



UPPER KANAWHA VALLEY STARTING POINTS

Mission Statement, Purpose and Characteristics

Mission Statement: Collaboratively working together to meet the unique needs of children and families.

To realize its mission, UKV Starting Points Family Resource Center will:

- Network with caregivers and community agencies
- Cooperatively utilize various resources from Kanawha County
- Provide information and referrals to those in need of resources
- Be respectful, friendly and never judgmental

The seven core services of a Starting Points Center are:

- **Intake and Assessment** - A process through which the Starting Points FRC, with a family member, can assess the needs & resources of a family in preparation for providing services to the family.
- **Resource Coordination** (*case management*) - An on-going process through which the Starting Points FRC assists the family in utilizing appropriate community resources through referral, assistance, advocacy & routine family contact.
- **Health and Nutrition** - A process of providing children & families appropriate education & ensuring access to services when necessary & appropriate (*ex. WIC, breastfeeding promotion and education, immunizations, well-child examinations, mental health, counseling*).
- **Developmental Screening and Referral** - A process to determine, using appropriate screening tools, if a child needs additional testing and evaluation in order to identify developmental functioning levels. (*ex. early intervention, public school preschool*).
- **Preschool Education** - Early care & education services for children birth to 5 in a group setting (*ex. child care, Head Start, public school programs*).
- **Parent Education** - Individual or group instruction/support on issues & topics regarding child rearing (*ex. Parents as Teachers, Teenage Pregnancy Program, PBS Workshops, Family Story Teller and Tiny Interactions*)
- **Information and Referral** - Information & access to available community resources provided to families and the community (*ex. job services, other family support services, Helping Hands Baby Pantry, literacy*).

The UKV Starting Points FRC is different from other organizations because

- It is flexible
- Supports all families with children from the prenatal stage of life to eighteen years of age without any criteria or eligibility requirements.

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