

## Pocahontas County Family Resource Network

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The six outcomes adopted by the FRNs for West Virginia's Children and Families serve as a guide in the collaborative work of the Family Resource Networks: West Virginians will achieve and maintain good physical and mental health. West Virginia's children will be ready to succeed in school. West Virginians will possess marketable skills and have access to good jobs. West Virginia parents will have adequate resources to protect, nurture, educates and support their children. West Virginia's children will live in permanent, stable homes. West Virginians will be safe in their homes and communities.

<u>Caring Adults</u>- the Family Resource Network offers a nurturing parenting program to the residents of our community. This program helps families openly discuss the importance of caring for one another. As well as making sure the parents take care of themselves. <u>Safe Places</u>- A branch of the FRN is the Family Outreach and Education Center. The space offers a welcoming and family friendly environment. We offer easy access to numerous books, toys, games, etc. We offer easy access to the internet as well as a conference area for any local organizations in need of space. There is always at least one adult on site at all times during the hours of operation.

<u>Healthy Start</u>- the FRN participates in many health fairs. We encourage proper oral health as well as proper children health topics. We have given away hundreds of free dental kits and during our monthly parenting programs and baby showers; we have programming specifically about infant and child health.

<u>Effective Education</u>- The FRN tutors at the local elementary school and there are plans to start an after school tutoring program at the Family Outreach and Education Center. The FRN also participates in the Read Aloud program. This program brings in a member of the community to school classrooms and reads to them. This promotes good reading habits to our youth.

<u>Opportunities to Help Others</u>- The FRN is part of the local high schools Rotary Interact group. The Interact group is a branch of Rotary International and is a youth service group. This group completes community service projects and holds fundraisers for causes such as Polio Plus. The local boy and girl scout troops have been working on a project to get no smoking signs placed in a few surrounding parks.