



Giving Hope to Women: The Problem of Addiction in Our Community

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Addiction in Our Community

According to 2015 drug overdose data, West Virginia held the highest rate of drug-related deaths in the country (41.5 per 100,000; CDC, 2016).

The concern for drug addiction is particularly high in Cabell County, with approximately 13.78% of the population currently addicted to drugs (Huntington Police Department, 2016).



Mission Statement

Our mission is to further promote civic engagement and encourage completion of the GED or further post-secondary education while developing a rapport with the overlooked women in our community.



Cabell Huntington Hospital

Cabell Huntington Hospital facilitates a support group through Marshall University Psychiatry and OBGYN. The support group helps expectant mothers who are battling addiction overcome the exacerbated obstacles of mothers with addiction.



Motivational Text Messages

Over the semester, we have worked towards creating a bank of motivational messages to help inspire and encourage participants. The bank of messages will be used to send daily texts to participants throughout their time in the program, and afterwards to help keep the women engaged and on track.



Examples of Motivational Messages

“ You can, you should, and if you’re brave enough to start, you will.”

- Stephen King

“ Rock bottom became the solid foundation on which I rebuilt my life.”

- J.K. Rowling

“ You can only come to the morning through the shadows.”

- J.R.R. Tolkien



Enterprise Center Cleanup

Through our work with Marshall OBGYN & Marshall Psychiatry, Marshall's Psychology Club, Psi Chi, and Psy.D. students were given the opportunity to assist in the cleanup of the Enterprise Child Development Center.

The center will ultimately serve children who have been impacted by the substance abuse epidemic in Huntington.



HER Place

HER Place of West Virginia is 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization offering recovery services at NO COST to clients across the state. They rely heavily on caring community members to provide life- saving services to those in need.



Bonding with the Participants

In order to develop a rapport with participants, we facilitated engaging activities such as tie dyeing t-shirts, hosting a pancake breakfast, and talking with the women about their recovery process.



GED Information

Test Taking Skills

Math Tutoring

Reasoning Through Language
Arts

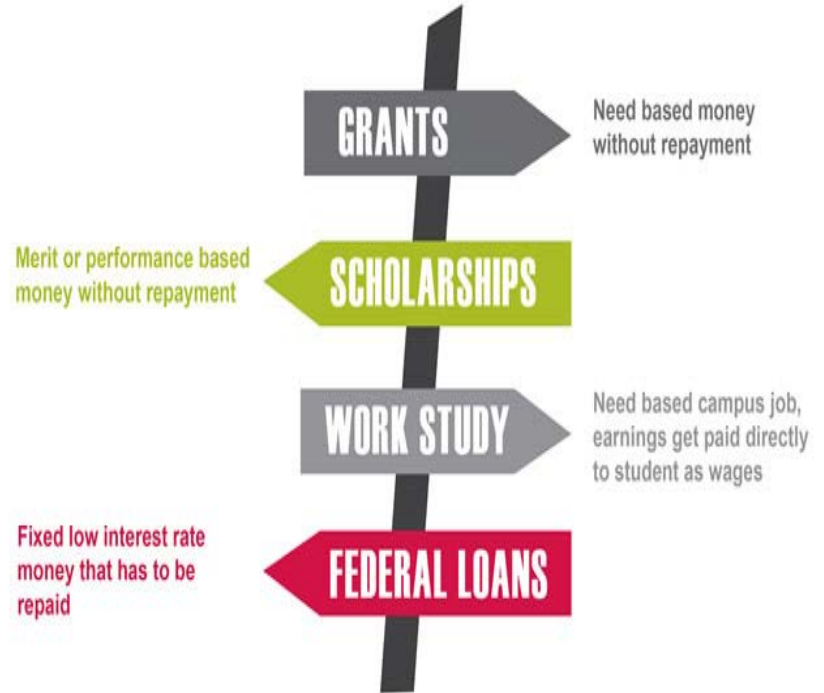


Financial Aid

FAFSA

Scholarships

Grants and Loans



Career Services

Resume Development

Cover Letter Development

Workplace Basics

Mock Interviews



Clothing Donations

Plato's Closet

Community Donations



Continuing to Give Hope

With the interest of students from the Marshall Psychology Club, Psi Chi, and Psy.D. students, it is our hope that our efforts at both Marshall Psychiatry/OBGYN and HER Place will continue for many years to come.

