



# WV Center for Children's Justice

Brainstorm Meeting  
April 8, 2020  
1:00 PM  
Teleconference

**Meeting Called By:** Andrea Darr, WV Center for Children's Justice

**Minutes:** Lisa Carmelia, WV Center for Children's Justice

**Attendees:** Janet Allio, School Nurse, Kanawha County Schools  
Barry Ball, United Methodist Church  
Kevin Barney, PRO, Morgan County  
Debbie Bonasso, WV SHIELD, WV FRIS  
Felicia Bush, Harmony Mental Health  
Lisa Carmelia, Administrative Coordinator, WV CCJ  
Rebecah Carson, Director of Centralized Intake, WV DHHR  
Kelli Caseman, THINK Kids  
Tracy Dorsey Chapman, Victim/Witness, US Attorney's Office SDWV  
Andrea Darr, Director, WV Center for Children's Justice  
Bonnie Dunn, WV Healthy Grand Families,  
Adrienne Elder, HWC Coordinator for Oklahoma  
Kelly Gorman, HWC Coordinator, Maryland  
Joni Greenberg, School Counselor, Berkeley County Schools  
Audra Hamrick, Director of Public Health Practice & Service Learning,  
WVU School of Public Health  
Ed Jacobs, HWC Coordinator for Massachusetts  
Jenny Lancaster, Terzetto Creative  
Candice Lively, Deputy Solicitor, Office of Child Advocate, WC  
Brittany Master, Greenbrier County, Community in Schools  
Rikki McCormick, Lincoln County Schools  
Chad Napier, Director WV HIDTA  
Robert Peters, Esq. Zero Abuse Project  
Gabe Pullin, Technical Assistant, WV Center for Children's Justice  
Judge James Rowe, Senior Status Judge, WV Supreme Court of Appeals  
Melissa Threadgill, Office of the Child Advocate, Plymouth, MA  
Keith Thomas, Coordinator of Student Support, Cabell Co. Schools  
Robyn Venoy, Hopewell Health Systems, HWC Coordinator in Ohio  
Kimberly Walsh, OVC Project Director/Technical Lead, JBS International  
Courtney Whitehead, Director of School Counselors, Monongalia  
County Schools

4/8/20 Meeting Notes:

Meeting began at 1:04 pm and adjourned at 2:16 pm

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The WV Center for Children's Justice/Handle with Care Program is receiving inquiries about how HWC can connect with children and families during the COVID 19 Crisis. **How do we reach children at risk and provide resources when they are not in school?** There is great concern for the health and welfare of children stuck in isolated and potential unsafe situations. We are facilitating an in formal ZOOM meetings every other Wednesday to connect professionals around the state and county to brainstorm on innovative ways to connect with children.

**Themes that have emerged:**

1. HWC notices are still vitality important as most of the notices go to essential school staff who have relationships with the children who need to be handled with care and will be able to contact the kids should the need arise.
2. School staff can still have contact with kids through the internet (School iPads, Schoology, and apps)  
\*many children do not have access to the internet
3. Food distribution is a good and *sometimes only* point of contact to reach kids and families.
4. We need to promote the 211 resource

**Andrea recapped:**

- Gabe, our part time contractual employee in charge of social media has started the campaign on HWC social media to remind LE to continue to send the notices. We will be asking LE and other first responders to make short videos that we can post.
- Robert Peters reported that 911 still works on discarded cell phones.
- The resources that were sent in after the last call are listed at the bottom of these notes.

**Ideas/Information/Concerns:**

Jenny Lancaster with Terrzetto Creative

- Charleston Police Department Chief Hunt provided a video asking law enforcement to keep the HWC notices coming. Terrzetto has created a template for the videos. She is finishing up the editing and will be sending out a draft today. Chief Schwertfeger of the Wheeling Police Department and Trooper Michelle Shaffer of the WV State Police are going to submit videos as well.

Keith Thomas with Student support services in Cabell County:

- They have 36 food distribution sites and are providing food for over 10k students daily.
- They are also doing home visits.
- Their goal is to contact every child weekly.
- There are a lot of areas and families without Wi-Fi so they have parked 10 buses with Wi-Fi in key areas so families can drive to that location and have access Wi-Fi. The Wi-Fi is available from 9am to 4pm.
- They have created online forms for children to use should they need some assistance.
- They have published school counselor's cell phones so children can reach their counselor should the need arise.
- They have also provided city mission with desktop computers for children that are at homeless shelters.
- They are using videos for telehealth and therapy.

Brittney Masters is with Community in Schools in Greenbrier County.

- They have created an emergency needs assessment for their students.
- They are contacting them weekly, if not more.
- They are looking for other ways to reach out as some don't answer phones or call back.

Rebecah Carson is with WV Centralized Intake:

- She stated that their call volume is still significantly down. They are receiving between 100 – 125 calls daily. This includes Adult Protective Services calls.
- On our last call we talked about children self-reporting. After the call, she sent out a memo to her staff on how to expedite calls when the reporter is the child.
- She stated that CPS is still under the same mandates as before. Field workers are still in the field but are doing as much as they can through virtual media

Dr. Kiti Freier Randell, Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Psychologist from Southern California:

- They have an increase in reports to CPS and are having trouble finding foster homes because families are afraid the children might have exposure to COVID. She would like to see foster children receive prioritized testing.
  - Rebecah Carson also mentioned that there are concerns about runaways being exposed and then returning to placement.

Robert Peters attorney with the Zero Abuse Project

- The Zero Abuse Project and Liberia, Inc are creating personal safety videos for kids. They have completed filming the videos and they are almost ready to send out. There are four videos:
  1. Wellness and Body Safety for Middle and High School Students
  2. Online Safety for Middle and High School Students
  3. Wellness and Body Safety for Elementary Students
  4. Online Safety for Elementary Students
- Anyone can post and share these videos. Link to the videos [bit.ly/2Ka7a20](https://bit.ly/2Ka7a20).

Kevin Barney is a PRO Officer in Morgan County, WV:

- In Morgan County the school counselors are creating a list of children that they have not been able to reach, and the PRO officers are making home visits to check on them.

Chad Napier, Director WV HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area):

- There has been an uptick in overdoses in the last 5-6 days.

Barry Ball is with the WV Methodist Church:

- They are adding a list of local resources to their food distribution boxes.

Courtney Whitehead, Lead School Counselor in Monongalia County:

- The counselors are all meeting every Wednesday
- The PROs are still working with the schools, but the SRO are back with the Sheriff's Department

Audra Hamrick with the WVU School of Public Health:

- We need to be promoting the national suicide hotline.

Janet Allio, School Nurse Kanawha County:

- They are working with counselors and social workers to contact students to get iPads out to them.
- She is also returning medications to the kids. When school ended lots of students left without their medications.

#### **Recommendations from April 8 Meeting:**

1. Weekly check ins with all children from the school.
2. School nurses to check in with kids on medications and/or have chronic conditions.
3. Prioritized COVID testing for children needing placement and the runners coming back into care.

The next meeting will be at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **REASOURCES SECTION**

### **WV SPECIFIC RESOURCES:**

WV Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-352-6513

WV 211 for resources in your county <http://www.wv211.org/>

WV Department of Education info about feeding site locations for students  
<https://wvde.us/covid19/feeding-site-information/>

WV Food Link to access food in your area <http://foodlink.wvu.edu/>

WV Department of Education info about schools <https://wvde.us/covid19/>

WV First responder contact info by county <https://go.wv.gov/wv-help/>

Help and Hope WV resources for those struggling with substance use and mental health disorders <https://helpandhopewv.org/covid-19.html>

24-hour helpline for West Virginians who need **help** with addiction or mental illness.  
<https://www.help4wv.com/>

### **NATIONAL RESOURCES:**

CHILD HELP: NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE: **1-800 4 -A -CHILD** (1-800-422-4453)  
<https://www.childhelp.org/childhelp-hotline/>

CRISIS TEXT LINE: **Text HELP to 741741** to reach a Crisis Counselor  
<https://www.crisistextline.org/text-us/>

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE: 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233)**

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE: **Call 800-656-HOPE** (1-800-656-4673)  
<https://www.rainn.org/about-national-sexual-assault-telephone-hotline>

DARKNESS TO LIGHT HELPLINE: **1-866-4-LIGHT** (1-866-367-5444)

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE: **1-800-273-TALK** (1-800-273-8255)  
<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

NATIONAL HUNGER HOTLINE: **1-866-3HUNGRY** or **1-877-8HAMBRE** or text "food" to 97779.  
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/partnerships/national-hunger-clearinghouse>

### **COVID RESOURCES:**

"Responding to Child Abuse During a Pandemic: 25 Tips for MDTs"  
<https://www.zeroabuseproject.org/covid>

Liberia, Inc. WV Coronavirus Survival Kit  
<https://www.liberawv.com/coronavirus>

National Center for school mental health COVID Tips and Resources

<http://www.schoolmentalhealth.org/COVID-19-Resources/>

Tips for Parents: Supporting you child during the COVID 19 Crisis

<http://preston-k12.wvnet.edu/phs/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2020/04/Tips-for-Parents-Support-Child.pdf>

Tips for Parents: Self Care during the COVID 19 Crisis

<https://www.amanda.k12.oh.us/pdf/Tips-for-Parents-Self-Care.pdf>

How to build protective factors during the COVID 19 Crisis

<http://preston-k12.wvnet.edu/phs/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2020/04/COVID-19-Protective-Factors-worksheet.pdf>

Protection of Children during the Coronavirus Pandemic (v.1)1 from the Alliance for Child Protection and Humanitarian Action

[https://www.unicef.org/media/65991/file/Technical%20note:%20Protection%20of%20children%20during%20the%20coronavirus%20disease%202019%20\(COVID-19\)%20pandemic.pdf](https://www.unicef.org/media/65991/file/Technical%20note:%20Protection%20of%20children%20during%20the%20coronavirus%20disease%202019%20(COVID-19)%20pandemic.pdf)

### **OTHER RESOURCES:**

Safety plan template/ Suicide Prevention Lifeline

[https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Brown\\_StanleySafetyPlanTemplate.pdf](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Brown_StanleySafetyPlanTemplate.pdf)

How guide to relationship mapping at school

<https://mcc.gse.harvard.edu/resources-for-educators/relationship-mapping-strategy>

Spoon theory a creative way to explain to healthy family and friends what it is like living with a chronic health condition

<https://www.me-pedia.org/images/9/99/Spoon-theory.jpg>

Mind Wise weekly mental health challenge

<http://preston-k12.wvnet.edu/phs/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2020/04/Weekly-Mental-Health-Challenge.pdf>

ACT at home for Parents

<https://www.mindwise.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ACT-at-Home-for-Parents.pdf>

ACT at home for Middle School

<http://preston-k12.wvnet.edu/phs/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2020/04/ACT-at-Home-for-Middle-School.pdf>

ACT at home for High School

<http://preston-k12.wvnet.edu/phs/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2020/04/ACT-at-Home-for-High-School.pdf>

### COPING SKILLS FOR KIDS RESOURCES:

Coping skills toolbox (this is amazing)

[https://www.bcbe.org/cms/lib/AL01901374/Centricity/Domain/1760/Coping%20Skills%20Tool kit.pdf](https://www.bcbe.org/cms/lib/AL01901374/Centricity/Domain/1760/Coping%20Skills%20Tool%20kit.pdf)

Coping skills for kids breathing

<https://copingskillsforkids.com/deep-breathing-exercises-for-kids>

Miss Kendra's list and child safety activities

<http://traumainformedschools.org/miss-kendras-list-and-child-safety-classroom-activities/>

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