

WV FAMILY SUPPORT & REHABILITATION SERVICES (WVFSRS)

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE JUNE 2023

FUN FACTS ABOUT JUNE

- June has traditionally been the fourth month of the year. It became the sixth month of the Julian calendar after two more months were added in 46 B.C. The Julian calendar is named after Julius Caesar and he developed it after being advised by the Alexandrian astrologer Sosogenes, who recommended the Egyptian method of counting solar days, taking the length of the year to 365 days.



SEE INSIDE FOR OUR PHOENIX RISING ANNOUNCEMENT!!



SHIRLEY TEMPLE CLIENTS ARE STAYING BUSY THIS SEASON! BAPTISMS AND GRADUATIONS. DETAILS INSIDE.

SAVE THE DATE
June 21-23
Embassy Suites by Hilton,
Charleston, West Virginia





PRIDE!

June

COLORFUL FLOATS, RAINBOW FLAGS AND PLENTY OF FUN AND GLITTER DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY WONDERFUL THINGS ASSOCIATED WITH PRIDE.

PRIDE MONTH IS A CELEBRATION AND COMMEMORATION OF THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY ITS PURSUIT OF EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER THE LAW AND EQUAL RIGHTS.

WHEN IS PRIDE?

PRIDE IS CELEBRATED INTERNATIONALLY EVERY YEAR IN JUNE, EMERGING FROM THE STONEWALL RIOTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN JUNE 1969.

**ON SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2023 WE ARE EXCITED TO CELEBRATE PRIDE WITH OUR ANNUAL PRIDE PARADE IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON! WHETHER YOU AND YOUR ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO JOIN AND WALK IN THE PARADE, RIDE ALONG IN A VEHICLE, OR CREATE A UNIQUE THEMED FLOAT, ALL ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE FESTIVITIES.
REGISTER**

LGBTQ+

What's the 

CHARLESTON PRIDE PARADE
Sat June 3
9:00 AM

CHARLESTON PRIDE

charlestonpride.org/parade-registration

WE ARE A NON-DISCRIMINATORY AGENCY, REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, ETHNICITY, AGE, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, DISABILITY, RELIGION, ECONOMIC STATUS AND OTHER DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS – WE WELCOME EVERYONE!



2023 WV PEER RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES AND RECOVERY HOUSING CONFERENCE

JUNE 21, 2023 - JUNE 23, 2023

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON CHARLESTON, 300 COURT ST, CHARLESTON, WV 25301

WELCOME TO THE 2023 WEST VIRGINIA PEER RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES AND RECOVERY HOUSING CONFERENCE - LIVING RECOVERY!

THIS EVENT WILL BE IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL THIS YEAR!

DURING THIS THREE-DAY HYBRID EVENT, YOU'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ROLE OF PEER RECOVERY COACHES AND RECOVERY HOUSING. SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE TOPICS ON MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT, TRAUMA, CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS, NUTRITION, AND RECOVERY HOUSING CERTIFICATION AMONG OTHERS. THIS CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED FOR YOU. WE CHALLENGE YOU TO EXPLORE THE COMPLEX ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH BUILDING AND WORKING IN A PEER RECOVERY SYSTEM. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO EXPLORE NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND LIAISONS. WE INVITE YOU TO ENJOY THIS TIME TOGETHER WITH YOUR PEERS. WE ARE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

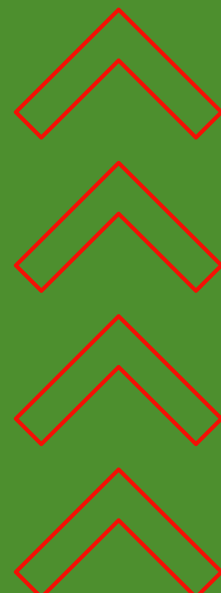
PEERS AND PEER SUPERVISORS
RECOVERY HOUSING OPERATORS
HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
LAW ENFORCEMENT

EDUCATORS, COUNSELORS AND SOCIAL WORKERS
POLICYMAKERS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS
PREVENTIONISTS
COMMUNITY COALITIONS
COMMUNITY MEMBERS



CARVILLE DAVIS





WALKING FOR RECOVERY 2023, HOSTED BY MARSHALL UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGIATE RECOVERY COMMUNITY (CRC) AND HUNTINGTON PRIDE, AIMS TO BRING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE RECOVERY RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN OUR STATE.

GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE DIRECTOR OF HUNTINGTON'S COUNCIL ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND DRUG CONTROL POLICY, JAN RADER, AND WEST VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MIKE PUSHKIN.

VENDORS WILL BE SET UP TO SHARE RESOURCES. PLEASE REGISTER!

THE EVENT IS FREE FOR BOTH VENDORS AND THOSE ATTENDING TO WALK. WE DO HOWEVER ASK THAT YOU STILL REGISTER, SO WE CAN HAVE AN ESTIMATED HEAD COUNT.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT RYAN ELKINS AT ELKINS167@MARSHALL.EDU





SHIRLEY TEMPLE



CLIENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations, Stephanie Arthur!

IF STEPHANIE ARTHUR COULD GIVE YOU ONE PIECE OF ADVISE IT WOULD BE TO "STAY HUMBLE AND REMEMBER WHERE YOU CAME FROM". "SHIRLEY TEMPLE HAS ALLOWED ME TO COME OUT OF MY SHELL AND HELP OTHERS."

GRADUATES



"I LEARNED ALOT ABOUT MYSELF WHILE I WAS HERE. I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS PROGRAM TO ANYONE."
CHESTER RIFFLE



We had a great time celebrating our April Graduates. Pizza and Felowship in honor of their successes! Congratulations, we are so proud of you!



SOME OF OUR RESIDENTS WERE BAPTIZED!!!

PSALMS 24-26

10 Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—
he is the King of glory.

11 In you, LORD,
I put my trust.

12 I trust in you,
O LORD,
do not let me
be disgraced.

13 No one will ever
reproach me,
because you are
my help and my
redeemer.

14 Show me your
mercy, LORD,
according to your
promise.

15 Guide me in
your truth,
O LORD,
because my heart
is true.

16 Remember, LORD,
your great mercy
and love,
for they are from of old.

17 Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, LORD, are good.

18 Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his
ways.

19 He guides the humble in what is right
and increases their peace.

20 All the ways of the LORD are
loving-kindness and
peace to all who follow
his commands.

21 For the LORD forgives
iniquity and does not
destroy.

22 Who, O LORD, can stand
before you?
Who, O LORD, can
look at you?

23 They were all
destroyed,
and they became
nothing.

24 The LORD makes his covenant known to
his people,
and he shows his love
to all who fear him.

25 The LORD is
true in all his words,
and he is merciful
and loving.

26 The LORD is
loving and merciful,
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15 My eyes are ever on the LORD,
for only he will release my feet from
the snare.

16 My heart is not envious,
and I am not angry,
because I am and be gracious to me,
O LORD.
I am lonely and afflicted.
Do not hide your face from me,
and do not take away my help.
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PSALMS 26-28

My feet stand on level ground;
in the great congregation I will
praise the LORD.

Psalms 27
Of David.

1 The LORD is my light and my
salvation—
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my
life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,
my enemies and my foes
will stumble and fall,
and I will stand firm.

3 Though an army besiege me,
though I be surrounded by enemies,
my heart will not fear,
because I have trusted in the LORD.
Even though an army besiege me,
though I be surrounded by enemies,
my heart will not fear,
because I have trusted in the LORD.

4 One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the
LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.

5 For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his
sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

6 Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround
me;
at this sacred tent I will sacrifice with
shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the
LORD.

7 Hear my voice when I call, LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.
8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, I will seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in
anger;
you have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,
O God my Savior.

10 Through my father and mother you
have shown your kindness to me,
and the LORD will receive me.

11 Do not let my enemies
triumph over me,
and do not let my foes
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11 Teach me your way, LORD;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.

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* This psalm is an acrostic poem, the verses of which begin with the successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet.
b 12 Or: ways he chooses c 21 Septuagint; Hebrew does not have *LORD*.

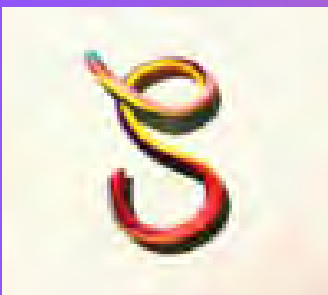
11 Or: leader





THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT VOLUNTEERING HELPS IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OTHERS. BUT HOW IMPORTANT IS VOLUNTEERING TO THE VOLUNTEER? SIMPLY PUT, ACTS OF KINDNESS CAN ALSO IMPROVE OUR LIVES TOO.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE HOSTED A DAY OF SERVICE ON SATURDAY, MAY 28TH. THE DAY ENCOURAGED CLIENTS TO WORK TOGETHER AND BOND OVER BETTERING THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH SERVICE WORK. OVER 260 INDIVIDUALS SHOWED UP FOR FOOD, DONATIONS AND FELLOWSHIP. WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR BACKGROUND, HAS SOMETHING THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO BUILDING A BETTER WORLD- WHETHER THAT BE THROUGH AN ACT OF KINDNESS, OR DONATING THEIR TIME OR MONEY. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE ONES WHO SHOWED UP AND SHOWED OUT IN THE NAME OF COMMUNITY.



Take CARE OF Others



**PHOENIX RISING TRANSITIONAL HOMES
[AFFILIATION OF WVFSRS]**

ASCEND TO NEW HEIGHTS

**AFTER MONTHS OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION, WVFSRS
& AFFILIATION: PHOENIX RISING TRANSITIONAL HOMES
FINALLY HAS A STATE APPROVED:**

**LICENSED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER (LBHC) 3.1 LOC -INPATIENT
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY!!!!**

**THE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY WILL BE LOCATED AT THE 2444 COLLIS
AVENUE, HUNTINGTON, WV 25703 (CABELL COUNTY) ADDRESS!!! THE
FACILITY WILL HOLD 9 FEMALE BEDS! WE ARE SO PROUD TO HAVE THIS
APPROVED, AND WE VERY EXCITED TO SEE HOW WVFSRS, SHIRLEY
TEMPLE, & PHOENIX RISING CONTINUES TO GROW AND HELP THOSE
WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE
USE DISORDER FIELDS!!!**

**THANK YOU AGAIN TO ALL INVOLVED TO MAKE THIS PROCESS
SUCCESSFUL!!!! WE VALUE AND APPRECIATE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF
YOU! YAYYYYYYYY!!!!!!**



ANNOUNCEMENT!





KAYLA S, WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!



PHOENIX RISING EXPERIENCE:

I'VE BEEN THROUGH SEVERAL DETOX AND 28-DAY PROGRAMS TRYING TO FIND A WAY OUT OF MY DRUG ADDICTION, BUT I NEVER PUSHED MYSELF TO DO MORE THAN THAT. I DON'T KNOW WHY THE THOUGHT OF TRYING SOBER LIVING MADE ME SO UNEASY-MAYBE BECAUSE AT THE TIME I COULDN'T DISTINGUISH A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOBER LIVING AND LONG-TERM TREATMENT, AND I THOUGHT I WOULD BE LOCKED UP. MAYBE DEEP DOWN I WASN'T READY TO QUIT. ONCE I BECAME WILLING TO GIVE IT A TRY, I OPENED MYSELF UP TO LEARNING WHAT RECOVERY COULD ACTUALLY DO FOR ME. MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS, I MIGHT AS WELL TAKE A CHANCE AND GO BECAUSE I COULD ALWAYS LEAVE IF IT WASN'T COMFORTABLE. ALSO, BEFORE I LEFT THE ONE-MONTH PROGRAM I WAS AT ME AND ANOTHER GIRL DECIDED WE'D GO TO THE SAME PLACE SO THAT WE WOULD KNOW SOMEONE WHEN WE GOT THERE. I WAS SCARED OF BEING ALONE BECAUSE I HAD BEEN EXTREMELY CO-DEPENDENT ON MY HUSBAND FOR SO MANY YEARS. IT HELPED TO KNOW SOMEONE WHEN I GOT HERE BUT IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THAT PERSON ENDED UP LEAVING. LUCKILY BY THEN I HAD ENOUGH INDEPENDENCE TO RECOVER ON MY OWN. AS IT TURNS OUT, I NEVER REALLY HAD TO BE ON MY OWN. WITHIN TWO MONTHS THE RECOVERY COACHES AT PHOENIX RISING HELPED ME PUT MY LIFE BACK TOGETHER-IN WAYS I NEVER EXPECTED. IT HAD BEEN ALMOST 5 YEARS SINCE I HAD EVEN HAD AN ID, AND WAY LONGER SINCE I HAD A REAL JOB. BEFORE COMING HERE, I NEVER EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED EMPLOYABLE AGAIN. I DIDN'T EVEN HONESTLY WANT THAT KIND OF LIFE. I WAS HONESTLY COMPLETELY DIFFERENT BEFORE I GOT HERE. THE COACHES TAUGHT ME WHY MY INDEPENDENCE WAS IMPORTANT, THEY MADE ME GO TO MEETINGS, AND LEARN HOW TO TALK TO OTHER PEOPLE AGAIN. MY SOCIAL ANXIETY WAS SO BAD BEFORE I CAME INTO RECOVERY, I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO HAVE A NORMAL CONVERSATION OR EVEN LOOK PEOPLE IN THE EYE. I LOVE THIS PROGRAM FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART BECAUSE IT GAVE ME FREEDOM AND TAUGHT ME HOW TO BE AN ADULT. THANK YOU PHOENIX RISING STAFF!



The best and **most beautiful things** in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be **felt with the heart.**

- Helen Keller



06/23/2020

**AMY
WALKER**

**THANK
YOU**



There is no doubt that you have made your presence an invaluable one in our company. As you go on to commit yourself to uphold our values and vision, we won't ever stop appreciating you. Happy work anniversary!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tiffany Santiago

HOW HAVE YOU GROWN AS A PERSON, SINCE STARTING WITH THIS COMPANY?

SINCE STARTING WITH WVFSRS, I HAVE GROWN IN A MULTIPLE OF WAYS. ALTHOUGH, STILL WORKING ON IT, I BELIEVE WHAT STANDS OUT THE MOST IS MY GROWTH WITHIN INCREASING MY KNOWLEDGE WITHIN THE FIELD, LEARNING HOW TO HANDLE DIFFERENT SITUATIONS, AND LEARNING HOW TO MANAGE DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES AND THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS.

WHAT IS THE HARDEST THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

EVERYONE'S JOB IS DIFFICULT. THE THING I BELIEVE IS HARDEST ABOUT MY POSITION, IS WANTING SO MUCH FOR WVFSRS AND EVERYONE, WHILE HAVING TO TAKE BABY STEPS TO ACHIEVE IT ALL. WANTING EVERYONE TO LOVE THEIR JOB AND TRYING TO FIND DIFFERENT CREATIVE WAYS TO INCREASE OUR PRESENCE AND ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE RECOVERY COMMUNITY.

WHAT WOULD THE TITLE OF YOUR BIOGRAPHY BE?

"THEY TOLD ME I COULDN'T...THAT'S WHY I DID"

IF YOU COULD CHOOSE ONE SONG THAT WOULD PLAY EVERY TIME YOU WALKED INTO A ROOM, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

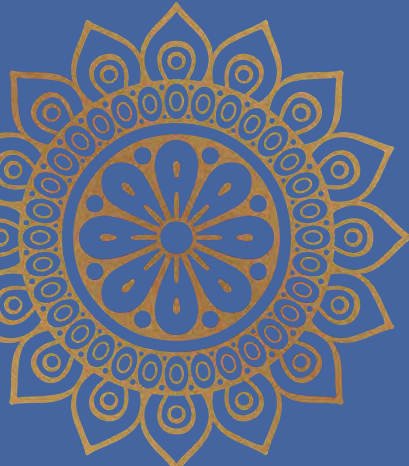
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO CHOOSE; I LOVE MUSIC TOO MUCH TO CHOOSE JUST ONE SONG LOL

WHAT GOAL ARE YOU WORKING TOWARDS RIGHT NOW?

CONTINUOUSLY WORKING ON GROWING, NOT ONLY FOR WVFSRS, BUT ALSO IN MY PERSONAL LIFE. I BELIEVE YOU NEVER STOP LEARNING.

IF I GAVE YOU \$5000 TODAY TO GIVE AWAY, WHO WOULD YOU GIVE IT TO AND WHY?

WELL, IF THE MONEY WAS GIVEN TO ME TO GIVE AWAY, I WOULD GIVE TO A PROGRAM INVOLVING ADOLESCENTS, BECAUSE THIS IS ONE OF MY PASSIONS. BUT IF FREE MONEY AND ABLE TO DO WHAT I PLEASE, I WOULD PLAN A TRIP TO ITALY LOL



Happy Birthday



AMANDA!!

**"I'VE GROWN SO MUCH SINCE STARTING HERE, IVE
LEARNED TO BE DEPENDABLE, PATIENT AND MORE
ACCEPTING."**

**"THE HARDEST PART OF THIS JOB IS
ACCEPTING THAT I CAN'T SAVE
EVERYONE."**

**"IF I WASN'T WORKING HERE I WOULD BE A STAY AT
HOME MOM, IVE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE."**



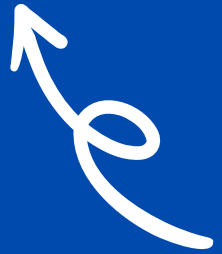
ON THIS SIGNIFICANT DAY, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS
DOING A GREAT JOB AND BEING SUCH A FANTASTIC PERSON AND
PROFESSIONAL AS YOU ARE! MAY YOUR SUCCESS SHINE WITH
EVEN BRIGHTER COLORS THROUGHOUT THIS PERSONAL NEW
YEAR OF YOURS. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!





WVFSRS

Family Support & Rehabilitation Services (WVFSRS)



WE NOW HAVE A QR CODE THAT LINKS STRAIGHT TO THE WVFSRS WEBSITE.

