



Big Creek People in Action, Inc. Family Resource Center

Big Creek People in Action was established in 1990 to address family, community, and economic concerns in McDowell County, West Virginia and we are proud to have celebrated our **20-Year Anniversary** in December 2010. Our mission is to “*foster a community in which people learn, work, play, and grow together and prepare themselves for success in the 21st Century.*” We provide services and activities to educate as well as provide basic, human needs so that our children and families can become healthy, involved members of society.

Programs

- **PARENTING CLASSES** –Parenting workshops as well as the *Parenting Wisely* education system to facilitate the learning of skills for the healthy, well-balanced raising of children
- **AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM** - Children receive a healthy meal/snack, educational time, exercise, computer time, crafts, reading, and play time in a safe environment
- **LITERACY TUTORING** – Reading Coaches do one-on-one and group tutoring at the schools, a 4-week summer literacy camp, Read-Alouds, and other literacy projects
- **GED** – Area residents can study for the GED test at our Center through our Computer Lab
- **HOUSING REHABILITATION** – In 2010, we served 135 people with the help of 458 volunteers who stayed at the Center to work on Housing Rehabilitation
- **SERVICE LEARNING** – College students stay at center to do special service learning projects
- **HEALTHY LIFESTYLES** – Wii Are Fit children’s exercise classes, ZUMBA classes, and nutrition education
- **COMPUTER LAB** – Beginning and advanced computer classes as well as continuing education classes as a self-paced learning experience
- **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT** –Young Leaders Action Council for ages 13 – 18 and a Youth/Adult Fellowship
- **SPECIAL EVENTS** – Special Events include Family Fun Nights, Moms & Babes Fair, Carnivals, Music Festivals, Christmas Parties, theatrical performances, etc.
- **REFERRAL SERVICES** - Linkages to other services in the county for needs that cannot be met at our Center

Parents who have support are more likely to provide safe and healthy homes for their children. When they lack this support, they are more likely to make poor decisions that can lead to neglect or abuse. Big Creek People in Action offers support services which are intended to strengthen families, improve parenting skills, promote child development, and enhance parental confidence so they can meet their children’s emotional, physical, and developmental needs.