

West Virginia Family Leadership First, a statewide group which supports and encourages families to speak for themselves and others, will hold their 18th Annual Families Conference April 20-22, 2012 at Canaan Valley.

Conference topics will include:

Prescription drug abuse, scream free parenting, positive behavior support for challenging children, bullying, cooking on a shoestring, first impressions, IEPs, Our Town, wills and trusts, Veterans issues, ABCs of a healthy lifestyle, home safety, money management, accessing local resources, voting, legislative 101 and a nature walk.

For the teens, we are planning: say no to drugs, bullying, an art project, communicating with parents, teen leadership in the community, teen parent issues, IEPs, siblings with a disability, safe dating, first impressions, leadership in schools and leadership in the community.

Families who attend the conference are accepted from the applications received from all across the state. All meals, lodging, child care and conference materials are paid for and participants receive a gas stipend at the close of the event. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2012.

More information on the conference and an application are available at www.familyleadershipfirstwv.org or by contacting Vanessa VanGilder at VKVanGilder@yahoo.com or 304 421-0915.