

FOSTER/ADOPT SUPPORT

SUPPORT GROUP NEWS AND EVENTS

Upcoming Activities/ Events

- Cabell-Wayne has a picnic planned for August 23 at East Lynn Park.
- Mercer County will hold a donut sale/fundraiser in July.
- Kids First is hosting a gospel sing at Fireco Independent Baptist Church on August 2.
- The Foster Family-based Treatment Association will begin working on their newsletter and brochure.
- Kids First is hosting a training on Separation and Loss Issues for Foster and Birth Families on July 19th from 1-3 at the Raleigh County DHHR. Child care is provided.



Sharing Ideas

If you have an idea or a suggestion of something that works well for your group and would like to share, please email Rachel at rprobst@missionwv.org

Open Your Life to Raymond

Fifteen-year old Raymond is friendly and outgoing. He loves interacting with people with a smile and an attempt to make them laugh. Raymond is also an avid outdoorsman. He enjoys hunting and fishing and talking about the big catch! Raymond is fond of caring for and being around animals, especially horses. Like many 15-year old boys, Raymond likes to ride his bike.

Raymond will thrive with a family who can show him plenty of individual attention and be active in his education. Raymond will also benefit in an environment that will support and continue to meet his needs. He will enter 10th grade this fall.



Past Events/Ideas for Groups



- [Kids First](#) hosted Appreciation Breakfasts/Lunches for CPS units in Raleigh and Fayette County.
- [Nicholas/Webster](#) hosted a health fair.....300 people attended!
- [Kanawha/Putnam](#) held a training on “Caring for Hair of African-American Children.”
- [Greenbrier River Valley](#) held an award ceremony and recognized DHHR workers for their efforts.
- [Tri-County FANS](#) held a picnic with a balloon launch for Foster Care Awareness Month.
- [Mercer County](#) held a pancake breakfast at Applebees.
- [Mercer County](#) has received radio and television coverage in promotion of their association
- [Kids First](#) held their annual Easter Party with attendance of about 60 people. Children were given Easter Baskets sponsored by ERA Advantage Realty.
- [Kids First](#) hosted Birth Parent Perspective Training.



Therapeutic Gardens

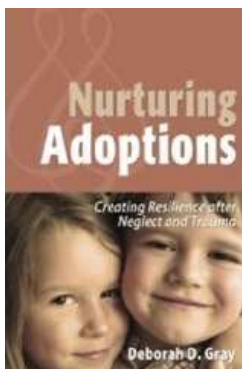
Tri-County FANS is working with A Child's Place CASA to establish a therapeutic garden at Brooke Hills Park in Wellsburg. According to Tri-County FANS "A Child's Place CASA, Ltd. Would like to offer children that are victim's of abuse and neglect the opportunity to nurture plants in a safe setting. Therapeutic Gardens across the country have proven to be a successful way to teach children about how to care for other plants and then ultimately other people."

They will be meeting on July 18th at 6 pm at Brooke Hills Park to get the garden started with seeds and plants.



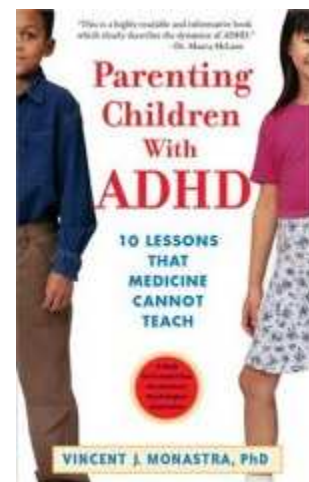
Featured Books (available through our resource library)

Call or email Rachel at 866-CALL – MWV or rprobst@missionwv.org



Nurturing Adoptions: Creating Resilience after Neglect and Trauma by Deborah H. Gray

Parenting Children with ADHD: 10 Lessons that Medicine Cannot Teach by Vincent J. Monastra, PhD.





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What information would you like to see in the newsletters?

Fundraising Ideas

Recipes, craft ideas, kid's activities

Resources for grants

Information on trainings/ educational hours

Let us know at rprobst@missionwv.org



frameworks

FrameWorks is looking for families to be mentors to prospective foster/adoptive families. We would like to include a flyer in our adoption packets that has contact info for experienced families who would be willing to answer questions and share their stories.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Kelly Thompson at kthompson@missionwv.org

Open Your Life to Nick

Nick is a bright-eyed 13 year old boy who works very hard on his schoolwork and was recently awarded student of the month. Nick enjoys going new places and trying new things.

Nick loves the outdoors and enjoys many sports, which include baseball, soccer, and his favorite - basketball! He also likes to spend his time playing Pokémon trading cards, enjoying a good slice of pepperoni pizza, or being around animals. Playing video games, especially the games Naruto, Pokémon and Dragon Ballz, is also a favorite pastime for Nick.

Nick will thrive with a family who can show him unconditional love and strength. When asked what he would like in a family, Nick replied, "I would just like a family that will treat me how I deserve to be treated!"

