excellence in Disabilities – WVU

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Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304-293-4692

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Email: hpanzironi@hsc.wvu.edu

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/arts/index.shtml>

3. CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University - CHILDRENS SPECIALIST RESOURCES:

The Center for Excellence in Disabilities at West Virginia University provides time-limited consultation, training and assistance for children in foster care and returning to WV from out-of-state care.

For more information, contact:

Theresa Hedrick, Northern WV Child Specialist

Center for Excellence in Disabilities –WVU

959 Hartman Run Road

Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304-293-4692 x 1163

E-mail: thedrick@hsc.wvu.edu

Website: <http://cedwvu.org>

4. CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES AUTISM SPECIALIST RESOURCES:

The Center for Excellence in Disabilities at West Virginia University provides Autism Specialist Services as part of the Positive Behavior Support Project. Ellie McCartney, an Autism Specialist, provides assessment and intervention using a variety of techniques to maximize strengths and reduce/eliminate engagement in maladaptive behavior for individuals (across the lifespan) who have been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (i.e., Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, Not Otherwise Specified, Rett Syndrome).

For more information, contact:

Ellie McCartney, Autism Specialist

Center for Excellence in Disabilities –WVU

959 Hartman Run Road

Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304-293-4692 x 1164

E-mail: emccartney@hsc.wvu.edu

Website: <http://cedwvu.org>

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5. **CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University - TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) PROGRAM:**

The Center for Excellence in Disabilities at West Virginia University provides traumatic brain injury services. The TBI State Grant Program works to establish a coordinated and consumer directed system of statewide services for individuals with traumatic brain injuries and their families. Staff provide training, technical assistance and information/referral for services and resources. TBI/SCI Funds may also be available to support unmet needs.

For more information, contact:

Lori Risk, Assistant Director

Center for Excellence in Disabilities –WVU

959 Hartman Run Road

Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304-293-4692 X1113

E-mail: TBI@hsc.wvu.edu

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/tbi/index.shtml>

6. **CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University - FRIDAY CLINICS**

The Friday Clinic provides developmentally appropriate motor instruction in an environment that allows for success through exploration, problem-solving and encouragement. Children with disabilities are provided opportunities to experience physical activity in both land and water based activity with peers of varying abilities.

This program is a cooperative venture between the CED WVU's School of Physical Education and the local school system. Classroom teachers and aides travel with the children and are available when specific questions arise.

The Developmental Clinic seeks to improve motor skills for young children using small group games.

The Fitness/Sport Clinic encourages older children develop healthy sporting skills using peer tutors.

The Aquatic Clinic teaches safety, floating, and swimming skills using volunteers.

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For more information, contact:

Dr. Lynn Housner

WVU School of Physical Education

Phone: (304) 293-3295

or

Dr. Sherry Shuman

Center for Excellence in Disabilities –WVU

959 Hartman Run Road

Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304-293-4692

E-mail: sshuman@hsc.wvu.edu

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/friday/index.shtml>

7. CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISABILITIES – West Virginia University - MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH LEADERSHIP EDUCATION IN NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (LEND)

The Center for Excellence in Disabilities trains students using mentors to work in health related professions by providing family-centered, culturally sensitive care. The objectives of LEND are: to recruit students who are committed to helping children with disabilities and their families; to bring professionals together as a team to provide the best care possible for children with disabilities; to develop leaders who understand West Virginia's culture and rural concerns; to help our students support families in many different service areas; and to provide training to other professionals and to families of children with disabilities.

For more information, contact:

Diane Williams, LEND Clinic Coordinator

Center for Excellence in Disabilities –WVU

959 Hartman Run Road

Morgantown, WV 26505

Phone: 304-293-4692

E-mail: awilliams@hsc.wvu.edu

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/lend/index.shtml>

8. MILESTONES

Milestones provides pediatric outpatient services including physical, speech, aquatic, and occupational therapy for children from birth to age 21. Social skill groups, therapeutic play, kindermusik and kindersign programs are also available.

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For more information, contact:

Milestones Physical Therapy, Inc.

3908 Teays Valley Road

Hurricane, WV 25526

Phone: 1-866-266-8572

Website: milestonesclinic@aol.com

9. RIVER CITIES THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER, INC. (RCTRC)

RCTRC provides equine assisted activities and therapy for persons with developmental disabilities. RCTRC is a non-profit 501 (c) 3, tax exempt organization, whose mission is to provide equine facilitated therapy and recreational therapy to children and adults with disabilities. Therapeutic activities are designed to assist people to reach independence, as well as obtain a quality of life with enjoyment, confidence, and self-fulfillment.

For more information, contact:

Golden-Aire Farm

RR 3 Box 397

2216 Newman Branch Road

Milton, WV 25541

Phone: 304-743-5267 or 304-634-1845

Fax: 304-743-5266

Email: csgilkeson@aol.com

Website: <http://rctrc.org>

10. ROMAN'S ACUPUNCTURE AND HERBAL CLINIC

Roman's provides mild hyperbaric therapy to improve sensory function for people who have autism or traumatic brain injury.

For more information, contact:

ROMAN'S

1782 Blue Horizon Drive

Morgantown, WV 26501

Phone: 304-322-0093

Email: info@romansacupuncture.com

Website: <http://www.romansacupuncture.com/>

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11. SNOEZELN SENSORY STIMULATION THERAPY – NORTHWOODS HEALTH SYSTEMS

Snoezelen, pronounced 'snooz-a-lin', was developed in the 1970's in Holland to help adults with intellectual disabilities. The Snoezelen concept was brought to the United States in 1992. Despite its proven track record of success in other countries, Snoezelen Sensory Stimulation Therapy is not currently funded in the United States. However, Northwoods decided to construct the first Snoezelen room in West Virginia in 2000. While its original focus was on treating disabled adults, Snoezelen is now a proven effective treatment for mentally retarded/developmentally disabled adults and children; children with ADHD, people with mental illness, individuals with autism spectrum disorders, seniors suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's, adults and children needing stress relief, those with chronic pain, and individuals with challenging, and even self-abusive behaviors.

The Snoezelen room is dimly lit and pleasant aromas fill the air. Bean bag chairs are placed on thick white mats that pad the floor. Soft relaxing music plays and the image of a beautiful forest floats across the walls. Sprays of optic lights spill over the room, changing colors in gentle motion. In the corner sits a five-foot high vibrating bubble tube that changes colors with the push of a button on an adaptive switch.

For more information, contact:

Northwoods Health Systems

111-19th Street

P.O. Box 6400

Wheeling, WV 26003

Phone: 304-843-7860

Website: <http://216.151.125.214/main.aspx?bhcp=1>

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XIV. HOUSING RESIDENTIAL LIVING

1. COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS (CAP)

Community Action Programs provide assistance with housing and weatherization needs in conjunction with the Office of Economic Opportunity.

For more information, contact:

Bob Scott

950 Kanawha Boulevard East, 3rd Floor
Charleston, WV 25301
Phone: 304-558-8860x16
Fax: 304-558-4210
Email: bscott@aeo.state.wv.us

or

Lisa Kesecker

Eastern Regional Weatherization Office
401 Maple Avenue
Moorefield, WV 26836
Phone: 304-538-7711 X26
Fax: 304-538-7478
Email: lkesecker@hardynet.com
Website: www.nascsp.org/StateContacts.htm

2. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity provides assistance with housing when people for people who are displaced from their homes. Habitat for Humanity uses volunteer labor, selling houses for no profit and providing no-interest mortgages to bring home ownership within the reach of people with very low income.

Habitat for Humanity works to educate and raise awareness of the housing crisis that exists in WV. This includes speaking to government officials, religious leaders, legislators and professional associations. Habitat for Humanity is the world leader in affordable housing issues and offers its expertise to lawmakers and policy setters to make housing more affordable for everyone.

Habitat for Humanity also works to eliminate the reasons behind poverty housing by working one-on-one with people who will be Habitat homeowners, teaching them the necessary skills they need to be successful homeowners like home repair and money management.

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For more information, contact:

Habitat for Humanity of West Virginia

P.O. Box 70146

Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: 304-416-1085

Email: rick@habitatwv.org

Website: <http://www.habitatwv.org/>

3. LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)

The Home Energy Assistance Program provides reduced rates for utilities for people who are eligible based on income. Applications may be obtained at a local DHHR office; Community Action agencies or senior centers operated by an Area Agency on Aging or are available on line at: www.wvdhhr.org.

LIEAP is funded entirely by a federal block grant. The program's duration and amount of the payment is dependent on the amount of the grant. A portion of the grant is transferred to the Office of Economic Opportunity for the Weatherization Program.

The Division of Family Assistance (DFA) operates LIEAP in each of the DHHR field offices for a short time each winter, usually beginning with a mail-out to targeted households.

For more information, contact:

Phone: 1-800-282-0880

Email: www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/family_assistance/utility.asp

4. HOME OF YOUR OWN PROGRAM (HOYO)

HOYO provides assistance for becoming homeowners for people with disabilities. Most people with disabilities have not been able to own homes. HOYO's role is to leverage federal, state and local monies to make housing affordable for people with disabilities.

HOYO requires the participants to have a developmental disability, have a stable household income, have access to \$500 (personal savings, family, friend or agency contribution), and desire to own a home, have access to supports, if needed and be a first-time home buyer.

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HOYO staff will help you select a realtor and help you look for an affordable and accessible home in an area you have chosen.

If you are building a home, HOYO will help you find an architect, locate a building lot, work with the architect to design the home you want and can afford, assist you in find mortgage financing and help you with the loan closing process.

For more information, contact:

The ARC of Harrison County

100 North First Street

Clarksburg, WV 26301

Phone: 304-624-3641

Email: Arc764@citynet.net

Website: <http://www.thearcwv.org/archc/hoyo.htm>

5. WEST VIRGINIA SPECIALIZED FAMILY CARE PROGRAM

This foster care program for both children and adults with mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities is funded by the WV Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau of Children and Families, Children and Adult Services. Family Based Care Specialists are employed state-wide to recruit; train and support family based foster care. The expectation is that these placements become permanent or remain in place until the service is no longer needed. Eligible individuals must qualify for the Medicaid Personal Care Program or the Title XIX MR/DD Waiver Program. Services offered are temporary, permanent and adoptive care as well as in-home and out-of-home respite. : Children must be in the custody of WVDHHR to be referred to this program.

The Bureau of Children and Families Division of Children and Adult Services contracts with three agencies to identify certify and monitor Specialized Family Care Homes. These agencies are: Center for Excellence in Disabilities - West Virginia University, Braley and Thompson, Inc. and Potomac Center, Inc. All referrals need to be reviewed for eligibility by the program manager who is employed through the CED – WVU but based at the Bureau of Children and Families, but any agency can accept a referral pending eligibility determination.

For more information, contact:

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Patricia S. Nisbet, Program Manager

Specialized Family Care Program

Children and Adult Services

350 Capitol St. Room 691

Phone: 304-558-0074

Fax: 304-558-4563

E-mail: Patricia.S.Nisbet@wv.gov

Website: <http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/sfcp/index.shtml>

6. WEST VIRGINIA ADULT FAMILY CARE HOME PROGRAM

The Adult Family Care Home Program is a supported living setting for elderly and disabled adults who are unable to live independently because of physical, mental and emotional impairments. Adult Family Care homes offer support, security, protection and assistance to vulnerable adults in a family environment. Adult Family Care provides an opportunity for many adults and feel valued by being a contributing member of a family and household. While living in an adult family care home, adults are given the support and assistance needed as well as the benefit of preserving community ties and relationships.

Adult Family Care homes are certified and monitored by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. Support and assistance is provided to both the client and provider to ensure a successful arrangement. To be eligible for placement in Adult Family Care, the individual must be over the age of 18, ambulatory, not be threat and not have any contagious diseases.

For more information, contact:

The WVDHHR office in your county

or view the website at:

Website: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/county/>

For specific information on the Adult Family Care Program:

Website: http://www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/children_adult/ars/policy.asp

7. Intensive Support Setting (ISS)

An ISS is a residential home setting with one to three (1-3) people living in the home with supports designed to ensure the basic needs for health and life safety for individuals with developmental disabilities. These settings must meet the criteria for an intermediate level of care. A variety of services such as monitoring,

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supervision, assistance and instruction are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services may also include medication administration assistance, nursing, payeeship, qualified therapies and residential transition assistance. These settings are funded through the West Virginia Home and Community Based Title XIX Waiver program and individuals placed in ISS's must have this funding source.

For more information, contact:

Behavioral Health Providers in your area

Website:

<http://www.wvdhhr.org/bhhf/pdfs/waiver/Waiver%20Provider%20Reference%20Guide.pdf>

8. Intermediate Care Facilities/Mental Retardation (ICF/MR)

The ICF/MR Program was established in 1971 when legislation was enacted which provided for Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for ICFs/MR as an optional Medicaid service. Congressional authorization for ICF/MR services as a state plan option under Medicaid allowed states to receive federal matching funds for institutional services. To qualify for Medicaid reimbursement, ICFs/MR must be certified and comply with Federal standards in eight areas, including management, client protections, facility staffing, active treatment services, client behavior and facility practices, health care services, physical environment and dietetic services.

West Virginia has approximately 65 ICFs/MR and services mainly individuals with mental retardation. Many of the individuals are non-ambulatory, have seizure disorders, behavior problems, mental illness, visual or hearing impairments, or a combination of the above. All must qualify for Medicaid assistance financially. Most of the ICFs/MR in WV are for adults, however, they are a few licensed for children under the age of 18.

For more information, contact:

Website: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/ohflac/FacilityLookup/default.aspx>

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9. WVDHHR Group Homes for Children with Co-Existing Disorders

The Department of Health and Human Resources has provided funding for four group homes for adolescent children with co-existing mental retardation/developmental disabilities (MR/DD) and mental impairment (MI) disorders. These group homes provide treatment for children with multiple disorders in local communities and will promote opportunities for permanency for these children at the local level. The plan is to develop four group homes which will be located in each of the four DHHR Regions. Currently, there are two group homes already providing services.

For more information, contact:

REGION I

REM West Virginia, Inc. and Youth Services Systems, Inc.
1000 Chapline Street
Wheeling, WV 26003
Phone: 304-233-9627

REGION II

Braley and Thompson, Inc.
P.O. Box 484
Dunbar, WV 25064
Phone: 304-720-1300

10. WVDHHR Transitioning Youth Homes

The Bureau of Health and Health Facilities has implemented two Transitioning Youth programs located in the northern and southern sectors of the state. These programs involve a three phase transition to independence for youth 17-21. The program serves individuals with a diagnosis of mental health, mild mental retardation and/or stable abstinence from previous substance abuse. The goal of the program is to provide services that support the individual to live independently including obtaining education or employment, maintaining a safe lifestyle, and establishing relationships with families. For more information, contact:

NORTHERN TRANSITIONING HOME:

Burlington United Methodist Family Services, Inc.
Route 3, Box 3122
Keyser, West Virginia 26726

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Phone: 304-788-2342

SOUTHERN TRANSITION HOME:

Stepping Stones, Inc.

P.O. Box 539

Lavalette, WV 25535

Phone: 304-429-2297

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XV. SHELTER CARE

1. HUNTINGTON CITY MISSION MINISTRIES

Huntington City Mission Ministries provide temporary shelter, health care, nutrition, clothes, learning center, chapel services and assistance to gain affordable and permanent housing. Veterans Services and a children's summer camp are also available.

- 4-5 Bed dorm style rooms for single ladies
- 14 family units
- 38 transient beds for men
- 11 bed area for "Lazarus" participants
- 6 bed dorm for "Martha" participants
- 8 bed safe unit for chronically mentally ill
- Project Hope- 18 unit transitional housing, 2/3 bedroom apartments

For more information, contact:

624 10th Street
Huntington, WV 25701
Phone: 304-523-0293
Toll Free: 800-369-0293
Website: www.huntingtoncitymission.org

2. ROARK-SULLIVAN LIFEWAY CENTER, INC.

Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Center, Inc. provides temporary shelter, health care access, nutritious meals, clothing, chapel services, and assistance to gain affordable, permanent housing. Veteran's services are also available.

For more information, contact:

Administrative Offices

313 ½ D Street
South Charleston, WV 25303
Phone: 304-340-3616
Fax: 304-340-3623
Giltinan Center: 60 bed facility for adult men
505 Leon Sullivan Way
Charleston, WV 25301
Phone: 304-340-3616
Fax: 304-340-3596

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Twin Cities Center: 16 bed co-ed facility for people with mental illness and substance abuse recovery needs

100 MacCorkle Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177
Phone: 304-727-6179
Fax: 304-727-6587

Liberty Center: 4 bed prison Community Re-entry program

609 and 611 Shrewsbury Street
Charleston, WV 25301
Phone: 304-414-4114
Fax: 304-414-3217

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XVI. SUBSTANCE ABUSE

1. WV PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER (WVPRC)

The WVPRC seeks to build the community development capacities using training, technical assistance, communication, information sharing, accountability and evaluation.

For more information, contact:

100 Angus E. Peyton Drive
South Charleston, WV 25303
Website: www.prevenet.org

2. PEER RECOVERY NETWORK OF WEST VIRGINIA

The Peer Recovery Network provides alternative direct and group services to provide outreach to families and communities for mobilization of prevention and education, community assessment, advocacy, linkage and referral, crisis response and assistance with employment.

For more information, contact:

Tammy Lemon, Coalition Specialist or Mike Pauley, Coalition Specialist
910 Quarrier Street, Suite 414
Charleston, WV =25301
Phone: 888-807-2955 or 304-342-9600
Fax: 342-6090
Email: tammylemon@contac.org
Email: mikepauley@contac.org
Website: <http://www.contac.org.PRN>

3. PROBLEM GAMBLERS HELP NETWORK OF WEST VIRGINIA

The Problem Gamblers Help Network of West Virginia is a program created by the West Virginia Legislature to identify and provide services to problem gamblers and their loved ones. It is funded by the WV Lottery and administered by the West Virginia DHHR. Residents of West Virginia are served if they are a problem gambler or in a relationship with a problem gambler. 24-hour, toll-free, confidential help-line where callers can get more information and a referral for a FREE consultation by a specially trained counselor in their local area is available.

There are over 50 licensed professionals who have completed over 30 hours of

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continuing education in the field of gambling. Problem gambling is considered a very treatable disorder. Outcome studies show that the majority of people who get help from this program are in recovery and back in control of their lives.

For more information, contact:

Phone: 1-800-GAMBLER (1-800-426-2537)

Email: <http://www.problemgamblers.net/aboutus/htm>

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XVII. SOCIALLY NECESSARY SERVICES

1. SOCIALLY NECESSARY SERVICES

The Bureau for Children and Families of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources in partnership with APS Healthcare, an Administrative Services Organization (ASO), has initiated a new procedure for the authorization of services in child welfare cases. The name Socially Necessary Services has been chosen to designate the class of services governed by this new process. It is the goal of the Department to secure the largest possible pool of providers in order to insure that all appropriate services are available to the families we serve.

For more information, contact:

Bureau of Children and Families, WVDHHR

350 Capitol Street, Room 691

Charleston, WV 25301

Phone: 304-558-7980

Website: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/aso/>

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XVIII. WEST VIRGINIA SYSTEM OF CARE

1. WEST VIRGINIA SYSTEM OF CARE

The West Virginia System of Care coordinates the Regional Clinical Review Teams in each of the four WV-DHHR regions. The clinical review process has been established in West Virginia since 2007. This is a coordinated effort designed to provide a comprehensive, objective, clinical review of designated youth. Children that are targeted for this review process include youth currently placed in Out-of-State residential treatment facilities and those at risk for Out-of-State placement. The Clinical Review Team serves as a resource to the child's multidisciplinary team (MDT).

For more information, contact:

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West Virginia System of Care

940 Fourth Avenue, Suite 335

Huntington, WV 25701

Phone: 304-399-0126

Email: linda.watts@prestera.org

Website: <http://www.wvsystemofcare.org/>

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XIX. Clinical Regional Review Teams

1. WEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL CLINICAL REVIEW PROCESS

The West Virginia Regional Clinical Review Process is a coordinated effort to provide a comprehensive, objective, clinical review of designated youth. The process has several steps to assure that the review is objective and thorough and includes a standardized assessment tool utilized in all reviews. The participants in this process include the youth and family, the legal guardian, a regional clinical coordinator, an individual reviewer, and a regional clinical review team. The role of the review process is to identify what the youth's current treatment and permanency needs are and serve as a resource to the youth's individual Multidisciplinary Team (MDT).

For more information, contact:

Region I

Diana Bailey-Miller
Phone: 304-623-6649
Email: diannabaadvocate@aol.com

Region II

Tamara Swinson
Phone: 304-654-3211
Email: tswinson@rescare.com

Region III

Denise Halterman
Phone: 304-822-2670 or 304-813-4647
Email: dhalterman@fpscorp.com

Region IV

Elizabeth Sesco
Phone: 304-929-4130
Email: eshorter@kvc.org

Website: <http://www.wvsystemofcare.org>

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MR/DD CRISIS RESPITE

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WHAT IS MR/DD CRISIS RESPITE?

- Temporary out-of-home crisis placement
- Maximum thirty (30) day stay
- Voluntary only

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Children or Adults with Mental Retardation and/or other Developmental Disabilities.
- May have a co-existing condition of Mental Illness or Substance Abuse.
- Must be experiencing a crisis situation as a result of behavioral, psychiatric, or environmental complications.

WHAT CRISIS RESOURCES SHOULD THE TEAM EXPLORE FIRST?

- Has the team held an emergency-planning meeting to discuss service options?
- Has the team requested technical assistance from CED at WVU?
- Does the individual's positive behavior support plan need to be revised?
- Does the person need a medical evaluation?
- Does the person need a psychiatric evaluation?
- Are in-home supports available and if so, can they be increased?
- Can the individual benefit from counseling?
- Can the environment be modified to lessen the stress?
- Can the daily routine be modified to add more functional activities and/or structure?
- Is the individual receiving routine respite?

HOW DOES THE TEAM ACCESS A CRISIS RESPITE BED?

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- Crisis Respite is a critical juncture in treatment and must be a treatment team decision.
- Crisis Respite is always a last resort intervention.
- Must have a plan to transition the individual back into the community before you call.
- Review the crisis respite directory to identify the site that best meets the person's needs.
- Call the contact person listed in directory or follow after-hours referral procedure.
- Be prepared to provide detailed information to staff the case over the phone and fax a referral packet.

WHAT IS THE CONTENT OF A REFERRAL PACKET?

- Sites use varied methods to obtain information about each individual that may not be described in the standard requirements below such as typical daily routine,
- personal likes and dislikes, how the individual completes daily living activities, etc.
- Psychological Evaluation
- Psychiatric Evaluation, if applicable
- Social History
- Medical History
- Treatment Plan/Behavior Support Plan
- Discharge Plan
- Timeliness is critical; thus, fax the referral information to the Crisis Site immediately.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE DISCHARGE PLANNING PROCESS?

- Discharge planning must begin prior to admission.
- IDT/MDT meeting must be held within 72 hours of admission.
- Identify/develop specific plan that outlines activities/services to be accomplished during the crisis respite stay and following discharge. Make assignments accordingly.
- Always have a back-up discharge plan.

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WHAT ARE THE KEY CONSIDERATIONS IN DETERMINING ADMISSION?

- Can the site meet the needs of the individual being referred?
- Can the site assure the safety of the individual and the other residents?
- Does the site have assurances that there is an appropriate discharge plan?
- Once assurances are met, the Crisis Site leader will contact the referring person
- to make arrangements for admission.

WHAT ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO ADMISSION?

- Guardian/IDT or MDT approval if applicable
- Ensure Client Services Policy 3181/8114, Change in Community Residence of Persons with Developmental Disabilities is followed (section on emergency placement).
- IPP addendum that identifies the services to be provided, updated DD-6 and Prior Authorization if applicable.
- Transportation to the crisis site

WHAT DOES THE INDIVIDUAL NEED TO BRING TO THE CRISIS SITE?


- Medications in original container with the written physician's orders
- Change of clothes appropriate for 30 day stay - access to washer and dryer available
- Spending money for outings, snacks, etc.
- Personal hygiene items such as deodorant, toothpaste, Depends, etc.
- Specialized medical equipment such as inhaler, Epi-Pen, sleep apnea machine, etc.
- Copy of medical card/insurance card
- Favorite game, personal item, or toy (for children) that may provide comfort in the new environment

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HOW DOES THE CRISIS SITE RESPOND TO CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS?

- The individual must have a written behavior protocol developed by the team if no positive behavior support plan exists at the time of admission.

- The behavior protocol needs to describe

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- Successful reinforcers/proactive interventions
 - Triggers (or anything that upsets the person)
 - Dos and Don'ts
 - Emergency procedures

WHAT IS THE ONGOING RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CASE MANAGER?

- Coordinate transportation to and from the crisis site.
- Work with the crisis site and IDT/MDT members to arrange team meetings.
- Monitor the discharge plan and communicate the progress with the Crisis Site
- Coordinator and the IDT/MDT members.
- Call or visit the crisis site weekly to monitor the individual.
- Complete the required home visit to crisis site if the individual stays thirty days.

Crisis Sites cannot effectively or safely serve individuals in crisis without adequate information and supplies. Failure to provide such may delay or prevent admission.
