Welcome!
The CASEWV family is proud to have a quarterly newsletter to keep you up-to-date with the many things that are happening within the agency. With 300 employees and 12 different programs, we have a lot to share. Enjoy learning more about us and the great services we offer.

Summer Time And The Living Is Easy!

Summer is the season most of us look forward to. It is the time of vacations and barbeques. We shed our heavy coats for bright colored shirts and flip flops giving us a feeling of freedom as the days grow longer. Let’s take advantage of summer this year. Make a point of finally doing that “something” you have been putting off. Or, simply sit back on the porch, enjoy the breeze and sip on your favorite beverage!

Yahoo! We are celebrating our newsletters 1st, year anniversary and it has been a great success. Through print, email, our website, mailers and Facebook, readership has climbed to 3800. Plus, the format is what we in the biz call “coffee table”. Meaning, issues are not thrown away after reading, but hang around to be re-read and passed along to others furthering its lifespan. Most of all, our publication shows the dynamic infrastructure of the agency and how busy our programs are and the depth of the people they reach. Each program has a wide variety of events and opportunities for those in our community and this venue gives us a chance to share its broad spectrum. Daily, behind each office and cubicle there is a flurry of activity whose end result services you. This publication has also helped to inform our community that we are not here serving just those who may be in a low-income category. Most of what we do is centered around affordable income guidelines.

Last issue we raised a lot of eyebrows and created chatter on the streets by reconfirming the fact that yes, we really do employ approximately 300 folks, filter in 12 million a year and have 12 strong programs servicing ages from prenatal to seniors. What has become most evident, regardless of the program, is we are also EDUCATORS. We teach moms how to care for babies, our Head Start prepares children for school, our teen program teaches drug awareness and risks of teen pregnancy, family day care teaches the benefits of serving nutritional food and getting paid for it. What has become most evident, regardless of the program, is we are also EDUCATORS. We teach moms how to care for babies, our Head Start prepares children for school, our teen program teaches drug awareness and risks of teen pregnancy, family day care teaches the benefits of serving nutritional food and getting paid for it. We computer, nurses, and weatherization training has helped many acquire jobs in our area, our seniors use their knowledge/talents to headline many events and housing development ranges from renting to securing home ownership. We are very happy to celebrate this newsletter with you, so pay it forward, keep passing it along!
Executive Director’s Message: As terms come to an end for some of our Board Members, we sincerely thank each of you for your service with much gratitude and appreciation. Our newest additions are William Bane, V.P. Director of Enterprise Risk Management with 1st Community Bank. Mr. Bane’s background includes work with other community action agencies in the state and he is familiar with many of our existing programs. Tammy Rhodes, from Monroe Co. is a recipient of our Micro Loan program and has Trott Away Tack for horses. Margaret McLaughlin, is retired from the Board of Education, volunteers in Summers Co. and with the Health Right Clinic. We welcome you and look forward to a rewarding tenure while in office.

CASEWV is your local community action agency providing services that improve the quality of life for our residents through our various programs. Over 300 professional employees and offices in Mercer, Summers, Monroe and Raleigh counties, we service over 8,000 families and individuals per year. Our annual budget of approx. $12,000,000 not only helps our citizens, but stimulates our local economy through employment, ownership of properties and the accomplishments of the programs themselves. With services ranging pre-natal to seniors, our directors facilitate these programs at our state-of-the-art locations. Governed by a Board Of Directors, we have established an excellent record of local, regional and national partnerships. We have been serving southeastern West Virginia since 1964.

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RIGHT FROM THE START REGION I

Beginning with a positive pregnancy test, through a newborn’s development and up to age one, our program has a vast array of services. We assist with medical care, child birth and parenting classes, and the overall needs of having a healthy baby. Our in-home registered nurses and licensed social workers assist in the client’s health and how to properly care for their baby. There are requirements for participating in this program. We service Mercer, Monroe, Summers, Wyoming, Raleigh, Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Webster, Nicholas, Fayette, Braxton, and McDowell.

304-323-8315

TEXT 4 BABY

The Right From The Start Program is promoting Text 4 Baby. In case you are not familiar with Text 4 Baby it is the nation’s first free texting service to provide information to pregnant women and new moms to care for their health and give their babies the best possible start in life. Text-4-Baby is growing and WV is now 4th in the nation for number of clients enrolled.

Registration is easy and can be done online www.text4baby.com or from your cell phone. Use your cell phone to text the word BABY (or BEBE for Spanish) to the number 511411. You'll be asked to enter your baby’s due date or your baby’s birthday and your zip code. Once registered, you will start receiving free messages with tips for your pregnancy or caring for your baby.

CASE Cares Baby Closet

HAS RELOCATED!

CASE Cares Baby Closet is now located at the former Warlicks Building.
Spring has come and gone and Right From The Start’s Region IV has been working hard to raise awareness about the program, raise funds for the program, and to generate donations. During the annual Rainelle Easter celebration, some of our DCC’s and their DCC Administrator, and the RLA staff represented CASEWV and RFTS by participating in the town’s parade. After the parade the gang sold hotdogs during the annual Easter egg hunt. Not only did they raise money for the program, they increased awareness of our program in the town and even signed up several new clients! I think they even had a little fun in the process. Thanks to all those who volunteered and helped us out.

The office staff at Region IV has also been networking and reaching out to the local churches to make them aware of our program, and all of their hard work has started paying off! The First Baptist Church of Rainelle made a very generous donation of cribs, diapers, and other greatly needed supplies. Thanks to Pastor Bob Scharnhorst for helping make it all happen.

As we head into summer, we look forward to the annual CASEWV Employee Retreat which will take place at the at Pipestem Resort State Park. Region IV will also be holding its quarterly DCC meeting at the Rainelle office.

**BABY SAFETY FOR SUMMER** Be mindful of sun exposure and keep your baby hydrated. Be mindful of water safety guidelines and maintain proper air circulation while transporting your infant. Keep an eye out for insects and spiders that can bite your baby. And finally, use window guards and keep your screen door locked if you like having your doors and windows open. Have a safe and happy summer!
HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START

This nationwide, well recognized, program is for children ages 0-5 and at risk pregnant women in Mercer and Summers Counties. The program provides comprehensive services to low income children and families as well as prepares children for kindergarten. The program provides education and training for at risk pregnant women. The program provides early learning opportunities and activities through Creative Curriculum. The program also offers services to children with disabilities, links families to community resources, transportation to and from school, and provides screenings and nutritious meals to all participants. To enhance school readiness, each child is given individual assistance to develop their physical, mental and emotional skills. For more information on the program you may call 304-487-5770

Daddy and Me Bowling Day

CASE WV Head Start/Early Head Start held a Daddy and Me Fun Day on May 5th at the Green Valley Bowling Alley. The families were invited for a day of bowling and billiards. A variety of refreshments were served. The participation was enormous from our families. There were one hundred thirty five adults and children in attendance. This day was not limited to fathers. It was an opportunity for other important adults in the child’s life to be with them. It may have been the mother, a grandparent, an aunt or uncle. Educational material was handed out about the National Fatherhood Initiative. The children spent this time with someone who was special to them. We at CASE Head Start/Early Head Start hope to build memories for each and every child to always remember.

Enjoy the summer sun, don’t forget the sunscreen.
In the month of May TPP taught lessons on making healthy choices to prevent teen pregnancy and STD's to classes at Montcalm Middle and Southside K-8 schools. We held parent meetings at Faith Center Church and East End Baptist Church in Bluefield to raise awareness of and offer tips on dealing with the problem of teen pregnancy in our area. We also partnered with several local groups to present the McDowell County Drug Free Day Fair at Mt.View High School. In the essay and t-shirt design contest, we had two winners from our area. ARIEL THOMAS from James Monroe High was the 1st place winner in the essay contest and MEGAN UNDERWOOD from Montcalm High was the 3rd place winner in the t-shirt design contest. We participated in the ESPN Drug Free All Stars games at several local schools. We're looking forward to our Basketball Summer Camp for youth in the 2nd week of June and to the annual T.H.I.N.K. meeting in Charleston, WV. Wrapping up the old year and getting ready for a new year in the schools will occupy the rest of our summer.
**How Do I Apply For Weatherization?**

The Weatherization Assistance Program can be reached by calling **304-809-3055** or **1-866-556-0780**. We can answer your questions about the Weatherization Assistance Program and mail you an application.

**Eligibility Income Levels**

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For Families with more that 8 persons, add $3,960 for each additional person

Once Weatherization receives your signed application, we must (by law) review your information, certify its accuracy and make determination of eligibility. This process may take up to 4 weeks. You will receive a letter of determination when the process is complete. Your name will be placed on a waiting list.

After income verification, you will be contacted by telephone (or by mail) to arrange an appointment to have your Weatherization job estimated by our team of Energy Auditors. They will determine your need and explain what energy saving measure will be done to you home. After ordering the materials necessary for the job, a highly skilled weatherization crew will then be assigned to perform the recommended work. You or another adult must be present while the work is being completed. There is possibility that a contractor may be sent to your home, depending on the work to be done. The CASE highly skilled weatherization crew will do the insulation, air sealing, while others may be required to do specialty work; such heating and electrical upgrades. All contractors hired by CASE WV are fully insured.

After the work is done, the Energy Auditor/Post Work Inspector will contact you for a final inspection to insure the job was done correctly to meet Department of Energy and Governor Office of Economic Opportunity guidelines. Also, an additional inspection by a State monitor may occur during a monitoring visit.

**What Services Are Supplied By Weatherization?**

Weatherization is an energy conservation program and all work is targeted to save the homeowner on their fuel cost. Measures done at your home may include Insulation, weather stripping, caulking, minor health and safety repairs, energy improvement measures; replacement of refrigerator, pipe wrap, compact fluorescent lighting. and/or repair or replacement of your heating system.

**Weatherization Works!!**