

## 2017 Annual Highlights (July 2016-June 2017)



**CABELL COUNTY**  
**Family**  
**Resource**  
**Network**

**VISION:** The Cabell County Family Resource Network envisions a coordinated, community-based social service system responsive to the needs of families and effective in enhancing the success of individuals and families to responsibly achieve their goals.

**MISSION:** The Cabell County Family Resource Network is a partnership of individuals, families and agencies working together to promote the well-being of children and families in Cabell County.

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The Cabell County Family Resource Network has been making a difference with the power of partnerships since September 1993. During the last fiscal year from July 2016 to June 2017, the total of grants and donations was \$65,173.55 and leveraged in-kind value of support totaling \$29,290.78. Here are highlights from the FRN initiatives: Strengthening Families, Cabell County Student Empowerment Team, Partners in Prevention and Oral Health Promotion projects.

### STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

*Connecting programs with support to help them build protective factors with families*

The project promoted social emotional development of children in unique ways by supporting 3 unique community programs.

"Not defined by a diagnosis"

Presented by:

Parent Partners in Education

1600 Medical Center Drive, Suite 3500  
Huntington, WV 25701

For **Parent Partners in Education** and the **One4All Disability Expo**, a logo and info cards were developed.

These are simple outreach tools designed to promote their mission and website with parents they work with and also while training the Marshall Medical School residents and students.

The One4All Disability Expo is an annual resource fair offering the community a wide range of information on concerns related to special health care needs. The Expo:

- grows annually to include resources for everyone
- serves individuals and families regardless of age, diagnosis, or prognosis
- ensures that all individuals receive the information and resources they need and deserve to reach their fullest potential



Scan to visit our website:  
[www.One4AllDisabilities.org](http://www.One4AllDisabilities.org)



Kids don't come with a playbook. Let's build one together!



A logo was developed for **The Parent's Playbook**, a FREE series of parent education sessions designed to support parents. It was conducted by Mountain State Healthy Families. Each session was led by an experienced parenting "coach" and featured a fun, interactive format. Parents work with their coach and each other to learn creative ways to engage and nurture their child using a fact-based curriculum, Growing Great Kids, as a discussion tool for ideas and activities. Parents learn new ways to bond with their child, how to recognize stages of development, and how they can support their child's physical and brain development, cues and communication, social emotional development, and basic care needs.

In partnership with Lily's Place and Melanie Meade, Licensed Massage Therapist trained in infant massage, individual outreach was conducted with parents at **Lily's Place**. Teaching skills to promote positive attachment between a parent and child is a basic building block for many aspects of early development including using Infant Massage, information on early brain development, parent education resources and activities.

## CABELL COUNTY STUDENT EMPOWERMENT TEAM

*Connecting resources with students to help them achieve*



### ALTIZER ELEMENTARY RECEIVES CAPTAIN MCFINN SHARK PATROL KIT

On Friday, April 21, 2017, Captain McFinn and his ocean friends visited students at Altizer Elementary. Based on a recommendation from Cabell County Student Empowerment Team, the Marketing Department at the Huntington Mall selected Altizer this year to be the recipient of the Captain McFinn S.H.A.R.K. Patrol Kit (Students Help Achieve Respect & Kindness), a comprehensive program designed to help Kindergarten to 3rd grade students practice positive social skills. Books were provided for each classroom, along with stickers and one set of Captain

McFinn puppets. Principal Carrie Smith and Counselor James Wagner said the materials will be very beneficial in reiterating the message to students to be a friend and not a bully.



The Huntington Mall presented S.H.A.R.K. Patrol kits to the following schools in Cabell County over the past several years: Davis Creek, Cox Landing, Peyton (now Explorer Academy), and Village of Barboursville.

Please contact, Ellenda Ward, [ccsetdirector@gmail.com](mailto:ccsetdirector@gmail.com) for more information.



### CLASSROOM CHAMPIONS CONTINUING TO WORK TOWARD ACHIEVING PERSONAL EXCELLENCE

The organization's vision is having a caring community engaged in connecting resources and creating a culture where students believe they can achieve. The Classroom Champion volunteers do that by supporting students academically in their efforts to work at appropriate grade levels and being a positive adult in their lives. They see their two "Little Champs" individually each week for approximately thirty minutes. During the 2016-17 school year, the 13 Classroom Champions logged in 224 hours at Explorer Academy in working to support their 26 "Little Champs". The Classroom Champions are an example of community members who have a passion for helping students to achieve personal excellence. Cabell County Student Empowerment Team is so fortunate to have this wonderful group of volunteers who support our mission of connecting resources to empower students to achieve personal excellence.

### CABELL CONNECT DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL CABELL COUNTY TEACHERS

**Community members**, who would like to share their expertise, interests or hobbies with Cabell County students, go to our website, [www.cabellpower.org](http://www.cabellpower.org) and click on Cabell Connect Speakers Volunteer. It takes only a few minutes to enter your information.

**Teachers** can click on Cabell Connect Speakers Directory Teachers Section and review list of speakers' topics and contact a prospective speaker by email to set up a visit to your classroom.

### PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

*Connecting community partners to help build social emotional skills with families of young children*



The "Dream Team" plans the monthly themes for Club McFinn Junior activities and recruits community partners to participate each Tuesday at 11 AM, at the "Unsmashable Pirate ship". The overarching theme is "Helping Children Become Good People". Parents and children (age 4 and under) join Club McFinn Junior for events geared toward learning pro-social skills with fun activities, crafts, story time and meet-and-greets with community partners.



On average 20 children and their parent or grandparent are reached every week throughout the year. The Huntington Mall posts about the corporate resources as well as the local events.

**Following on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ClubMcFinnJunior/>

*Photo: Children are making a Handprint banner that was converted into an undersea world.*

Club McFinn Junior lessons were piloted at the Family Resource Center using classroom lessons modified for the community center. Lessons focused on the overall theme of “Be a buddy, not a bully” with topics like Kindness, Being a Helper, All About Feelings,



Friendship, Working It Out, Good Choices, and What is Bullying? There were 24 children, ages 3 to 8 years old, who participated June 9 to August 4, 2016 during the summer day program.

This past summer the topics were blended with the older student STEM (Science Technology Engineer Math) themes that Education Matters was doing with the FRC youth during the summer programming. This was the first time using the Strengthening Families “Cool Kids” booklets and resiliency crayons were used to talk to kids about how stress affects your brain and ways to calm down, anti-bullying topics and healthy nutrition choices.

**I support**  
*#Good Beginnings.*



**I Support #Good Beginnings** Campaign continued throughout the year with 1000 pinwheels to represent the importance of the 1<sup>st</sup> 1000 days of life and impact of stress on child development. It focused on the role that protective factors have in giving children a good beginning.

Two workshops were conducted this past year.

- In October and November 2016, Lily’s Place staff and 1 Massage Therapist received 2.5 hours training on Concrete Supports through the Strengthening Families curriculum.
- In May 2017, a PBS Workshop was conducted to teach staff of programs about a wealth of free resources that build protective factors through early literacy, knowledge of child development, and social emotional development available on the WV Public Broadcasting website.

*Enriching Cabell County through the power of partnerships – Year at a Glance*

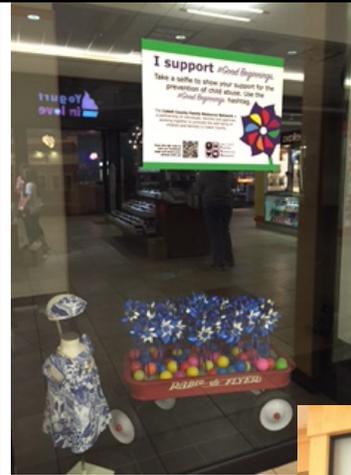
<p><b>Total Support Grants &amp; Donations</b></p> <p><b>\$65,173.55</b></p>	<p><b># students/ children reached: 1,326</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CCSET:</b> 342 school age students</li> <li>• <b>PIP:</b> Club McFinn: 960 preschooler &amp; FRC 24</li> </ul>	<p><b># Community Members Reached Through Programs, Projects &amp;/ Or Events the FRN conducted or assisted with: 3,546 encounters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PIP:</b> 1000 Friendship March, 9 pinwheel gardens, social media 421, One4All Disabilities Expo 500, McFinn parents 960, Lily’s Place staff and agencies for PBS workshops 19, children oral health promo 62</li> <li>• <b>Strengthening Families:</b> Lily’s Place parents 59, SF MU PPIE: 16 MU residents and 80 med students, Parents Playbook 83, Club McFinn 163 (special outreach)</li> <li>• <b>Oral Health:</b> 97</li> <li>• <b>FRN network:</b> 77</li> </ul>	<p><b>212 people with 57 agencies gave 612.57 Hours of time to project activities</b></p>	<p><b>In-kind Value total</b></p> <p><b>\$29,290.78</b></p>
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*NOTE: people & agencies may be involved in multiple projects and total is not an unduplicated count*

## **GOOD BEGINNINGS LAST A LIFETIME CAMPAIGN**

As part of the child abuse awareness national efforts, locally the project focused on “**Good Beginnings Last a Lifetime**” and the importance of the early years of a child’s life.

**Pinwheel Gardens** were planted April through June at nine community sites including: Little Stars, Cabell Board Of Education, Monroe Head Start, Cabell Huntington Health Dept., Necco, Goodwill, River Valley, and Birth to 3 and Huntington Mall.



An empty storefront (old C.J. Banks store) had the “**Good Beginnings Last a Lifetime**” banner and protective factors signs displayed inside the Huntington Mall from mid-April until the end of May.

This was a great new opportunity for the first big inside display that focused on protective factors messages and informational signage with the website and Facebook page to get more information.



## **ORAL HEALTH PROMOTION**

*Connecting community partners with resources to promote good oral health*

Cabell County FRN is proud to launch our “**Resources for Healthy Teeth Toolkit**”. The information in the **Toolkit** is compiled to make it easy to access a variety of different materials to help parents and programs promote good oral health and help children have healthy teeth and smiles for life. Examples include: national children’s dental health campaign, tips for healthy teeth, find a dentist, lessons to use with students, and fun activities for children. The full guide can be downloaded from the FRN website – [www.cabellfrn.org](http://www.cabellfrn.org). In February 2017, Children’s Dental Health Promotion campaign was conducted on social media to share these resources.

During the last year, three training workshops reached 97 staff statewide with in-home family education programs like Mountain State Health Families, Parents As Teachers, Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker, the Partners in Prevention network, and early childhood conference in Charleston.

This project is done in collaboration with Marshall University and DentaQuest Foundation.



*Photo: Wendy Mosteller, Marshall Oral Health Program, is conducting storytime at Club McFinn Junior on February 28, 2017. Children are checking out the smiling dinosaur and books before story time.*

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