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## Marshall County FRN

### *Mission Statement*

Mobilizing People to Engage in Positive and Meaningful Change.

### *About Us*

The Marshall County Family Resource Network, incorporated in 1996, 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:*

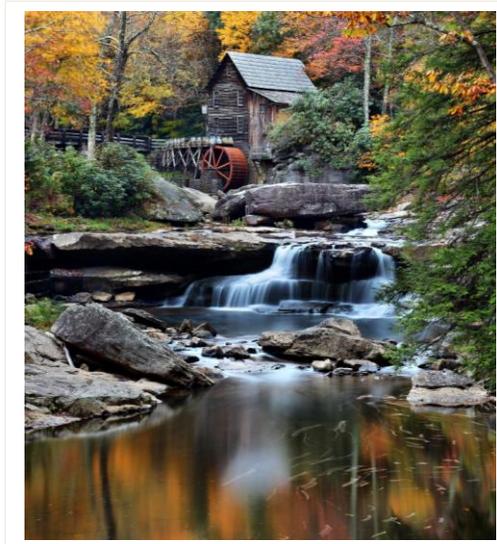
- Conducting training and learning opportunities for the community.
- Pursuing funding sources to help sustain programs or to start programs that do not exist but are needed.
- Serving as a support system for community programs and services.
- Developing community resource guides to help connect community 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:

### *Highlights and Accomplishments*

- *Implemented numerous projects through its Carolyn Dalzell Closet of Hope, which distributes essential health, hygiene, and household products to those in need through a variety of creative avenues*
- *Sponsored events, activities, and programs that benefited local communities and residents*
- *Coordinated or provided services and trainings for area professionals and members of the public*
- *Developed or maintained partnerships with other organizations, businesses, groups, and funders to build and sustain projects and programs*
- *Provided in-home parenting education and related activities through the Parents As Teachers program*
- *Coordinated the Marshall County Family Resource Center, the Starting Points Center, and related activities*

In 2018, the FRN generated \$358,350 to support community programs and services; in-kind investments through volunteers and local donations totaled \$284,741.

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

*"I have been involved in fundraising, organizing and volunteering for over 35yrs. There are few groups I've been involved with that compare to the hard work, organizing skills, compassion and over all enthusiasm that I have experienced with the Marshall Co. FRN. They identify needs in the community, address the issues and manage to pull the community together for support. If I had to use one word it would be impressive"*

- Survey Respondent

*"The FRN is a community's best kept secret. They are connected to the resources and have relationships within the community to make projects in a community a success."*

- Survey Respondent

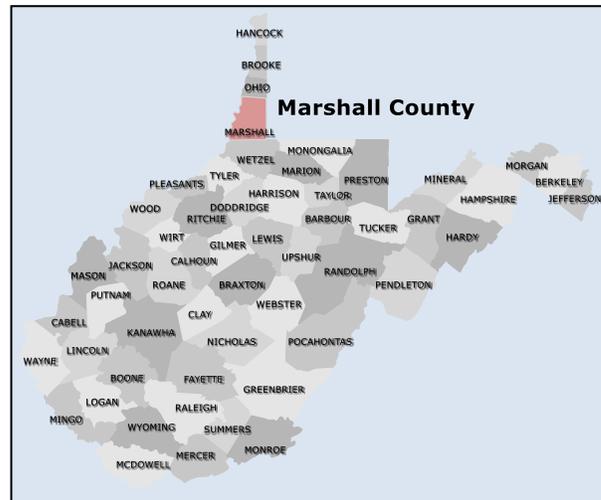
*The Marshall County FRN is a proud member of the WV Alliance of Family Resource Networks (WVAFRN).*



### Overview of Marshall County

Marshall County encompasses 305 square miles in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia. There are 31,793 people residing in the county, a 4% decline in population since 2010. There are 13,569 households in the county with an average household size of 2.36 persons.

The Marshall County population is predominantly white (97.5%), with 0.8% being black and 1.7% being of other races. With regard to age, 19.9% of the population is under 18 and 20.2% are over 65 while 5.2% of children are under 5.



Among persons 25 yrs. of age or older, 89.2% are high school graduates and 16.8% are college graduates. The median household income (2015 dollars) is \$45,182, which is more than the state average of \$41,751. The poverty rate in Marshall County is 12.6% which is less than the state average

of 17.9% of the population. Eleven percent of Marshall County's population under the age of 65 have a disability while 54.7% are in the labor force and 6.0% of the population under age 65 yrs. are without any type of health insurance.

Home owners make up 77.4% of households and the median value of owner-occupied housing is \$94,600. The median monthly owner cost for homeowners with a mortgage is \$862, and the median cost of home ownership without a mortgage is \$296. Median gross rent in Marshall County is \$578.

