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**MCHD WIC Open House to be held Wednesday, Nov. 14, in Bridgeport**

MORGANTOWN, WV (Nov. 8, 2018) — Monongalia County Health Department’s Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) program will showcase its new Bridgeport office during an open house from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14. The media is invited to attend.

Bridgeport Mayor Andy Lang will be on hand for a ribbon-cutting. WIC clients and other representatives from Harrison County businesses and organizations will have the opportunity to tour the new Bridgeport WIC office, located at 103 E. Main St., across from Almost Heaven Desserts. There also will be refreshments.

The Harrison County WIC office moved from Clarksburg to Bridgeport in September after its old location at the Colonial Village building was sold to a new owner.

“We’re really looking forward to showing the community our new office,” said Anne MacBride, MCHD WIC program manager.

At 3,134 square feet, the new office is about 400 square feet larger than the old location. It’s also closer to United Hospital Center and many pediatricians’ offices, which should make it more convenient for clients, noted WIC dietitian Jason Nguyen.

“It’s a warm, welcoming, family-friendly office in a charming area,” Nguyen said.

WIC’s hours at the new location will be the same: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A once-a-month clinic will be held 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. The new number is 304-848-9680; the fax number is 304-848-9684.

MCHD WIC operates in six counties: Monongalia, Preston, Marion, Harrison, Doddridge and Taylor. The federally-funded program provides services for pregnant, postpartum and...
breastfeeding women as well as infants and children up to the age of 5. Services include nutrition counseling, breastfeeding support, health screenings, medical and social service referrals and monthly food packages.

Families who meet generous guidelines can qualify to participate in WIC. For instance, a family of four who makes an annual income of $46,435 or less qualifies for help. Each WIC location offers free breastfeeding classes that are available to both WIC and non-WIC clients. In Harrison County, those classes are held on the first and fourth Wednesday at 3 p.m. and on the third Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Please contact Mary Wade Triplett at MaryWade.Triplett@wv.gov or 304-598-5152 for more information about the open house and to coordinate a visit.

WIC is an equal opportunity provider. For more information, check out mylocalwic.org. For more information on MCHD, check out monchd.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter @WVMCHD for up-to-date information on health and safety.

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