



the Shining Star



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Kicking off the Year in Style

From PJs to personalized t-shirts, our Head Start staff dove into pre-service with comfort and creativity. We tackled important trainings, played their favorite game (Jeopardy), and had plenty of laughs along the way.

We are ready to welcome back our returning children and families. We're also excited to meet our new children and families.

If you haven't done so, it's not too late to get your three-year-old or four-year old enrolled for this upcoming school year.

Give us a call at 304-752-6868 for enrollment information.



Weatherization

Mrs. Maynard was approved for Weatherization in February of 2025. Upon approval, an Energy Audit took place. During the Energy Audit, several tests were conducted, including a blower door test. The purpose of a blower door is to test how much air leakage one's home has. Mrs. Maynard's initial blower door was 1332. We also tested the ductwork to see how efficient the heating and cooling system was running. The duct system was high with numbers of 2 and greater. Weatherization's goal is to lower the blower door, as well as the duct system pressure pans. When this is achieved, the home is more energy efficient.



Upon completion of the Work Order, the Energy Audit included several items to make the home more energy efficient, as well as several health and safety measures. Underneath the home, a vapor barrier was installed. The purpose of the vapor barrier is to eliminate ground moisture from damaging the insulation or materials that hold the insulation. The Work Order also called for insulation to be installed underneath. Some health and safety measures were also completed inside the home. The installation of Smoke/CO alarms, Dryer Vent Kit, and a ventilation fan, also known as ASHRAE, were installed.

After the Weatherization measures were completed, the final blower door was 957. This meant the home had been made more energy efficient. The Weatherization crew was also able to get the ductwork pan readings down to below a 1, meaning air moving from the heating and cooling system was making its way into the home and not leaking out underneath. Mrs. Maynard was very pleased with all the work performed on her home and thanked the crew. As always, we strive to be the best for the community and take PRIDE in what we do.



Emergency Services

Obtaining & Maintaining Food Security

What is Food Security? Food security means having reliable access to enough affordable, nutritious food to live a healthy, active life. It's not just about having food today, it's about knowing you'll have it tomorrow.

Steps to Obtain Food Security:

- ◇ Use Local Resources – Visit community food pantries, farmers markets, and food banks.
- ◇ Budget for Groceries – Plan meals ahead of time, make a shopping list, and avoid over-spending.
- ◇ Grow Your Own – Even a small garden or container plants can provide fresh vegetables and herbs year-round.
- ◇ Access Assistance Programs – SNAP, WIC, and local meal programs can help bridge the gap when finances are tight.

How to Maintain Food Security:

- ◇ Plan for Emergencies – Keep a small stock of shelf-stable items like beans, rice, and canned vegetables.
- ◇ Cook Smart – Learn recipes that stretch ingredients and reduce waste.
- ◇ Rotate & Restock – Use older items first and replace them regularly to keep your pantry fresh.
- ◇ Stay Informed – Follow local community updates for food distribution events and seasonal resources.

For information regarding our Emergency Services Program & CSBG, please contact Brandi Browning or Jordan Martin at 304-752-6868.

**NOW SERVING
KANAWHA COUNTY**

PRIDE Community Services is expanding our Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) services into your area. Our new office will be opening soon.

Location:

426 Leon Sullivan Way
Charleston, WV 25301

Services:

Emergency
Services

Housing
Stability

Employment
Support

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Human Resources

While our agency continues to grow so does our staff. We are happy to announce that we have added several new employees. Joining our In-Home program as Direct Care Workers are Skylar Belcher, Teresa Dalton, Rikki White, Vicki Frye, Katrina Hensley, and Crystal Marcum. Alisha Tolliver joined us as Case Manager. Our Senior program welcomed Kira Hill as a cook/driver. Lance Scott joined our Weatherization program as a Field Technician, and Michael Davis as Housing Supervisor. We welcomed Chris Phillips as our Maintenance Coordinator. We are excited for each of them as they start their new careers with our PRIDE family and wish them many years of success and happiness.



Katrina Hensley



Rikki White



Crystal Marcum



Chris Phillips



Vicki Frye



Teresa Dalton



Head Start

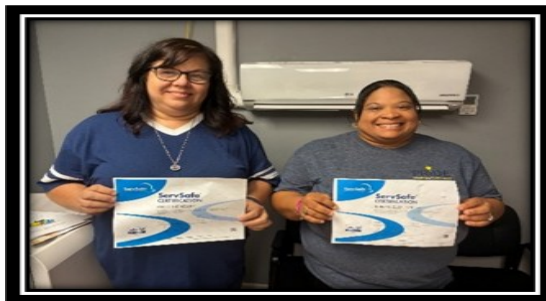
Graduates



Congratulations to our Lead Teacher Katie Lowe and Teacher Assistant Amanda Brown for completing their West Virginia Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist (ACDS). These dedicated ladies worked hard over four semesters, balancing work and study to reach this incredible achievement. We are so proud of your commitment to early childhood education!



SafeServ Certified!



A huge congratulations to Kelli Hensley and Tonya Guyton for completing their ServSafe Certification! Their hard work helps ensure we maintain the highest food safety standards for our children and families. Thank you for your commitment to excellence!

Celebrating 60 Years of Head Start at Family Fun Day!



As we wrapped up the 2024–2025 school year, our program was proud to close the year with a celebration that was both memorable and meaningful. This year's Family Fun Day was extra special, as we joined Head Start programs nationwide in celebrating the 60th anniversary of Head Start!

To help make the day even more exciting, we welcomed children's performer Brandon Williams for a special concert. His high-energy performance had children and families singing, dancing, and celebrating together. To add to the magic, beloved Disney characters made a surprise appearance, joining in on the fun and helping to kick off the festivities.

After the concert, families enjoyed inflatables and a delicious hot dog lunch generously provided by the Logan Shriner Club — who went above and beyond by serving over 1,000 hot dogs to our children, families, and community members.

Empowering Lives. Strengthening Communities.

In-Home Services

HAPPY 100th Birthday Ms. Mary Hunt!



Celebrating a 100th birthday is a rare and remarkable milestone, honoring a century of life, wisdom, and experiences. Reaching 100 years old reflects a lifetime of resilience, change, and personal history from witnessing world events to raising families, building communities, and shaping the lives of those around them. It is a moment to reflect on the contributions and legacy of someone who has lived through decades of challenges and triumphs. The incredible achievement is not only a personal celebration but also an inspiration to others, reminding us of the value of longevity, strength, and the enduring human spirit.

Mary Hunt, a senior with PRIDE's Lighthouse program, turned 100. She was born June 28, 1925, in Ethel, WV. She was raised at Freeze Fork in Ethel, but as she grew older, she lived in many places in Logan, WV. Mary had seven siblings, all of which have passed. She recalls walking to school, carrying water from the pump outside into the house and carrying water from the spring to wash clothes in the wringer washers. They hung clothes out to dry, and if it rained, the clothes were hung in the house. At a young age, she married George Hunt and had four children of her own. She was a homemaker and took care of her mother until she passed. Mary currently lives with her daughter, Betty Day. She has been a service recipient of the Lighthouse program since 2014 with Betty serving as her Direct Care Worker. Betty says that she is blessed that she has gotten to keep her mother this long. She says the education she receives through PRIDE has given her more understanding of how to care for her mother and that she can relate to the topics being taught. When asked what it takes to get to 100 years old Mary stated, "God will take care of you." Her favorite thing to tell others is "live the life that God wants you to live."

Senior Services



Joe Sturgill, 66 of Logan, WV, is one of PRIDE precious seniors that attend the Earl Jarvis Center. He is someone the entire community looks out for and deeply cares about. Known for his daily bicycle rides throughout Logan County and his habit of greeting everyone with a cheerful wave and a big smile, Joe has become a beloved part of local life. Businesses know him by name and others stop to chat with him while they are out. Although he lives independently, the community regularly checks in on him, making sure he is safe and has everything he needs. He began participating in PRIDE's senior programs in 2018 and continues to faithfully attend. He often talks about his love for watching wrestling, Logan football games, and the Back Street Boys. He says that he comes to PRIDE each day because he likes to talk to everyone, and they are his friends. He enjoys doing the many activities that PRIDE offers such as crafts, Bingocize, Drums Alive, and going on trips.



Activities & Lunch Served Daily

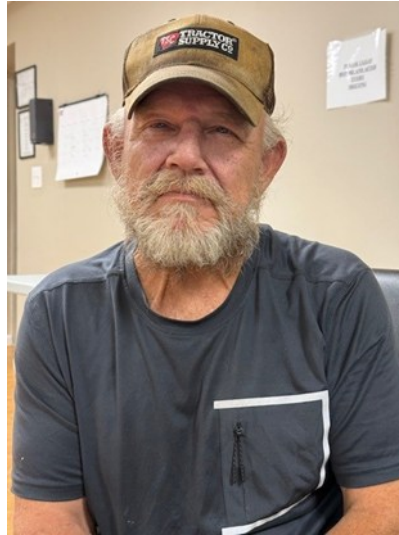
Earl Jarvis Senior Enrichment Center
699 East Stratton Street, Logan

Tracy Vickers Community Center
68 Boise Street, Chapmanville

Chapmanville Towers
647 Main Street, Chapmanville

Tuesday & Thursday — Bingocize
Friday — Popcorn

Supportive Services for Veteran Families



We're often so focused on the big picture that it's easy to forget the individual stories that make our work so meaningful. Today, we want to share one of those stories—a story of resilience, community, and the power of a helping hand.

A few months ago, Franklin R. Runyon came to us. He was going through a difficult time, sleeping in his car and without a stable place to call home. There are no shelters in our area, but Frank was determined and hopeful. He assured us he could stay with friends while we worked to find him a permanent solution. Frank's main goal was simple: to have a place of his own with a roof over his head.

Thanks to a collaborative effort, Frank found a kind landlord willing to give him a chance. That was a big step, but we still had more work to do. We learned that Frank had some past utility arrears that were preventing him from getting electricity and water in his name. Our **SSVF program** was able to step in and help him clear those past-due bills, giving him a clean slate.

Today, Frank is not only in a place of his own but also has all of his utility bills up-to-date and current. He's been able to get back on his feet, and his outlook is brighter than ever. He often stops by our senior congregate meals during the week, and we've all grown fond of his friendly smile. It's a wonderful feeling to see him thriving, knowing that we were a part of his journey.

Frank's story is a powerful reminder of why we do what we do. It's about more than just housing; it's about restoring dignity, building connections, and giving people the chance to start fresh. We're so proud of Frank and look forward to seeing him continue to succeed.

Please help us locate any veteran in Boone, Logan, or Wyoming County who may be homeless or at risk of becoming homeless due to being behind on their rent and/or utilities. If you are a veteran or know someone who is a veteran that needs help, please contact us at PRIDE Community Services, Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF).

Repair & Replacement Program

On July 15, 2025, Trumpet Heating and Cooling crew began the installation of Mrs. Hornes' new heating and cooling system. The team quickly removed the old trunk line and installed a new pristine trunk to ensure good air flow. After the trunk was installed, the crew installed an indoor air handler and outside condenser.



Mrs. Horne stated that the contractor crew were very professional and worked quickly to restore cooling air to her home. She was very pleased with the new unit and will no longer have to use fans to cool her home.

As we continue to perform HVAC installations in our designated counties, we will continue to be the most professional workforce in the state.

If you are in need heating and cooling repair or replacement, contact Will Rogers — 304-752-6868 or Will.Rogers@loganpride.com



Important Dates to Remember

September 1	Labor Day (PRIDE Closed)
September 30	PRIDE Board Meeting – Noon
October 13	Columbus Day (PRIDE Closed)
October 28	PRIDE Board Meeting – Noon
November 11	Veterans Day (PRIDE Closed)
November 25	PRIDE Board Meeting – Noon
November 27 & 28	Thanksgiving Holiday (PRIDE Closed)

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- *Make changes to your diet, if necessary.*
- *Get adequate rest.*
- *Stimulate your brain*
- *Practice self care.*

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Funding Sources

- Administration for Children & Families (ACF), Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
- Dept. of Energy (DOE)
- Dept. Of Health and Human Resources (DHHR)
- United States Dept. of Agriculture (USDA)
- United States Dept. of Veteran Affairs (VA)
- WV Bureau of Medical Services
- WV Bureau of Senior Services (BOSS)
- WV Community Action Partnership
- WV Department of Education
- WV Dept. of Health & Human Resources (WVDHHR)
- WV Development Office—Community Advancement & Development (WVCAD)
- West Virginia Metro Area Agency on Aging (Metro AAA)

Services Offered:

Case Management: The goal of this program is to assist the aged and disabled 18 years and up through the process of application for the Title XIX Waiver program.

- Kathy Stidham / Director

CSBG (Community Service Block Grant): To stimulate a better focusing of all available local, state, private and federal resources upon the goal of enabling low-income families and low-income individuals of all ages, in rural and urban areas, to attain the skills, knowledge and motivations and secure the opportunities needed for them to become self-sufficient.

- Brandi Browning / Director

Family Stabilization Program: Assists individuals and families who are experiencing crisis situations that inhibit their ability to be successful or work toward success in their personal lives.

- Brandi Browning / Director

Head Start: Provides comprehensive and quality services to all Head Start children and families in order to facilitate their development to the fullest potential.

- Laura Herndon / Director

Housing Program: Offers a continuum of programs that provide affordable, decent, safe, energy efficient and innovative housing for low-moderate income people and to improve the conditions of communities we serve. This program includes: Emergency Repair and Replacement Program (ERRP) and Weatherization Program.

- Stephen Gilman / Director

In-Home Services Program: In-home care services are available by certified homemakers and certified nursing assistants.

- Kathy Stidham / Director

Senior Services: Offers services to persons with disabilities and the aging population of Logan County.

- Kathy Stidham / Director

Supportive Services for Veteran Families: Focuses on securing and maintaining housing for Veterans who are currently homeless, assists in obtaining VA and other public benefits.

- Eddie Thompson / Coordinator

Vision Statement

PRIDE Community Services will serve as a driving force in creating a community where people are empowered with resources and opportunities to reach their greatest potential.

Mission Statement

PRIDE Community Services makes a positive impact on the lives of those in need by bringing together educational, financial and human resources that support self-sufficiency.



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How Can I Help?

PRIDE is focused on bettering our community. We can only meet our goals with the assistance of community members like you. We hope that you will support our mission and help us continue to implement our programs and initiatives. If you would like to send a donation, please do so by mail to the address listed or via our web-site.

You are also welcome to volunteer your time to see our programs up close and personal. Contact the Human Resources Dept. for volunteer opportunities.