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## Randolph County FRN

### *Mission Statement*

Our mission is to help our members work together in order to provide a seamless system of services to the families of Randolph County by: Identifying family needs, resources to meet those needs, sharing plans and information and planning joint actions.

### *About Us*

The Randolph County Family Resource Network, incorporated in the 1990's, is an organization that brings together local agencies, community organizations and concerned citizens to solve local problems, improve community conditions for children and families, and promotes community economic development.

### *Ways We Help*

#### *Assessing Community Needs by:*

- Conducting surveys throughout the community to identify current needs and opportunities and to find out where members of the community would be willing to commit their efforts.
- Collecting existing data to better inform ourselves and our partners about existing conditions in our community.

#### *Planning by:*

- Developing strategies and systems to address community needs.
- Helping other organizations learn and use strategic planning processes to reach their goals.

#### *Providing Resources by:*

- Conducting training and learning opportunities for the community.
- Pursuing funding sources to help sustain programs or to start programs that do not exist but are needed.
- Serving as a support system for community programs and services.
- Developing community resource guides to help connect community members to available programs and services while at the same time working to promote information sharing among social service providers.
- Working as a connector to available community services.

#### *Community Organizing by:*

- Helping develop groups to address community needs and working to strengthen community partnerships.
- Promoting various projects and programs that improve community culture
- Collaborating with local organizations so all can succeed.
- Encouraging non-profit and for-profit organizations, groups and individuals to work together as all are interconnected in the community.



**Evaluation by:**

- Monitoring the successes and the challenges programs and projects face to ensure anticipated goals and outcomes are being reached.

**Current Areas of Work**

Over many years, the FRN has developed collaborative relationships necessary to identify community needs, develop local strategies to address priorities, secure needed resources, engage community members, and evaluate progress. We believe we are most successful when we all are working together. During the past year, the FRN has:

- *Currently developing a CASA Program within Randolph and Tucker Counties*
- *Collaborated with Elkins Make it Shine to create a dumpster with a substance abuse prevention message*
- *America’s Promise Coalition 100 Top Communities for Youth Awardee*
- *Host to Nation’s First Tobacco Prevention and Breast Cancer Awareness Barn*
- *Assisted with the creation of: Randolph/Tucker Children’s Advocacy Center, Girls on the run and the Randolph County Anonymous Tip Line*
- *Coordinator of the Randolph County Baby Pantry*
- *Coordinate the Substance Abuse Prevention education efforts within the county*



**Highlights and Accomplishments**

In 2017, the FRN generated \$96,843.00 to support community programs and services and assisted other local organizations in securing an additional \$123,000. In-kind investments through volunteers and local donations totaled \$47,141.86.

**Responses from a survey about the FRN’s Impact and Value**

“The Randolph County FRN is amazing, they are always willing to take the first step to help develop new ideas while still keeping up with the same things they have done in the past. It is wonderful”

“The opening of a baby pantry located at the FRN has had a huge impact on our community. It has not only been there for parents/families of new babies but also for those families that have taken in young children due to open CPS cases or death of a parent. A lot of these families could not survive without this tangible and emotional support they receive through the baby pantry”



### *Overview of Randolph County*

Randolph County encompasses 1,040 square miles in the eastern mountains of West Virginia. There are 28,006 people residing in the county, a 1.4% decline in population since 2010. 11,563 households are found in the county with an average household size of 2.35 persons.

The Randolph County population is predominantly white (96.8%), with 1.6% black and 1.6% of other races. 19.1% of the population is under the age of 18 years and 20.8% are 65 yrs. of age or older. 5.4% of the population are children under 5 yrs. of age.



Among persons 25 yrs. of age or older, 83.9% are high school graduates and 19.3% are college graduates. Median household income (2015 the state average of \$41,751. The poverty rate in Randolph County is 19.8% which exceeds the state average of 17.9% of the population. 12.8% of the population of the county under age 65 yrs. have a disability and 8.2% of the population under age 65 yrs. are without any type of health insurance. 52.2% of persons 16 yrs. of age and older are in the labor force.

72.9% of households are home owners and the median value of owner occupied housing is \$101,200. The median monthly owner cost for homeowners with a mortgage is \$851, and the median cost of home ownership without a mortgage is \$293. Median gross rent in Randolph County is \$560.

Sources of Statistics: US Bureau of the Census - 2016 population estimates, ACS census of population & housing, small area health insurance estimates, small area income and poverty estimates, and the economic census.