

Recruitment and Retention Collaborative Description

What ?

The goal of the Recruitment and Retention (R and R) Collaborative is to jointly recruit and retain foster/adoptive families in the state of WV. The group is made up of state and private agency providers, non-profit child welfare agencies, and foster/adoptive parents who want to increase resources for WV foster children. The group organizes at least two major events per year that are typically centered on National Adoption Month (November) and National Foster Care Month (May). Throughout the year, the group works on smaller projects and tackles issues surrounding recruitment and retention.

Upcoming goals for 2010 include:

- Celebration for National Adoption Month
- Celebration for National Foster Care Month
- Researching best practices for child specific recruitment
- Training opportunities for members
- Increasing membership

Who?

Current agency participants include:

- Mission West Virginia
- West Virginia DHHR (State office, Region I, III and IV)
- Children's Home Society
- WV CASA State office
- Court Improvement Program
- Burlington United Methodist Family Services
- Children's Home Society
- Foster/Adoptive Families
- WV Youth Advocate Program
- WVU Chafee

How Often?

The R and R meets once a month for 2 hours.

When?

The third Tuesday of every month from 10am to 12pm, followed by lunch which is optional.

Where?

Mission WV, Inc.
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Hurricane, WV 25526
(Directions online at <http://www.missionwv.org/contact.htm> or call 304-562-0723)

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