

MID-OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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The Mid Ohio Valley Health Department (MOVHD) has taken on the enormous task of distributing COVID-19 vaccines to the public in West Virginia in accordance with Governor Jim Justice's order. While advocating for her staff to be included in the Phase 1-D rollout, the Executive Director of the Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council (MOVRC) Carol Jackson, had a consequential call with the MOVHD Threat Preparedness Training & Volunteer Coordinator, Kristine Hamilton. It was during that call that Mrs. Jackson met the moment and asked if MOVRC staff could be of assistance to the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination efforts. As a result, several MOVRC employees have been able to volunteer at various COVID-19 vaccination clinics. MOVRC volunteers have been able to fill a tremendous need and have been an asset to the MOVHD vaccination effort. MOVRC staff has been able to fill in the gaps in the service chain by assisting with the registration process, traffic control, and provide physical assistance to those with mobility issues at the clinics. The MOVHD has expressed their continuing gratitude for our availability and the relief we have been able to provide.

As a volunteer myself, I am ever thankful for the opportunity to give back to our community at such an important time with the support and encouragement of my employer. I hear the feedback from the MOVHD, I see the difference we make and how we are relied upon, and I experience the benefit our community gains from achieving the successful completion of each clinic day.

I want to thank Carol Jackson for her fortitude and foresight in meeting this need at such an important time by availing the opportunity to provide for our community in this way on behalf of the MOVRC.



The MOVHD is seeking volunteers as the vaccination distribution ramps up with increased supply. If you or someone you know can help with tasks like traffic control or filling out paperwork for registration, please contact Carol Jackson or Kristine Hamilton for a volunteer application form. Volunteers are needed for a half day or a full day clinic on weekdays and Saturdays.

Submitted by a MOVRC employee who wished to remain anonymous, as they didn't feel this was about them. What a wonderful asset to the MOVRC team.



WDB-MOV MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

The WDB-MOV will be hosting a

VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

April 22, 2021

10am-12pm

The Virtual Job Fair is a great opportunity for job seekers, recent college graduates, or an individual ready to explore potential job opportunities.

Employer booths, and job openings will be accessible until midnight.

This event will focus on Region 4 employers and job seekers; Calhoun, Clay, Jackson, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood Counties. To learn more about the event and register, visit, www.wdbmov.com/events.

The WDB-MOV launched a

VIRTUAL ONE STOP-AMERICAN JOB CENTER

<https://wdbmov.com/ajcappt>



Launch Date: FEBRUARY 17, 2021

A Virtual One-Stop is a location where job seekers and employers can access the programs, services, and activities of all One-Stop Partners. Region IV has a single physical One-Stop AJC located in Parkersburg, WV at St. Joseph Landing.

Registered Businesses:

- Adult Education-Mountain State Educational Service Cooperative (MSESC)
- WorkForce West Virginia (unemployment/job services)
- Job Corp
- Circles Campaign of the MOV
- Resources: Calhoun, Clay, Jackson, Mason, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, Wood
- Community Resource Inc. (CRI)
- Career Connections
- West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
- The Arc
- West Virginia Department of Health & Human Services (DHHR)
- United Way Alliance of the Mid-Ohio Valley
- Jobs & Hope WV
- Workforce Development Board Mid-Ohio Valley
- Tax Incentives
- Human Resource Development Foundation, Inc. (HRDF)
- WIOA Adult & Dislocated Worker Programs
- SNAP Employment & Training (SNAP E&T)
- NCOA SCSEP Training Program
- Job Corps

Foster Grandparents Program Update



Foster Grandparent volunteers are becoming tech savvy.

The Foster Grandparent Program was able to secure additional funding for Samsung Tablets for each of the Foster Grandparent volunteers. FGP staff have set up Gmail and zoom accounts for each of the volunteers. FGP staff plan to have the Foster Grandparents utilizing their accounts by the end of March. The tablets will enable the Foster Grandparents to connect virtually to the youth they are assigned to and promote social and emotional support.

Returning to the classroom.

Foster Grandparents are overjoyed to be returning to their classrooms. Many county BOE's lifted their restrictions on volunteers in the classrooms and Foster Grandparents returned to some normalcy on March 1st. FGP staff are hopeful that 90% of the Foster Grandparents will be back in the classroom on April 1st.





We are stronger together:

Foster Grandparent Program, RSVP, and Senior Companion Program

2020 changed our world: Lives and livelihoods lost. Devastating destruction and unimaginable challenges faced.

Despite those obstacles, each day countless Americans answered the call to serve. They raised their hands. Stood up. Showed up. And volunteered to put their neighbors and complete strangers first. To help make America safer and healthier, more fair, and more just.

AmeriCorps engages 270,000 Americans each year in sustained, results-driven service through our AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs. These dedicated citizens help communities impacted by COVID-19, ensure students stay on track to graduate, combat hunger and homelessness, respond to natural disasters, fight the opioid epidemic, help seniors live independently, support veterans and military families, and much more.

This AmeriCorps Week (March 7-13) join with us as we celebrate the impact of our programs and offer our thanks to each and every one for volunteering to serve others. Together, we can help the country recover and come back stronger.

RSVP Update



The RSVP program is beginning to see more volunteers returning and we are so excited. There are still stations that will not be reopening in the next month or so, but hopefully soon after. Many seniors are positive and taking the vaccines when they are called. We are meeting with potential new volunteers in Wirt and Ritchie counties in the next few weeks. Both locations are food pantries which are in such great need. Our volunteers continue to go above and beyond. We are thankful for all their hard work to help their neighbors and communities.



Community Development Updates

The MOVRC is seeking public input for the upcoming Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The CEDS is a strategy-driven 5-year plan for regional economic development, designed to build capacity and guide economic prosperity and resiliency. A key part of the CEDS process is feedback from the public on the region's economic strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and resiliency. Please consider taking the time to offer your feedback using the survey link below. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and your response will provide valuable information used to guide economic development in our 8-county region. The survey is available at <https://arcg.is/1m9jv4> and will remain open until March 25, 2021.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has allocated \$1,525,000 to the city of Paden City through the section 219 environmental infrastructure program for a wastewater system improvement project. The proposed project will consist of both plant and line upgrades. The plant upgrades, costing an estimated \$1,529,000, include adding a belt press, HVAC, plumbing, and blower and air diffuser upgrades. The line improvements, expected to cost around \$470,000, include enhancing and repairing existing lines while maintaining and preserving their longevity. The Community Development Program will be working closely with the city of Paden City to complete this proposed project.

