

## Year of the Child 2008 Morgantown West Virginia

### America's Five Promises

- 1. Caring Adults:** Every child and youth needs and deserves support and guidance from caring adults in their families, schools, and communities, including ongoing, secure relationships with parents and other family adults, as well as multiple and consistent formal and informal positive relationships with teachers, mentors, coaches, youth volunteers, and neighbors.
- 2. Safe Places and constructive Use of Time:** Every child and youth needs and deserves to be physically and emotionally safe everywhere they are—from the actual places of families, schools, neighborhoods and communities to the virtual places of media—and to have an appropriate balance of structured, supervised activities and unstructured, unscheduled time.
- 3. A Healthy Start and Healthy Development:** Every child and youth needs and deserves the healthy bodies, healthy minds, and healthful habits and choices resulting from regular well-child/youth health care and needed treatment, good nutrition and exercise, comprehensive health knowledge and skills, and role models of physical and psychological health.
- 4. Effective Education for Marketable Skills and Lifelong Learning:** Every child and youth needs and deserves the intellectual development, motivation, and personal, social-emotional, and cultural skills needed for successful work and lifelong learning in a diverse nation, as a result of having quality learning environments, challenging expectations, and consistent formal and informal guidance and mentoring.
- 5. Opportunities to Make a Difference Through Helping Others:** Every child and youth needs and deserves the chance to make a difference—in their families, schools, communities, nation and world—through having models of caring behavior, awareness of the needs of others, a sense of personal responsibility to contribute to larger society, and opportunities for volunteering, leadership and service.

We will be focusing on our community's involvement in each of America's Five Promises during these months:

<b>January/February</b>	<b>Caring Adults</b>
<b>March/April</b>	<b>Effective Education</b>
<b>May/June</b>	<b>Healthy Start</b>
<b>July/August</b>	<b>Safe Places—summer</b>
<b>September/October</b>	<b>Safe Places—school year</b>
<b>November/December</b>	<b>Helping Others</b>

**For more information on how you, your organization or business can be involved, please contact Brandi Potock at the Family Resource Network, 284-8400 or [bpotock@aol.com](mailto:bpotock@aol.com)**

The next planning meeting for Year of the Child will take place on Thurs., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. at the old Westover Elementary School. If you are interested in assisting us, we would welcome your participation.

If you are interested in listing your family-friendly or youth event in our calendar, please email information to Bethanie Stiles at [Bethanie.Stiles@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Bethanie.Stiles@mail.wvu.edu). The calendar will be updated on our website: <http://vision4ourchildren.weebly.com>.