



# THE POWER OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN WEST VIRGINIA



# About EdVenture

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The EdVenture Group is a nonprofit organization inspiring **lifelong learning** at all levels by developing and delivering **innovative solutions** to obstacles in **K-12 education**.

Founded by a classroom teacher, The EdVenture Group provides **proven processes, programs, and expertise** to students, educators, and communities in Appalachia and across the nation.



# EDVENTURE PRIORITY AREAS:

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Family Engagement

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Entrepreneurship Education

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Youth + Family Empowerment



# WEST VIRGINIA FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

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The West Virginia Family Engagement Center (WVFEC) provides customized, evidence-based approaches to family engagement that improve student achievement through stronger school-family-community partnerships.



# WVFEC 2018-2023

8,983 students  
and families from

101 schools across  
37 counties.



# WVFEC 2023 - 2028

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## Goal 1

Increase family engagement **knowledge** and **application** in **55 West Virginia counties** through evidence-based comprehensive training and technical assistance.

## Goal 2

Increase **family well-being**, **educational connections** and **stability** through **family engagement** opportunities customized to rural families.



# WVFEC HIGHLIGHTS

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- Leaders Investing in Family Engagement
- Everyday Leaders Family Leadership
- WVFEC Advisory Council
- Customized State, School, & District Trainings
- Rural Appalachian Family Engagement Framework
- Building Bridges: LEGO® Addition
- WVFEC Family Engagement Fellows



# WVFEC FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Family Engagement Fellows program honors **exceptional** leaders across West Virginia who are advancing **meaningful partnerships** among **schools, families, and communities**.

Through collaboration, innovation, and authentic connection, Fellows embody the **passion, leadership, and vision** needed to strengthen partnerships statewide.

Selected for their demonstrated **impact and commitment**, Fellows serve as trusted representatives, strategic thought partners, and catalysts for real-world change—helping to shape a **stronger future** for **West Virginia's students and families**.



# 2025 FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FELLOWS

## Celebrating Leadership in Action

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These **distinguished** educators have been selected as the **2025** WV FEC Family Engagement Fellows for their **outstanding commitment** to building strong, authentic partnerships between **schools, families, and communities.**



LISA HAYES  
Blackshere Elementary



MICHELL CRADDOCK  
Oak Hill Middle School

# THANK YOU!

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