What happens when you’re served an eviction notice and need a lawyer? Or maybe you’re a grandparent who is raising your grandchildren and you don’t know about available custody options or financial supports. If you’re raising a child enrolled in Kanawha County Schools, you can walk into the Lawyer in the School program legal clinic on Monday afternoons in Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary School’s Art Room and by appointment at Grandview Elementary School to get free legal information and advice.

In 2016, a grant from the Legal Services Corporation enabled the creation of the Lawyer in the School walk-in clinic for qualifying families at Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary. The program expanded to Charleston’s Grandview Elementary School in 2019. Now, lawyers and volunteers meet people seeking legal services at both schools, and the program is in early discussions to expand the clinic model to other areas of need. Staffed by volunteer attorneys from Charleston law firms and employees of Legal Aid of West Virginia, the program focuses on increasing stability in children’s lives so they can concentrate on learning when they’re at school. Civil attorneys, working with other partners, help stabilize family and caregiver ties, along with school and community relationships.

Educational legal workshops, provided at Family Nights at both schools, provide another avenue for families to become familiar with the Lawyer in the School program.
program. Funded by two grants from The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, along with a grant from the Kanawha Valley Council on Philanthropy, these events have allowed the program to integrate into the fabric of the school and gain and retain the trust of teachers, staff, and families. At the workshops, families meet program staff, learn about legal topics, ask questions, and share a meal together. This school year, pro bono volunteers from private firms and government agencies joined the Family Nights, and workshops like estate planning and internet safety were topics of discussion. Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary also expanded on Family Nights by adding additional themes and including school-related information sessions.

A legal aid office or courthouse may not be nearby, on a bus line, or feel familiar enough for someone in need to ask for help, and some families don’t have a car or a driver’s license. Schools serving as community access points for free civil legal services address this problem by allowing families to seek help in places where they are comfortable and familiar, and to do so right in their neighborhood. The Lawyer in the School program walk-in clinics assist families with unmet legal needs on an individual basis, and through Family Nights, it reaches families who may be trying to figure out if legal intervention is appropriate. Both parts of the program rely on integration with the community, and we are grateful for funding from TGKVF and other community partners that make these legal workshops successful.
Dr. Michelle Foster
President and CEO

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SAVORING SUSTAINABILITY

Our Foundation awarded a record number of grants to worthwhile nonprofits in 2019–93 from discretionary funds and 622 from donor advised and donor designated — for a total of $10,199,808. These grants were made possible by the generosity of our donors who have established 532 funds with The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation since our 1962 inception.

Discretionary funds make up about a quarter of our assets. It has been five years since the launch of our proactive, discretionary grantmaking approach. When the new approach was established, it was our intent to provide renewable funding to nonprofits operating effective programs, for up to five years. The rationale behind this strategy was to maximize impact while decreasing dependency on the Foundation’s limited resources.

As we gear up to take an in depth look at the programs that we have funded for the last five years, program sustainability is in the forefront of our minds. We are asking ourselves many questions. For example, are the programs we’ve supported for the last five years sustainable beyond our funding? Have these organizations taken steps towards their sustainability?

According to the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, sustainability capacity is the ability to maintain a program and its benefits over time. To improve capacity for sustainability, they encourage strengthening structures and processes that exist within a program to ensure an organization can strategically leverage resources to weather the changes and challenges that come its way.

Sustainability is more than just having enough money for operations. The first step in improving sustainability capacity is for organizations to build their understanding of the eight factors that impact a program. According to the Brown School, these factors are environmental support, funding stability, partnerships, organizational capacity, program evaluation, program adaptation, communications, and strategic planning. Definitions of these factors and their importance are captured below. Our grantees had the opportunity to learn about these factors in October 2018, when we hosted Brown School of Social Work staff in Charleston. They are presented here as a refresher.

**Environmental support** is having a supportive internal and external climate for a program. No matter the level at which a program operates, the overall economic and political climate will affect your ability to get things done. Regardless of whether decision makers support your cause, they deserve your attention. Work to get people of influence on your side, both within and outside of your organization. Often these decision makers control the money, and if you want some for your program, you will
need them to know and like your program. In addition, champions can get policies passed that benefit your target population and help achieve your program goals.

**Funding stability** is establishing a consistent financial base for your program. Planning for stable funding should be a strategic process that addresses the long-term needs of your program and adjusts to changing trends in economic and political cycles. Funding highs and lows put stress on programs and make it difficult to provide consistent quality services. Programs that rely on a single funding source, rather than multiple sources, are more vulnerable when funding cuts occur. For these reasons, it’s important to build a stable and diverse funding base.

**Partnership** is cultivating connections between your program and its stakeholders. Partners play an important role in sustainability in several ways: connecting you to greater resources or expertise, providing services if your program has to cut back, and advocating on behalf of your cause. Partners can also help rally the community around your program and its goals. They can range from business leaders and media representatives to organizations addressing similar issues and community members. When your program is threatened, either politically or financially, your partners can be some of your greatest champions. Building awareness and capacity for sustainability requires a strategic approach and partnerships across sectors, including alliances between private and public organizations.

**Organizational capacity** is having the internal support and resources needed to effectively manage your program. This factor encompasses a wide range of capabilities, knowledge, and resources. For example, having enough staff and strong leadership can make a big difference in accomplishing your program goals. Cultivating and strengthening your program’s internal support can also increase your program’s likelihood of long-term success.

**Program evaluation** is assessing your program to inform planning and document results. Evaluation helps keep your program on track with its goals and outcomes. If evaluation data shows that an activity or strategy isn’t working, you can correct your program’s course to become more effective. Moreover, collecting data about your program’s successes and impact is a powerful tool for gaining support and funding. If your evaluation data shows that your program is making an important (or irreplaceable) impact, you can make a strong case for why your program needs to continue. Even in times of decreased funding, evaluation and monitoring data are key for the pursuit of new funding sources.

**Program adaptation** is taking actions that adapt your program to ensure its ongoing effectiveness. Circumstances change and sometimes your program needs to as well. The goal is not necessarily to sustain all of a program’s components over time, but rather to sustain the most effective components and their benefits to your target group. This requires flexibility, adaptation to changing conditions, and quality improvement within your program. By using your evaluation data and current evidence-base, you can ensure that your program effectively uses resources and continues having an impact.
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**Strategic communication** with stakeholders and the public about your program is a key sustainability factor. People need to know what your program does and why it’s important. Communicating externally about your program’s effectiveness helps the program gain greater visibility and builds support from stakeholders. Internally, evidence that a program works builds staff buy-in and support from organizational leaders. The more people know and care about your program and mission, the more likely they are to support your efforts to continue providing services in the long term.

**Strategic planning** is using processes that guide your program’s directions, goals, and strategies. Strategic planning is the glue that holds sustainability efforts together. Without a strategic direction and long-term goals, programs find themselves only reacting to day-to-day demands. Strategic planning combines elements of all of the sustainability domains into an outcome-oriented plan. Planning also ensures that the program is well aligned with the larger external and organizational environment.

Once organizations understand the factors of sustainability, the next step is assessment. The Brown School offers a robust, free tool for this purpose. The Program Sustainability Assessment Tool is a 40 question self-assessment. Program staff and stakeholders can take the assessment to evaluate the sustainability capacity of a program or organization. The online assessment generates a summary report of a program’s overall sustainability. Staff and stakeholders can use these results to help with sustainability planning.

Plan development is the step after assessment. The Brown School offers the following sustainability action planning steps:

- Assemble the planning team.
- Review your program’s mission and purpose.
- Review your Program Sustainability Assessment Tool results.
- Determine which program elements need to be maintained, eliminated, or adapted.
- Prioritize the areas of sustainability capacity to address first.
- Write a Sustainability Action Plan with specific action steps.

Taking action is the final step. Staff and stakeholders should put their plan into action and reassess sustainability capacity annually.

We are honored to serve as a navigator for generous individuals, families, and businesses interested in giving to effective nonprofits. As we kick off 2020, we look forward to continuing our efforts to grow different forms of local wealth — individual, intellectual, social, built, political, natural, financial, and cultural assets — for many years to come.

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Foundation Spotlight

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Board of Trustees

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Charleston, WV – The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation (TGKVF) Board of Trustees approved the distribution of grant funding totaling $979,882. This funding supports people in our community like Diane. Diane is a grandparent who gained custody of her grandson Tommy after he spent two years in out-of-state foster care. Tommy had witnessed a violent crime and both he and Diane were in a state of trauma. Working with a social worker, they began counseling and Diane began attending discussion groups through the West Virginia State University Healthy Grandfamilies Program. Through this program, Diane and Tommy were given support from fellow class participants and the WVSU Extension educator. After much hard work, Diane has successfully adopted Tommy and their family is now healthier and more stable.

TGKVF awarded nine responsive grants totaling $115,100 to Basic Needs, Arts & Culture, and Field-of-Interest programs, and also awarded thirteen grants totaling $558,007 in the Foundation’s proactive areas of Education, Health, and Community Economic Development (CED). Continued generous support from an anonymous donor provided funding for eight Emergency Aid and one Dental Health grants totaling $306,775.

**Capital Area Development Corporation Foundation-2020 Downtown Charleston Economic and Community Development Program: $25,000 (CED)**

The 2020 Downtown Charleston program is the culmination of the city’s Imagine Charleston Plan implementation and the Charleston Area Alliance’s new strategic plan. Funding will support planned activities including a focus on downtown housing, activating spaces with proven events, marketing, and beautification.

“Completing the GoodHOST program makes me proud — proud of myself for sticking it out and proud to share the success with my family.”
– Maria, Graduate

**Goodwill Industries of Kanawha Valley, Inc.- GoodHOST Phase 3: $42,553 (CED)**

In its third year of funding support from TGKVF, the GoodHOST program is increasing hospitality credentialing to include facility maintenance certifications. Adding this certification to existing credentials will further the job placement availability and living-wage earning potential among GoodHOST graduates. This will offer individuals with barriers to work an additional opportunity for educational outcomes that lead to sustained employment in the hospitality industry.

“I never would have had the confidence to cold call an employer — or convince them to hire me!!”
– Elizabeth, Spring 2019 Step Up for Women Graduate

**West Virginia Women Work!-Step Up for Women Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program: $47,254 (CED)**

This tuition-free twelve-week training program of West Virginia Women Work is in its third year of funding from TGKVF. The course helps adult students overcome barriers to employment and places participants into living-wage...
nontraditional careers in the construction industry. The course is offered twice each year, enrolls approximately fifteen students into each cohort, and boasts graduation rates above 80 percent.

**Coda Mountain Academy of Music-Coda’s Organizational Growth and Program Support: $42,650 (Education)**

This third year of support from TGKVF enables Coda to continue its innovative tutoring program - Coda Excel - which reinforces foundational concepts of the core curriculum through arts integration in Fayette County. Funding will be leveraged with AmeriCorps volunteers and programming that targets at-risk youth. This year’s focus will be capacity-building to prepare for significant future growth.

“Coda Mountain Academy was really a turning point for me - not only for my musical career but for almost every aspect of my life.”
- David Buch (now studying at Duke University)

**Step by Step, Inc.-AmeriCorps Mentors Alliance: $63,550 (Education)**

In its fifth year of funding from TGKVF, the AmeriCorps Mentors Alliance will continue to provide dropout prevention and mentor-based interventions that address student attendance, behavior, and course performance. During the 2019-20 school year, the program will be offered in Kanawha County through a partnership among Step by Step, Inc., the Bob Burdette Center, PRO – Kids Inc., Kanawha County Schools, and the Education Alliance. Funding will support AmeriCorps mentors who serve several Kanawha County schools and partnering afterschool programs. Mentors will provide 180 mentor sessions and serve 350 students.

“The Americorps mentors have kept my students from being suspended or expelled from school.”
- Natalie Blevins, Social Worker at Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary School

**The Appalachian Reading Center, Inc.-Dyslexia Services Coalition for Marginalized Youth in Foster and Kinship Care: $68,250 (Education)**

In its fifth year of support from TGKVF, Appalachian Reading Center will continue to support tutoring services for dyslexic and reading-deficient youth in highly distressed areas, with an emphasis on Clay County. Funding will aid in partial scholarships to students and allow an Accommodation Specialist to assist the Director in preparing alternate spelling lists for teachers who are working with dyslexic students in their classrooms. This partnership allows students who are studying the Wilson Reading System to progress more quickly and helps their classroom teachers better understand how dyslexic students learn.

“Nathan didn’t have confidence in himself. It is amazing to see the transformation that has taken place.”
- Teacher
West Virginia Home Visitation Program—Parents as Teachers Home Visiting Program: $75,000 (Education)

Funding will support five new home visitors to meet referrals from community partners and to impact families in all six counties of the TGKVF footprint. This project will support up to 100 new families annually, with potential to improve education-related outcomes for 300 children. In addition, the project will promote reading to children by providing a book to every family during each home visit.

Charleston Area Medical Center Health Education & Research Institute, Inc.—Growing Healthy Kids through Farm 2 Child Care: $35,600 (Health)

In its fifth year of funding, KEYS 4 HealthyKids will offer Farm 2 Child Care opportunities for child care centers, allowing them to continue garden-based learning while adding pop-up farmers markets for the children and families they serve. This project will address childhood obesity, food insecurity, and economic development through local farmers in Fayette, Kanawha, and Putnam counties.

Fairness West Virginia Institute—West Virginia Transgender Health Initiative: $27,150 (Health)

In its second year of funding, this program will address the significant healthcare disparities of transgender people in West Virginia by organizing a series of training sessions with health care professionals. Working within TGKVF’s six counties, Fairness West Virginia will then compile those trained professionals into an online and printed transgender-inclusive health care guide.

Keep Your Faith Corporation, Inc. (KYFC)—West Side Grown Extension Project: $28,000 (Health)

This project, a collaboration between KYFC, local farmers, Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary, Piedmont Elementary, Kanawha County Youth Report, and WVSU Extension works to bring fresh, healthy, local foods to elementary school students and their families. West Side Grown also promotes entrepreneurial skills and agricultural literacy. KYFC has secured a green space to host a West Side Farmers Market where funding will assist with development.
agricultural and nutritional literacy workshops, and community based pop-up farmers markets.

Lewis County Family Resource Network, Inc.- Try This West Virginia: $54,000 (Health)
In its fifth year of funding, this project will work to initiate grassroots engagement that will lead to cultural change from within the community. Over the past four years, the project has provided funding to over 300 community projects, a conference attended by over 500 annually, a grant training workshop, and a return of $11 for every $1 invested.

Mountaineer Food Bank, Inc.(MFB)-Fresh Initiative Kids Markets: $24,000 (Health)
In the second year of funding, this project will support hosting Fresh Initiative Kids Market with Mountaineer Food Bank produce inventory and will partner with local producers and WVU Extension Agents to provide fresh produce to select elementary schools in Boone, Clay, and Fayette Counties. Funding will also aid in improved access to nutrient-dense foods that make up a healthy eating pattern, and provide education, food samplings, and increase food insecurity awareness.

Think Kids, Inc.-Addressing the Needs of Children of the Drug Crisis: $25,000 (Health)
This project will identify, align, and assess how West Virginia is responding to the health care needs of children affected by the drug epidemic through a strategic communications plan that will engage stakeholders and organizations from the statewide to community level. Funding will support the communities in the Foundation’s six county service area.

Appalachian Children’s Chorus (ACC)- Appalachian Festival of Young Voices 2020: $2,000 (Arts & Culture)
Funding will support the collaboration of ACC and West Virginia artists to provide an engaging experience at the Appalachian Festival of Young Voices 2020, a four day event for national children’s choirs held in Charleston, West Virginia. Children will be immersed in Appalachian music and cultural activities such as square dancing. They will also work with world-renowned conductor, Dr. Rollo Dilworth, to showcase what they have learned in a free performance.

“It might have taken us another decade as an organization, had it not been for Try This’ intervention and facilitation of bumping people up the ladder.”
- Danny Swan, Director of Grow Ohio Valley

“My child enjoyed getting to bring home the produce to share it with everyone.”
– Parent whose child attended the program

“Children of the drug epidemic are the most overlooked victims. This project is desperately needed to provide them hope.”
- Michael Brumage, MD

“For years, the festival has not only been about education and bringing economic development to WV but about making magical memories.”
- Selina Midkiff, the Founding and Artistic Director
Central Appalachian Network-CAN Mini-Grants for WV Creative Placemaking: $10,000 (Arts & Culture)
Utilizing the existing framework of Central Appalachian Network's small grants program, mini-grants will target communities where there is existing traction and capacity around creative placemaking. Grantees will function as a learning cohort and will be included in the CAN Creative Placemaking Working Group and peer learning convenings.

Charleston Civic Chorus-The Charleston Civic Chorus 2019-2020 Concert Season: $1,000 (Arts & Culture)
Funding will support the five concerts presented by the Charleston Civic Chorus during fiscal year 2019-2020. Concerts will range from songs of praise, love, and adoration, to a program of choral music from various cultures that include folk arrangements, to the seasonal favorites of the Charleston Good Night concerts.

womanSong-womanSong 2019/2020 Season: $4,000 (Arts & Culture)
Funding will support the 2019/2020 Season including Winter 2019 and Spring 2020 concerts. womanSong will also perform during the December 2019 GoodNIGHT celebrations. Concerts will feature collaborations with local musicians and reach a total of 800 people.

Mountain Mission, Inc.-Emergency Assistance Program: $20,000 (Basic Needs)
The Emergency Assistance Program provides low-income individuals and families with financial assistance to meet catastrophic housing, medical, and nutritional needs. Funding will support 175 families in Kanawha County, with emphasis on Charleston’s West Side community.

Housing Innovations Corporation-Meeting the Needs of Older Adults in Our Community: $32,100 (Field-of-Interest)
Funding will allow seniors with limited financial means to meet transportation costs, increased utility expenses, and unexpected medical expenses. Funding will also aid in providing pantry items, rental deposit assistance, and vouchers to buy produce at a farmers’ market. This program

“From our perspective, this is the most important small grant program in the region.”
- Mike Burton, SustainFloyd

“Our 2019–2020 season offers varied and enriching musical opportunities for our singers and audience members.”
- Dr. Dirk Johnson, Artistic Director and Conductor

“Congratulations! Music is a big part of life!”
- Audience member after the announcement of the new artistic director

“Thanks to Mountain Mission’s help, I didn’t lose my home and everything in it due to my leg amputation.”
- Jeff, Client

“Residents are beyond blessed to have these services available at their fingertips.”
- Program volunteer
works to prevent homelessness and to increase the ability of seniors to remain independent and active in the community.

**National Federation of the Blind of West Virginia (NFBWV)-National Federation of the Blind of West Virginia BELL Academy: $8,000 (Field-of-Interest)**

The BELL Academy (Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning) is a summer program that prepares blind and low-vision children to grow into confident and independent adults. Funding will support training for 10 blind and visually impaired students, ages eight to fifteen, residing in Boone, Clay, Fayette, Kanawha, Lincoln, and Putman Counties. Activities include reading and writing Braille, crafts, games, and other engaging projects. Through the program, children learn vital independent living skills and interact with blind adult mentors.

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- Program participant

**Rebuilding Together Charleston-Safe at Home: $15,000 (Field-of-Interest)**

The Safe at Home program addresses the health and safety needs of low-income seniors, veterans, the disabled, and families with children through the provision of home repairs provided by volunteers. The program aims to provide a dry, clean, ventilated, pest-free, safe, contaminant-free, and maintained home for each participant. Funding will support work with seniors in Kanawha County.

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**West Virginia State University (WVSU) Research & Development Corporation-West Virginia State University Healthy Grandfamilies Program: $23,000 (Field-of-Interest)**

This program addresses the needs of grandparents raising grandchildren. Designed for low-income people and those without a strong social support system, the project provides a healthy living curriculum and social support to these families. Funding will support the development of a Kanawha County Healthy Grandfamilies Coalition and offer Grandfamilies a six-month intervention that includes eight discussion groups based on ten topics, along with social support.

“We are raising two grandchildren. Grandparents couldn’t go wrong joining the program, and it’s good not to be alone.”
- A grandfather and grandmother who completed the program
New River Health Association-New River Health Association’s Oral Health Project: $70,000 (Dental Health)

This project will provide preventive and restorative dental services to the underserved population of Clay, Fayette, and a portion of Kanawha County. The Oral Health Project will also provide additional treatment options such as fillings, root canals, crowns, partials, and dentures to preserve salvageable teeth and replace missing teeth. Funding will assist in the purchase of dental equipment at a new dental location and to provide funding for direct services in three other locations.

Camp Appalachia-Cabin Rehabilitation: $32,600 (Emergency Aid)

The project serves youth from Kanawha, Lincoln, and Putman counties who are in foster care, have a parent incarcerated, or whose lives are directly affected by the opioid crisis. Campers are taught how to make positive and healthy choices. Funding will support cabin construction and rehabilitation, HVAC installation, and safety upgrades.

Community Care of West Virginia-Addressing Social Determinants of Health: $15,000 (Emergency Aid)

Funding will be utilized to address social determinants of health via utility bill and medication cost assistance. Qualifying patients in Clay, Fayette, and Kanawha Counties will be eligible for assistance.

Cornerstone Family Interventions, Inc.-Cornerstone Emergency Assistance Project: $4,000 (Emergency Aid)

This project will provide emergency assistance to families in Boone and Lincoln Counties. One-time or short-term assistance may include rent, utilities, food, household supplies, clothing, transportation, and medical prescriptions and services. It may also include direct assistance to homeless individuals that demonstrate a willingness to move into permanent or traditional housing. Staff will advise families of local resources that may help promote self-sufficiency including adult basic learning, Workforce WV, and local employment opportunities.

“Funding has improved the oral health and confidence for over 100 underserved or unserved residents of Fayette County by restoring teeth, providing dental cleanings, and replacing missing teeth with dentures and partials.”
- Angela Barker, Chief Medical Officer, New River Health Association, Inc.

“No one from my neighborhood ever gets to come to a place like this!”
- Lexxus, program participant

“This has been the most wonderful and useful thing to happen for our patients.”
- Loetta Adkins, community health worker

“Local churches have provided some meals to the homeless, but our churches have limited resources as well and are dependent on the generosity of working families.”
- Monica Ballard-Booth, Executive Director
Kanawha Institute for Social Research & Action (KISRA), Inc.-KISRA Emergency Aid Program: $43,000 (Emergency Aid)
This project will provide direct assistance to low-income and working poor residents who present needs of emergency and crisis situations related to utility assistance, rental payment, food insecurity, or prescription medication needs. This program is also aimed at leveraging current resources to provide a more comprehensive method of addressing emergency and crisis situations of individuals and families in our area.

Mountaineer Food Bank, Inc.-Food Access in Clay County WV: $40,975 (Emergency Aid)
Funding will support increased access to food for low-income residents in Clay County while developing sustainable solutions that approach health and food access.

PRO-Kids, Inc.-PRO-Kids Afterschool Program: $16,200 (Emergency Aid)
PRO-Kids Afterschool Program serves diverse students who attend Piedmont Elementary School on Charleston’s East End. Many of the children referred to Pro-Kids have been homeless, live in unstable environments, or face challenges that hinder their academic growth and development.

TEAM for West Virginia Children, Inc.-Fostering Positive Outcomes for Children in Foster Care in West Virginia: $45,000 (Emergency Aid)
Funding will support Western Regional CASA’s Fostering Futures by training and supervising volunteers as they advocate for fifteen adolescents moving to adulthood to increase the likelihood of a positive future. Additionally, to eliminate the use of trash bags and restore dignity to this vulnerable population, more than 1,000 Comfort Cases and Comfort XLs – durable luggage filled with clothing, hygiene supplies, and age-appropriate toys and activities – will be purchased for foster youth in Boone, Clay, Fayette, Kanawha, Lincoln, and Putnam Counties.
West Virginia Health Right, Inc.-HOPE (Healing Opportunities for Parents Everywhere): $40,000 (Emergency Aid)

Knowing that expectant and new parents need targeted services, The HOPE program is designed to specifically improve sobriety among addicted expectant and new parents, decrease NAS births, and increase maintenance of the family unit. Outreach will occur in all of TGKVF’s six-county footprint; however, the majority of the interventions will take place at WV Health Right’s Charleston clinic. Funding will support staffing and supply costs.

“I believe that I can be a good mom now and know the HOPE staff is there for me.”
– B.J., HOPE program participant

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