March Community Meeting Notes (3/15/2023)

*This month’s speaker:  Heather Swiger* from Parents as Teachers, highlights listed below:

* Serves ages prenatal to 5-years
* Home visitation there for the whole family
* Do activities geared toward the appropriate level and age
* Encourage familied to use household items to help children learn different skills (counting, balance, hand-eye coordination, colors, shapes)
* Accepts Volunteers (will require background check and possibly drug test)
* Works with foster families and biological families
* Cell phone number is 304-838-0401

*Round Robin:*  notes will be limited to announcing new members or new events. If you have an event or program, you would like us to announce, in order to assure we pass on the correct information, please either email us at mcfrnjs@gmail.com or fill out form at the podium/table as you enter. If you are a regular attendee and your information has not changed, please initial beside your name.  New attendees are asked to fill in their information.

*New Attendees:*

* *Brian Lemley –* Fairmont Police Department; blemley@fairmontwv.gov
* *Chelsea Bly –* Valley Healthcare; chbly@valleyhealthcare.org
* *Amber Eddy –* HAPI

*Events:*

* *MCFRN –* will hold a Community Baby Shower on April 22 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Baptist Temple, Morgantown Avenue, Fairmont.  If interested in participating as a partner, please contact us at mcfrnjs@gmail.com.
* *Angela Betonte –* Marion County Family Literacy Fair, Saturday, April 29, 2023, 10AM-2PM at the Marion County Board of Education
* *Amber Eddy –* Baby and Me Day, March 18, 2023, 10AM-1PM at the Meadowbrook Mall.
* *Sydney Stansberry –* Cinderella Project, Saturday, March 18, 2023, 10AM-2PM at Bellview office
* *Tricia Maxwell –* Spring Resource Fair on April 18, 2023, 5PM-7PM at Southridge Church, Fairmont.

*Announcement:*

* Rachel Hovermale from FMHA-Morgantown Housing Authority has partnered with NorthStar Digital Literacy and FAHE, to provide basic internet skills training to those interested in learning more about using the internet. Contact Vickie Ashcraft, 304-363-0860, ext. 121.
* Abby Miller from Children’s Home Society announced they have a resource room that provides clothing, toys, diapers, wipes, etc. There is still a big need for foster families in the community.
* Courtney Ringstaff from WVCED announced their pod cast has been released.
* Kimberly McCartney from HOPE announced that shelter is at capacity, and they need donations. Contact Kimberly for the donation list. 304-629-9584 or email Kmccartney@Hopeincwv.net
* Ashley Hawkins announced that she is now working for WVCEH (West Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness). Her contact number is 304-871-6151, email is ashleyhawkins@wvceh.org, the Coordinated Entry number is 833-722-2014.

*Reminders:*

* Next meeting date:  April 19, 2023, at noon
* Location:  35 City View Terrace, Fairmont
* If you are new to our community meetings or feel that someone else will

benefit from these meetings, please email us at mcfrnjs@gmail.com to be added to our email list prior to signing up on our website.