Children's Home Society of West Virginia

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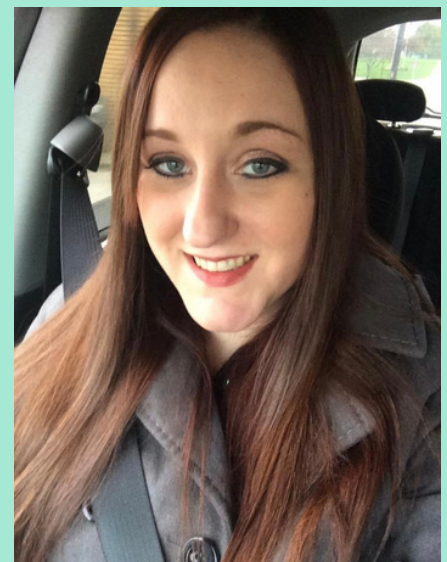## Permanency Program Newsletter

The Wheeling Permanency Office opened in approximately 2012 and was originally housed in the Youth Services System building on 15th Street in Wheeling. In January 2018, we moved to 1329 National Road, and this has been our home ever since with an incredible landlord! We provide foster care and adoption services, a community resource room, and a beautiful space for family visitation.

Kara Huff: Permanency Supervisor & Site Manager

I graduated from West Liberty University in May 2014 with my BSW. In February 2015, I started my journey with Children's Home Society as a Relief Permanency Social Worker. In May 2015, we quickly grew, and it didn't take long for me to move to a full time Permanency Social Worker. In July 2019, I became Permanency Supervisor and Site Manager. There is an indescribable feeling about growing the permanency program in Wheeling the past couple of years and I have enjoyed the incredible staff with me along the way. I enjoy diamond painting and scrapbooking, but most importantly spending time with my two daughters, eight and four, who enjoy being outside any chance they get.

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Sara Kinsey: Permanency Social Woker

I began working at Children's Home Society Wheeling Site in September 2021 as a Permanency Social Worker. This was my first job after graduation from college at West Liberty University with my BSW. I immediately fell in love with CHS and the work we do. Working with adoptions truly has my heart as an adopted child myself. When I am not at work, I enjoy spending time with my fiancé, our cat, friends, and family.

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25 Kids in Care

Jenny Broz: Permanency SW Homefinder

I joined the CHS Wheeling office as a Permanency Social Worker and Home Finder in August 2022. After graduating with a BSW from Temple University in 2012 I worked for the Philadelphia public defender's office and in homeless services for adults. In 2017, I returned to my hometown of Pittsburgh and worked as a Caseworker with the Allegheny County Office of Children, Youth & Families for four years. I realized that child welfare was my passion, so when I moved to West Virginia in 2021 I joined CPS in Brooke & Hancock counties for one year before joining CHS. Our team is truly second to none in advocating for our children and supporting our foster families and I am so proud to be a part of this agency!

Guiding new foster families through the licensing process is a privilege and I really have fun doing it. In my free time I love camping, hiking, cooking, and reading. I'm learning how to keep plants alive and I'm also an amateur genealogist.

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23 Homes

Randi Dantrassy: Permanency Social Worker

I started working at CHS in January 2023 as a Permanency Social Worker. If you would've asked 15-year-old Randi where she would be in 10 years, she would never have guessed working in the field of Social Work. I attended West Liberty University first for Criminal Justice thinking of becoming a police officer, but by the end of my sophomore year and after taking one social work class, I knew where I belonged. I was a Title IV-E recipient which was a scholarship and a job right out of college with the WVDHHR. I graduated in May 2020 right from my parents' living room. I interned and worked as a CPS worker in Ohio County for 2 years as an ongoing court worker. I briefly worked at another foster care agency licensing foster homes for 8 months before finally landing a job with Children's Home Society. What I really missed was working directly with the kiddos and I just wasn't getting that at my previous job. When I saw that CHS's Wheeling site was hiring, I immediately submitted my application. I always tell people that when I was a DHHR worker I always wanted a CHS home because the foster families and staff were always amazing! As a social worker here now, I can 110% say that is still true. During my free time I enjoy spending time with my husband and 1 ½ year old chiweenie, Trooper!

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Wheeling's Spring Events

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Community Give-Away

Sunday March 19th

The Children's Home Society's Wheeling location will have a Community Give-Away on Sunday, March 19th from 11am - 2pm.

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Children's Home Society would like to invite you to our Community Give-Away at 1329 National Road, Wheeling, WV 26003.

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