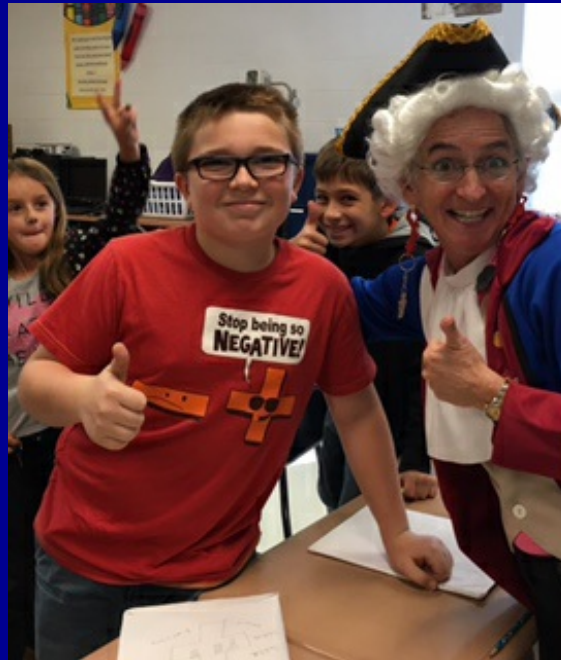


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The Paws-itive Patriot is making a Positive Impact at Warm Springs Intermediate School! Pictured (L-R) Hunter Ambrose, 5th grader in Mrs. Kidwell's class, and Angie Hott (aka Positive Patriot), MCP Program Facilitator

MCP Newsletter
2015

Fall

Dear Partners,

The year 2015 marked the ten-year anniversary of the Morgan County Partnership! During this past decade, our coalition has been blessed with outstanding volunteers, community members and staff. It is because of the dedication and hard work of these people that we have been able to make progress towards reaching our vision of creating a safe, healthy and drug free community! We have also been fortunate with continued grant funding to help us implement evidence-based programs in the schools, such as Too Good for Drugs/Violence and Positive Action. This funding has also provided support for implementing strategies to help empower youth to make good decisions. Together, we have accomplished so much but there is still much work to be done!

Gratefully, we were awarded another 5 years of funding through the Drug Free Communities grant program. In order to maintain our prevention efforts throughout the county, during these next few years strong efforts will be made towards sustainability. We will be looking more closely at fundraising strategies and could really use the help and expertise from seasoned professionals in this area in order to move our coalition and organization forward into the next decade and beyond!

If you or someone you know would be interested in helping the Partnership reach its sustainability goals, please contact me at kristin@morganpartnership.org or at 304-258-7807.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Morgan County Partnership!

Sincerely,

Kristin Willard
Executive Director



The Morgan County Partnership gets continued funding from Drug Free Communities Grant

The Drug-Free Communities Support Program (DFC) is a Federal grant program that provides funding to community-based coalitions that organize to prevent youth substance use. The Morgan County Partnership was honored to be one of the 188 communities throughout the nation to be awarded the grant! In 2010, the Partnership was awarded this grant for years 1-5, but had to competitively re-apply for the additional 5 years of funding. The funding period is from October 1, 2015 through September 2020.

Recent evaluation data indicate that where DFC dollars are invested, youth substance use is lower. Over the life of the DFC Program, youth living in DFC communities have experienced reductions in alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana use.

[Here is a link to an infographic](#) that describe the DFC Program, its effectiveness, why it matters, and how coalitions come together to prevent youth drug and alcohol use in their communities.

A funny story about the day we found out about our DFC award... Kris and Megan had received an email announcement from another coalition celebrating their DFC grant award. Frantically, the two started searching their emails but were unable to find any award



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notice to the Morgan County Partnership. A heavy haze of disappointment filled the room, when a reporter from the Martinsburg Journal called asking the team to comment on their recent Drug Free Communities Award. With excitement and relief, Kris and Megan yelled in the reporter's ear "Yay!" and explained that he was the first person to inform the Partnership that they were awarded the DFC grant!



The Morgan County Partnership is on **INSTAGRAM** now!!

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"What GOOD are you doing?"

Positive Youth Media Campaign

In November, we held our annual "What GOOD are you doing?" positive youth media campaign to highlight all the amazing things our youth are doing in their schools and communities!

We had several AWESOME photos submitted by proud parents and other positive adult role models in Morgan County. Click [here](#) to see the 2015 Campaign Photos!

We love seeing the kid's greatness in action! We love it SO much that we partnered with Suzanne Mellott Photography, LLC to try to encourage more youth to submit photos of their awesomeness! The contest will continue until January 9th at midnight and it is open to Morgan County teens, 13-18. And the winner of this photo contest will win a FREE photoshoot!

To enter the contest, teens need to send a photo of themselves doing GOOD in Morgan County via Instagram! Go check out our instagram page @moco_partnership for more information! AND don't forget to VOTE ("Like") for your favorite youth submitted photo by searching #mcpimgood on Instagram!



New Employees at the Partnership!

Drinking Prevention Task Force from 2pm-3pm @ MCP Office

1/12/16: Rx Drug Prevention Task Force from 12pm-1pm @ MCP Office

1/13/16: Youth Leadership Academy Planning Meeting from 12pm -1pm @ MCP Office

1/14/16: "Join the Asset Movement" Stakeholders Meeting from 9am-11am @ STEP Office in Martinsburg

1/15/16: Club Day @ BSHS (includes Bully Prevention, Teen Court and Adolescent Health Taskforce)

1/18/16: Morgan County Day at the Legislature @ the Capitol in Charleston, WV

1/29/16: MCP Breakfast Coalition Meeting from 8am-9am @ First



Summer Walsh (L) and Alesia Brand (R)

Summer Walsh started working at the Partnership in the beginning of the school year. She is a Program Facilitator that works at Paw Paw School providing career exploration classes and mentoring to students in 7th through 12th grades. She also provides Parent Child Academy classes at Warm Springs Middle School

and Berkeley Springs High School.

Summer is a wonderful addition to our team! She provides a wealth of knowledge, an incredible sense of humor and a passion for working with youth. She works with the Partnership part-time and also works for the MC After 3 After School Program as the Program Director.

Alesia Brand started working for the Partnership in November as the school-based SBIRT Program Facilitator. She provides substance abuse screenings, brief interventions and refers students to outside resources who have a greater need for more intensive treatment. In addition to SBIRT, she also provides group sessions with students. Alesia works in collaboration with the social work team at Morgan County Schools, including Gary McDaniel, LCSW and Wendy Baracka, LGSW.

Alesia's positive outlook creates a pathway to hope for many of the students that she works with at the schools. She is super fun and her passion for helping people comes through in how she works with others.

She works for the Partnership part-time as she is currently working on completing her Masters in Professional Counseling M.A.

Church in Berkeley Springs

2/16/16: Youth Leadership Academy- Year 1 Track from 8am-2:30pm @ First Church

2/19/16: Club Day @ BSHS (includes Bully Prevention, Teen Court and Adolescent Health Taskforce)

2/26/16: MCP Breakfast Coalition Meeting from 8am-9am @ First Church in Berkeley Springs

3/15/16: Youth Leadership Academy- Year 2 Track from 8am-2:30pm @ First Church

3/18/16: Club Day @ BSHS (includes Bully Prevention, Teen Court and Adolescent Health Task force)

3/25/16: MCP Breakfast Coalition Meeting from 8am-9am @ First Church in Berkeley Springs



Summer Walsh talking with students at Paw Paw Schools about Careers

Career Development Program at Paw Paw Schools

As this year comes to a close, Summer is excited to share that she has met with all students in secondary education

grades at Paw Paw High Schools.

During this time, she administered a career assessment to students, which will be used to determine guest speakers and other activities. Among

some of the most popular career interests among students are pediatrics, veterinary science and the military. In addition to career interests, juniors and seniors have expressed interest in learning life skills, including cooking, budgeting and first aid. Summer plans to schedule additional hands-on activities to address these and other topics and looks forward to a productive school year!

Funding for this program is provided by the McKinney Vento Grant.

**Working with Youth
Training- TBA**

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Collaboration Strengthens the SBIRT Program

SBIRT stands for Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment. The primary goal of SBIRT is to identify and effectively intervene with those who are at moderate or high risk for mental health and substance use concerns. But the ultimate goal is to improve the overall health and well-being of youth in Morgan County.

For the past two years, SBIRT focused primarily on substance abuse intervention, which is implemented through the Morgan County Partnership in collaboration with Morgan County Schools. However during the current school year, Morgan County Schools was awarded their own SBIRT grant, which focuses on helping students who are exhibiting mental health concerns. Through the collaboration efforts between the Partnership and Morgan County Schools, students in grades 6-12 are being screened for both risk of substance abuse and mental health, which provides a stronger continuum of care and increased access for youth substance abuse and mental health services.

Gary McDaniel, LCSW, Social Worker for Morgan County Schools, provides supervision for both SBIRT Program Facilitators. Wendy Baracka, LGSW, Social Worker for Morgan County Schools, implements the SBIRT program for mental health, and Alesia Brand, Program Facilitator for Morgan County Partnership, implements the SBIRT program for substance abuse.

SBIRT supports an overall emphasis on health and wellness. It also decreases the incidence and severity of alcohol and drug use and helps to change how substance use is viewed among youth. These trends continued to be monitored through SBIRT data and through the PRIDE Survey, which surveys youth in 6-12th grades and collects data on substance abuse and risk/protective factors.

The SBIRT grants awarded to both the Partnership and Morgan County Schools, were provided by the West Virginia Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities.

Click on the link below, to see an interview with Wendy and Alesia about the SBIRT program in Morgan County Schools.

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The Morgan County Partnership is always in need of volunteers to work on community task forces, help plan and organize events, and general office assistance, including data entry.

If you are interested in giving your time to support a local non-profit organization, please contact us at 304-258-7807 or return the the volunteer form below.

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Intervention program impacts Morgan County students

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The 2nd Annual Berkeley Springs Zombie Walk was fun for the whole family!

We had over 100 Zombies participate in the walk!

Thank you to everyone who came out to join the fun and to support the Morgan County Partnership!

A GREAT BIG Thank You to the Berkeley Springs High School Band & Dance Team! And another GREAT BIG Thank You to our amazing planning committee, Rose Jackson, Dawn Beal, Cindy Smalley, Wendy Weaver and Lori Shaffer! And Thank You, Mi Ranchito, Tari's and Betty Lou's for feeding hungry zombies! And to JC Florals for donating pumpkins and the Town of Bath Police for providing our escort through town!

If anyone is interested in being a part of the planning team next year, please contact Megan Hauser at megan@morganpartnership.org. We meet once a month from July through October.

To see more photos from the event, go to the [MCP Facebook page](#) !



40 Developmental Assets

7 Ways to Show a Child You Care:

Each interaction with a child is a meaningful relational opportunity. As a parent or other loving adult you have a profound impact on a developing child and our community.

1. Create a safe, open environment.
2. Be available.
3. Cheer their accomplishments.
4. Encourage them to help others.
5. Tackle new tasks together.
6. Help them take a stand and stand with them.
7. Do what they like to do.

[Here are 50 more ways](#)

For a Search Institute Resource for Families, go to:

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Search Institute has identified 40 positive experiences and qualities that can help to ensure that young people succeed. They're called Developmental Assets™, and surveys of thousands of students show that the more assets young people report experiencing, the fewer risky behaviors they'll engage in and the more good things they'll incorporate into their lives.



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