

Preston County Family Resource Center

The Preston County Family Resource Center (PCFRC) provides family-friendly community-based sites that offer a comprehensive array of social and health services for families and serves as a hub for the community. The centers are considered a “One Stop Shop: which provides information and referral, services, and a support system that builds on family strengths. The services provided are offered in partnership with other private and public agencies working together to enhance each family’s capacity to become self-sufficient. Our Family Resource Centers engages local families, community organizations and government to identify and find resolution to community concerns. It is a place that families feel welcomed and can come not only in times of need, but as a regular part of their day-to-day life.

Our vision is that all children will grow up in safe, nurturing, stable families and supportive communities, which promote healthy development and opportunities for children, youth, and families to achieve their fullest potential for productive lives.

Preston County will have two resource centers. One is located in Kingwood and the other in Terra Alta. Our office hours are non-traditional with the Kingwood site open Tuesday-Sat. Tuesday’s hour’s are 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Wednesday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Terra Alta Family Resource Center will be open on Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Parents build strengths and capacities by serving on the decision-making board, participating in community and Center events and learn job skills while becoming part of the community. Parents will be part of the advisory board and serve on the Board of Directors for the Family Resource Network. Parents will also be connected to the GED and local job skills programs.

Staff are trained and certified in parenting education. We plan and coordinate parenting classes with the Department of Health and Human Resources. Currently, there are no identified parenting classes available for parents that are involved with child protective services. Parenting classes will also be available for parents that are interested in child development classes or more information on parenting.

Outreach services include; family intake and assessment, CHIP Health Services, identifying developmental screening opportunities and referral, linking and exploring respite care opportunities and parents day out, linking families to transportation systems, developing and coordinating visitation for family visits and providing a neutral place for custodial parents to conduct child visitation exchange, provide and connect social and health services for adults, and provide parents with child day care information and after school care services. Once our family assessments and focus group sessions are implemented we will develop parent support groups examples are; foster care, children with disabilities, adult survivors of child abuse or sexual abuse, etc... Information and referral is available daily with a staff person that can sit down (case management) and connect parents to resources. We are also participants’ of the WV Family Survey Project.