



Project LIFE

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Project LIFE Northern Region Calendar February 2012

*A page of connectivity and support for those of us working with
older youth in foster care.*

Calendar Items

Northern Region IL Committee Meeting

The Northern Region IL Committee has decided to meet quarterly for the year of 2012. Our Committee meetings will be held in **February, May, October, and December.**

Monday, February 27, 2012

Thursday, May 24, 2012

Thursday, October 18, 2012

Thursday December 13, 2012

10am - 1pm

Warrenton Regional VDSS Office

170 West Shirley Avenue, Warrenton, VA 20186

We will be meeting in the large conference room on the 2nd floor. If there are topics you would like included on the agenda, please email Heather Wines.

For more information contact Heather Wines at (540) 905-5299 or hwines@umfs.org.

Senior Picture Deal

Senior pictures can be expensive and many package deals ignore a youth's uniqueness and creativity. Check out the flyer [here](#) for an amazing offer available exclusively to older youth in foster care.

For more information on this opportunity contact Heather Wines at (540) 905-5299 or hwines@umfs.org. You may also contact the photographer, Jessica Tapscott, directly at jessica.tapscott@gmail.com.

Transitional Living Plans Forum

Monday, March 12, 2012

11:30am - 1:30pm

Frederick County Department of Social Services

107 N. Kent St, Winchester, VA

or

Second location TBD

We will be going over Transitional Living Plans for what is Federally required and what is best practice. Please go to www.vaprojectlife.org/register-adult to register. Please note that this is a brown bag lunch, so feel free to bring your own lunch to munch!

If you have any questions, contact Heather Wines at (540) 905-5299 or hwines@umfs.org.

Family Academy 2012

This is a collaborative event with Project LIFE, CRAFFT, FACES, and One Church, One Child. There will be a track for the day for foster and adoptive parents as well as a track for the day for foster care youth 14 and older. There is no registration fee for the youth. However, there is a \$10 registration fee for each adult. Lunch will be provided. There are a limited amount of scholarships available for adults. Please contact FACES at 877-823-2237.

Spaces is limited, please register at www.facesofvirginia.org

Here is the information for the other regional Family Academy days:

Western Region

Saturday, March 17, 2012

10am - 4pm

Wytheville Community College

OR

Saturday, March 31, 2012

10am - 4pm

Mountain Empire Community College

Eastern Region

Saturday, March 24, 2012

8:30am - 4pm

Location: TBD

Piedmont Region

Saturday, April 28, 2012

8:30am - 4pm

Central Virginia Community College

Central Region

Saturday, May 5, 2012

8:30am - 4pm

Location: TBD

If you have any questions please feel free to contact FACES at 877-823-2237 or info@facesofvirginia.org or Heather Wines at 540-905-5299 or hwines@umfs.org

Other Resources

Use Your IL Consultant for Resource Parent In-Service Training

The best way to improve outcomes for youth is by preparing them for independence, and the best people to prepare them are their caregivers. Let Project LIFE assist your program with in-service trainings on a variety of topics, including the Casey Life Skills Assessment, Using Resources for Teaching Life Skills, the VDSS Independent Living Program, Transitional Living Plans and more.

View the training flyer [here](#). For more information contact Heather Wines at (540) 905-5299 or hwines@umfs.org.

Project LIFE Best Practice Consultants

Best Practice Consultants Kim Gilley and Craig Simmons are available to prepare youth for participation in Family Partnership Meetings, facilitate FPMs for youth ages 14 and older, and conduct Family Finding (including Accurint searches). These resources are free to LDSS agencies. For more information contact Kim Gilley at kgilley@umfs.org or (434) 906-1269 or Craig Simmons at crsimmons@umfs.org or (804) 239-1066.

If you would like more information on the Casey Life Skills Assessment (CLSA), the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), the Independent Living Program (ILP), Transitional Living Plans and/or the Youth-Adult Partnership Perspective, contact Heather Wines at (540) 905-5299 or hwines@umfs.org.

I wanted to take a moment to say thank you for your continued support. Without your efforts and hard work many of our families and children would not be as successful and in healthier places.

Heather Wines

Project LIFE is a partnership between the Virginia Department of Social Services and UMFS. Project LIFE's overall goal is to support permanency for older youth through the coordination and enhancement of independent living services to youth in and transitioning out of foster care by creatively collaborating with local departments of social services, private providers and community stakeholders. Funding for the project is provided by the Virginia Department of Social Services.

For more information about Project LIFE, visit us at www.vaprojectlife.org.

Contact Information

To add events or notifications to the upcoming monthly calendar/quarterly newsletters, or to make corrections for past calendars, email hwines@umfs.org by the 23rd of the month.

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