

**2022 Women's and Girls' Day at the Legislature Agenda**  
***Being Present. A Call to Action: Expanding Our View of Normal***

**Premiering Friday, January 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

on the WV Women's Commission Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/WVaWomen/>  
and on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCYkSLBbAoEeoCa8IfgBPpg>.

West Virginia Public Broadcasting will also air the event on their WV Channel at 7:00 p.m. that same evening.

**Welcome** – Julie Palas, WVWC Interim Executive Director

**2022 Theme – Being Present Without Being Present, Contacting Legislators and Taking Action in a Virtual and Post Pandemic World** -- Kenyatta Grant, WVWC Chair

**Public Policy Pillars** – Julie Palas, WVWC Interim Executive Director

**Health** -- Betty Critch, WVWC Wellness Committee Co-coordinator

Roberta Renzelli-Cain, Medical Director, WVU National Center of Excellence in Women's Health

Rebecca Roth, Director of Policy, Planning, and Research, DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health

Testimonials -- Elise Glad, MS, Sexual Health Counselor, WVU Medicine

WV Delegate Danielle Walker, 51<sup>st</sup> District

Rosemary Ketchum, Wheeling City Council Member

Roberta Renzelli-Cain, Medical Director, WVU National Center of Excellence in Women's Health

**Child Well-Being** – Belinda Biafore, WVWC Member

Pamela M. Woodman-Kaehler, WV Foster Care Ombudsman

Ibtesam 'Sue' Barazi, Vice President, Islamic Association WV

Testimonials – Aryuanna D. Mosley, Doctoral student, WVU Human and Community Development

Tahnee Bryant, Program Manager for Expanded School Mental Health, DHHR's Bureau of Behavioral Health

Nikki Tennis, Director of the Office of Children, Youth & Families, DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health

**Domestic Violence Prevention** –Kenyatta Grant, WVWC Chair

Tonia Thomas, WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence Team Coordinator

Joyce Yedlosky, WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence Team Coordinator

Testimonials – Katie Spriggs, Executive Director, Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center

Crystal Allen, Assistant Director, West Virginia Family of Convicted People

**Economic Empowerment** – Michelle Barnes Russell and Katonya Hart, WVWC Economic Empowerment Committee Co-Coordinators

Karen Friel, West Virginia District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration

Testimonials – Tracy Phillips, Kid's Business Expo, Fun Fitness Kids Club

Kayla Lewis, "Fun Fitness" graduate and WV Kids Business Expo Winner

**Education** – Beth Wolfe, WVWC Member and Education Committee Co-Coordinator

Rikki McCormick, Education Associate for South Carolina Dept. of Education Special Education Services

Whitney Hunt, Graduate Assistant for University of Charleston Admissions Office, and UC MBA Candidate

Testimonials – Candace Layne, Director of Marshall University's Counseling Center

**Legislative Perspectives**

WV Senators Owens Brown, Senate District 1

Amy Grady, Senate District 4

WV Delegates Kathie Hess Crouse, House District 13

Barbara Evans Fleischauer, House District 51

Sean Hornbuckle, House District 16

Mike Pushkin, House District 37

**Community Collaboration: Why it is important and why it should matter to you?** – Kenyatta Grant, WVWC Chair

**Final Thoughts** – Julie Palas, WVWC Interim Executive Director

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