

KISRA

Championing Positive Community Change

Changing Behaviors, Changing Lives,
Changing Futures for West Virginia Families



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KISRA RECEIVES COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND LAUNCHES APPALACHIAN FOOD ENTERPRISE

The Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Community Services awarded KISRA \$800,000 which allowed them to create the Appalachian Food Enterprise - a food hub focused on community health, local food and farm production, and job creation.

The new initiative is a partnership between KISRA and Pollen8, Inc. Both nonprofits are dedicated to promoting healthy living and helping people transitioning back into society after incarceration or treatment for Substance Use Disorder.



APPALACHIAN

FOOD ENTERPRISE

We grow—people.

“This is just an ideal partnership between two nonprofits whose missions are so closely aligned,” said Reggie Jones, CEO of KISRA. “We believe this initiative will serve as a model for other areas in the state.”

The Appalachian Food Enterprise consists of a network of related food enterprises that specialize in bringing food from farm-to-table from local sources. Café Appalachia, which is part of Pollen8, LLC., will use the organic produce – the bulk of which will be grown at Paradise Farms at KISRA – and other food items for the café, a catering service, and a food truck, The Daily Harvest. Other items will be locally sourced from small farmers in the region.

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Our services are diverse but
our mission is consistent:

*Strengthening Families
in West Virginia.*

With the help of our staff, partners, and dedicated volunteers, we make a difference every day. It is a difference that can be seen in the faces of the people we serve and felt across the state in terms of a stronger economy.

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Partnerships & Possibilities

KISRA is pleased to collaborate with organizations throughout the state. The following are featured in this edition of this newsletter:

- WV State University**
- South Charleston High School**
- Men's Warehouse**
- Café Appalachia**
- Pollen8, LLC**
- WV DHHR**

Find us on social media!



KISRA Hosts Popup Markets



Gateway Christian Education Center
June 14 & July 26



Kid City
June 21 & August 1



St. Francis of Assisi School
June 28 & August 23

The Growing Place
June 20 & August 8

A Place to Grow
June 27 & August 16

First Baptist Academy
September 6

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SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EXPANDED



Earlier this year the state legislature passed, and the governor signed, HB 2459. The bill finally lifted the federal ban on individuals with drug felony convictions from receiving assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The program is also known as SNAP or food stamps.

West Virginia was one of only three states that had not modified or completely opted out of the federal ban since it was enacted in 1996 as part of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act.

Effective May 21, 2019, people who were previously ineligible for SNAP due to a drug felony conviction can now apply for SNAP towards the end of May. The bill has one exclusion for people whose drug felony conviction resulted in personal injury or death. This policy change will assist thousands of West Virginians who need assistance. To apply contact your local WV DHHR office.

ASSET DEVELOPMENT

LEARN

Ture' Johnson, a member of KISRA staff, will once again join our partner, West Virginia State University, to teach youth in the Upward Bound (UB) program during the summer. The program supplements information they learn in school -- and on the streets.



Beginning in June, UB students attend a six-week residential program designed to give them a head start on their next year in school, which includes ACT and SAT preparation, information on scholarships and academic advising, college visits and tours.

In addition, youth learn life-skills such as financial literacy and problem solving to help them navigate difficult choices they face and reduce risky behaviors such as drug and alcohol use.

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“The Cafe’ brings people from all walks of life to the same table of life, so-to-speak,” said Cheryl Laws, CEO of Pollen8, LLC. “In addition to promoting fresh and healthy meals, the Appalachian Food Enterprise will help foster a greater sense of community.”

Laws will serve as the Director of Operations for the Appalachian Food Enterprise.

The project will create 42 livable wage, fulltime jobs for low-income community residents, which will include TANF recipients and at-risk adults with a focus on men and women coming out of long-term recovering and ex-offenders to decrease recidivism.





KISRA and



MEN'S WEARHOUSE present

WEST VIRGINIA
REFORM
initiative
A KISRA PROGRAM

SUIT UP FOR SUCCESS

Suit Giveaway

June 3 - 14, 2019 || 10 am to 2 pm
(Monday through Friday only)

Limit two suits per person.

Post a photo of you in your
suit on Instagram or Facebook with #KISRAsuitup
for a chance to win a gift card!

Location: KISRA | 131 Perkins Avenue | Dunbar WV

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First Floor Classroom

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For more information contact Donetta Daily at 304.768.8924



MONTROSE ELEMENTARY VISITS KISRA'S PARADISE FARMS

After touring the greenhouses at Paradise Gardens, students and their teachers received hands-on instruction on the seed-to-table process that takes place on the farm.

After planting carrot seeds, students harvested, washed, and weighed the carrots to determine price. The students then packaged their bounty and prepared them for sale.

After their visit to Paradise Gardens, the group enjoyed lunch at Cafe' Appalachia, both of which are part of the Appalachian Food Enterprise - a food hub created by KISRA through a grant by the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Community Services.

To schedule a student tour or visit to Paradise Gardens, please contact KISRA at 304.768.

3rd Annual

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

6.15.19

5-9 PM

NORTH PLAZA OF THE STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX

FAMILY FUN, GAMES, ARTS, CRAFTS, VENDORS, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD & MORE!

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Harambee Learning Center
presents

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PROGRAM 2019

*A special summer
program for children
entering grades K- 6th.*

June 17th - July 19th
8:00am to 12:00pm

KISRA Empowerment Center

131 Perkins Avenue • Dunbar, WV 25064

Breakfast and lunch will
be served daily.



Call 304.768.4232 (HLC) to register. Limited slots available.

Harambee Learning Center

Summer Program 2019

A KISRA LEARNING INITIATIVE

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June 17 - July 19, 2019

Monday - Friday

12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Cost \$60.00 per child (billed every week)

July 22 - August 9, 2019

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Cost \$86.00 per child (billed every week)

**no Energy Express during this time.*

Offering Kindergarten through Sixth Grade a Safe Summer Haven

Harambee Learning Center announces its 2019 summer program: "Summer Fun & Learning." Harambee offers quality programs the ENTIRE summer!

Harambee Learning Center

The Harambee Learning Center was opened in 1998 to serve as a safe, drug-free, after-school refuge for children attending Kanawha County Schools. Its focus is on preventing the onset of adolescent problem behaviors by reducing their risk of academic failure. The Center has served more than 800 children since its inception.

Program Highlights

In addition to Energy Express, Harambee will offer our children both educational and fun activities including:

Current Events, Science, Creative Movement, Bowling, Swimming, Hiking, Math, Reading, Movies, Bullying Prevention, Financial Fitness, Gardening.

Breakfast, lunch, and evening snack served.



For Information Call **304-768-4232**

or visit **KISRA.ORG/HARAMBEEHC**

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