



Home Ties Strengthening Families Center

at

Youth Health Service, Inc.

971 Harrison Avenue

Elkins, West Virginia

www.youth-health.org

Our Vision

All parents in our community have a warm, welcoming place that is centrally located, safe and accessible. It is a place where parents can enlarge their social supports and engage in services for themselves and their children that support stronger parenting, family life and healthy, happy children.

Through this program, YHS will help the Elkins community develop improved and expanded services for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. These services will be available to all families in the community and are designed to be flexible enough to serve families with many levels of need. We will serve increasing numbers of local families through strong community linkages, outreach, and family engagement efforts. The Home Ties Strengthening Families Center employs a full time staff which will allow family support services to be well coordinated and more accessible to parents and their children.

The mission of the Home Ties Strengthening Families Center is to build families' strengths and capacities by serving as a hub within the community where parents and children can gather to connect with each other and to be linked to services to build protective factors associated with the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Through this program, parents will learn ways to strengthen their parenting style and to support the growth and well being of their children.

The Strengthening Families Center is open Monday -Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and offers non-traditional hours designed to meet the needs of working families. Located in Home Ties Child Care Center, the space is a bright, open, and inviting. We encourage parents to drop-in and relax, network with other families and gain support and resources. Outreach efforts include CHIP Health Services, Baby Talk- Young Mothers Class, Reading is Fundamental Program, Parenting Education, Respite Care, Support Groups, and Linkage to Community Services.

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