

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Bluefield State College
And
Children's Home Society of WV (Princeton Site)

WHEREAS, Bluefield State College and Children's Home Society (CHS) have come together to collaborate with Empowering Appalachian Families of Mercer County, as Bluefield State College applies for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant HHS-2019-ACF-ACYF-CA-1559.

WHEREAS, the partners listed below have agreed to enter a collaborative agreement in which Bluefield State College will be the lead agency and named applicant and CHS will be noted in the application proposal as a collaborative member of Empowering Appalachian Families; and

WHEREAS, the partners herein desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the services to be provided by the collaborative; and,

WHEREAS the mission of CHS is "to promote the well-being of children. Our current efforts are directed at helping children find lifetime families, protecting and nurturing children, and helping preserve and strengthen their families."

Bluefield State College, through its Minority Institutes and service to the Mercer County community, has a long history of collaborating with agencies on behalf of the families and individuals in Mercer County. Bluefield State College will share ongoing collaboration with CHS to support the Empowering Appalachian Families of Mercer County project.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between Bluefield State College and CHS as follows:

- Share data applicable to the primary and subordinate goals of the grant proposal and the Empowering Appalachian Families of Mercer County project;
- Assign member(s) to attend all meetings of the Empowering Appalachian Families of Mercer County collaborative and applicable subcommittee meetings to maintain consistent communication with the project.
- Consistently assess barriers and challenges to community-based and integrated family support services specific to Mercer County, including legal barriers;
- Provide specific services currently offered by CHS such as children's therapy, and child mentoring through our WE CAN Program.
- Participate in cross-training and celebrations of EAF's wraparound successes;
- Utilize a single-entry referral process;
- Provide meeting space for the EAF steering committee as needed.

The roles and responsibilities described above are contingent upon Bluefield State College receiving funds requested for the proposed project described in the grant proposal. Responsibilities under this Memorandum of Understanding would coincide with the project period.

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