

## Da DAWG says....

### **YES!** You can still go to College and get Welfare in WV

Even though recent federal changes prohibited post secondary education from counting as a work requirement, WV continues to allow welfare recipients to attend college.

During the most recent legislative session our state realized that continuing access to education was necessary for people to get out and stay out of poverty. WV has created a new state funded program that allows welfare recipients to attend college and receive benefits.

The actual text from the WVDHHR Income Maintenance Manual states:

*Under WV State Law: Any WVWorks recipient who must meet a federal participation requirement may elect to participate in any educational activity, regardless of any restriction in Section 24.5. The participation must be full-time as defined by the institution or course of study, regardless of the number of hours of actual participation. The client must not be required to participate in any other activity to increase his participation hours to the minimum federal requirement. However, the client may voluntarily participate in any other activity, but no sanction may be*

*imposed for failure to participate in that other activity. If the educational activity is college, it is limited to a 2- or 4-year undergraduate degree program. College students must not be required to participate in another work activity for more than 10 hours per week in order to meet the participation requirement. Participants in educational activities must be making satisfactory progress as determined by the program in which they are enrolled.*

*Education activities include but are not limited to:*

*Vocational training, literacy skills, English as a second language, college (does not include graduate school), job skills related to employment, education related to employment, ABE to improve basic skills (for those already possessing a high school diploma or GED), attendance in a secondary school or GED program.*

**If your caseworker tells you that you can not attend college or any of the above education activities contact DAWG at 304-539-3157 or by email [info@wvdawg.org](mailto:info@wvdawg.org).**

### DAWG Executive Director Meets Frances Fox Piven at NCLEJ Dinner in NYC

On May 14, DAWG's Executive Director, Evelyn Dortch attended the NCLEJ Annual Dinner where she had the pleasure of meeting Frances Fox Piven. Evelyn said "meeting Ms. Piven was the highlight of my year." Frances Fox Piven was instrumental in founding the National Welfare Rights Organization and is an author and scholar of welfare and poverty issues.

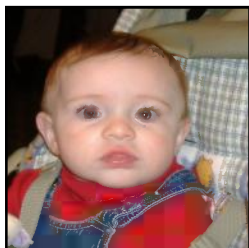


Honorees at the NCLEJ Dinner were **Congressman Charles Rangel**- Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. **Cynthia Nixon** Award-winning Actress and Education Advocate. **James Lipscomb** Executive Vice President and General Counsel MetLife, Inc. **Jillynn Stevens** Director of Policy, Advocacy and Research,

Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies

*The National Center for Law and Economic Justice advances the cause of economic justice for low-income families, individuals and communities across the country using litigation, policy advocacy, and support for low-income organizing. Evelyn Dortch currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Center for Law and Economic Justice*

To find out more about The Center and its work visit [www.nclej.org](http://www.nclej.org)



# Mountain Health Choices

## Do We Really have a Choice?

**Having problems with Mountain Health Choices contact DAWG at (304) 539-3157 or by email at [info@wvdawg.org](mailto:info@wvdawg.org) We want to hear your story and see what we can do to help. Together we can change the system.**

Concerns DAWG has with the new Medicaid Redesign known as Mountain Health Choices that is currently rolling out in Lincoln,

Clay, and Upshur counties. This new Medicaid plan was made possible by the passage of the federal Deficit Reduction Act which among other things allowed states to quickly change their Medicaid programs. West Virginia is one of the first states to take advantage of this and redesign our Medicaid program. Many other states are watching to see how it will work out.

During the entire Medicaid Redesign process DAWG and several other organizations have had serious concerns about how families were going to be affected. After attending a presentation by Mountain Health Choices, we have even more concerns.

Here are a few off of our laundry list.

- Medicaid recipients had no input into the redesign of a program that will drastically affect our lives. As a matter of fact there was little or no opportunity for public comment.
- Under the new program there are two benefit levels - basic and enhanced. The difference between the levels can mean life and death. Under the basic level services such as inpatient psychiatric care, cardiac rehabilitation, and diabetes education are not covered. Under the basic plan prescriptions are limited to 4 per month. My mother, who is diabetic, has high blood pressure, and other ailments takes more than 4 medications a month. Most people with chronic illnesses do.

- In order to qualify for the enhanced level which has no prescription limit and covers a multitude of services. You have to sign a contract and be bound by that agreement for one year. If you fail to follow the agreement you will be forced down to the basic level for one year. According to the Mountain Health Choices presentation I attended, they are unaware of any kind of appeal process for the decision. This means you can be accused of failing to meet the contract, lose services that your life depends on, and have no recourse. This sounds to me like a violation of due process that is guaranteed in our constitution.
- The contract, people are forced to sign, also brings up several concerns. Your "medical home" whatever that is, decides what will be in the contract. Your "medical home" does not have to consult with any of your other physicians or mental health professionals before drawing up the contract. If you do not sign the contract then you are forced to the basic level. Even if you change doctors or your situation changes, you are still bound by the original contract for a full year. These contracts leave little room for negotiation because if you don't sign it or do what is written on it. You could be writing your own death sentence.

Direct Action Welfare Group is talking with Medicaid recipients and watching to see how this all works out. This program was designed and implemented without any input from us, the people affected. However, we will not sit by and watch our state government let our families suffer.

### DAWG Chat Online

In September DAWG is going to begin weekly online chats. This is a place online for you to talk about the issues in your community and to find out the answers to problems you may be having. Visit our website to find out when and where the chats will be held or you can send an email to [info@wvdawg.org](mailto:info@wvdawg.org)



### What DAWG's Reading

## ROOTS TO POWER

A Manual for Grassroots Organizing

Lee Staples

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## POVERTY TRUTH COMMISSION

Poverty Initiative  
At Union Theological Seminary

There comes a time when silence is betrayal. The truth must be told. —MLK

In April of 2007, Union Theological Seminary, Poverty Initiative held a Poverty Truth Commission. Individuals were invited to testify on violations of their economic human rights that occur as a direct result of living in poverty in the United States.

Commissioners from many backgrounds, including the academic, political, and religious realms, bore witness to these stories of injustice.

Testifiers for the Poverty Truth Commission on April 13th were members of organizations in Baltimore, Detroit, Ithaca, Philadelphia,

New Orleans, New York City, West Virginia, and more.

The event was inspired by the Truth and Reconciliation work done in places such as South Africa and Peru, and the Commission was based on the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Articles 23, 24, 25, and 26 in particular).

A member of DAWG was invited to New York to take part in the commission. Upon her return she wrote the following article.

**To find out more about the Poverty Initiative visit [www.povertyinitiative.org](http://www.povertyinitiative.org)**



**my truth**  
~ Sondra Jackson

*"More than 40 million people in America, the wealthiest nation in the world, are currently threatened by a lack of health care, housing, adequate food, education, and living wages. At the second Poverty Truth Commission hosted by Union Theological Seminary on April 13, 2007 leaders from around the country testified to violations of their economic human rights that are and have been a direct result of living in poverty in the United States"* I had the honor of representing DAWG at this historic event.

In addition to the Truth Commission, workshops were offered during the day. Morning sessions explored how and why religious leaders and other people of conscious are setting up Truth Commissions in the US. They are drawing attention to stories of those whose lives are in jeopardy because of poverty. They are bringing attention to the dangerous conditions that lack of healthcare, safe housing, adequate food, education, and living wages can produce.

Afternoon sessions included panel discussions featuring poor people who are organizers in their communities and leaders in the fight for economic justice for poor people. The sessions explored ways in which these groups by joining together can play a vital role in the effort to build a movement to end poverty lead by poor people.

When Evelyn, DAWG's Executive Director, spoke with the Seminary students on Jan. 11, they were moved by the same passion she conveys anytime she speaks about poverty in



Larry Gibson (Stop Mountaintop Removal, WV), Angel Pichardo Almonte (Justica Global, Dominican Republic), Sondra Jackson (DAWG, WV)

WV and DAWG's work. She is the "voice of DAWG" that they wanted to bring to New York to testify. I don't feel comfortable speaking in public and Evelyn knows that. She wanted me to go anyway. I carried thoughts of insecurity and fear with me on the flight to New York. How could I possibly be "the voice of DAWG"? How could I say everything Evelyn would have said?

Going to New York and testifying before the Poverty Truth Commission, telling my truth, changed me. It changed my life and I'm not sure how to put those feelings into words. I spoke better that day than I ever knew was possible. I started with WV statistics, struggling with saying it the "right way". Then when I started telling my story....Its not that I forgot to be "Evelyn", to be "the voice of DAWG". Its that I became me. I found my voice that day. I realized that I was the voice of DAWG just as much as Evelyn. That we are all the voice of DAWG. That anyone who lives in poverty in WV is the voice of DAWG.

I've come to realize that by sharing my "truths" and the convictions that we all share.....that I represented the very purpose of DAWG. The very reason the organization exists. To give voice to the poor in West Virginia.

## DAWG Member Attends PTP Tech Camp in Minnesota



Progressive Technology Project (PTP) employs technology capacity building to help the community led organizing movement achieve power. I participated in one of PTP's Power On programs, Tech Camp, which was held on the campus of Macalester College in St. Paul MN June 12-15, 2007.

*"Thanks for the opportunity to attend Tech Camp"*

Participants included 33 individuals representing 30 organizations from 16 different states. The organizations were all grass-roots organizations with a variety of issues from welfare rights to environmental justice. Throughout the 4 days, we were offered 11 sessions ranging from Basics of

Window Operating System to Database Design. There was also a "Hack-A-Thon", a space to have any question answered that had not been addressed in the workshops.

While at Tech Camp, I had the opportunity to meet individually with Arif Mamdani, the Capacity Building Program Coordinator and Kwame A. Tsikata, the Development Analyst to discuss the technology needs of DAWG. They advised me on the different ways to address our needs through developing a technology plan. They also shared various funding sources that may help with technology issues.

Over the next year, I plan to take what I have learned and work with the staff and Board of Directors to develop a technology plan for DAWG. This plan will include everything from equipment and software needs to database management and staffing. Once this plan is developed, we can then start implementing it and further developing DAWG's technology capacity and improve our statewide outreach.

~ Sondra Jackson



*Special thanks to PTP for providing a scholarship for room and board and to Appalachian Community Fund's Technical Assistance Grant for helping out with transportation and other expenses.*

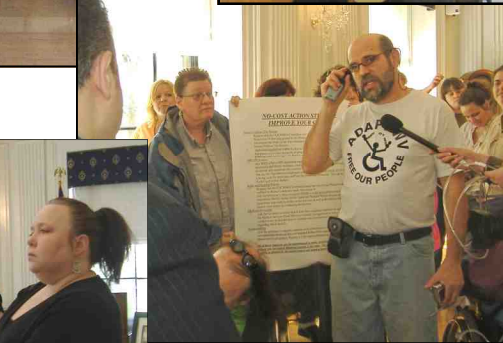
## Gov. Manchin Gets an "F" from the Disability Community

On March 27, citizens with disabilities held a press conference and rally to discuss the State of the State for People with Disabilities

The press conference focused on the critical concerns of people with disabilities, family members and advocacy organizations, and recommend no-cost and low-cost actions the Governor and other policy makers could take to dramatically improve the day-to-day lives of the over 400,000 West Virginians with disabilities. Some of the issues that were addressed:

- Money Follows The Person - People trapped in nursing homes who want to go home.
- The rights of people on the Aged and Disabled Waiver.
- The rights of people on the MR/DD Waiver.
- The rights of citizens forced out of state due to lack of needed services.
- Medicaid Oversight - Having more consumer control over the Medicaid services that affect our daily lives.

~Scott Miller at Mountain State Direct Action Center.  
Contact Scott at 304-645-6356



DAWG members attended the press conference and rally to show our support and to bring attention to changes in Medicaid specifically the Mountain Health Choices program.



# Organizing for Justice: Elements of Success

On July 14, American Friends Service Committee held a Middle Atlantic Regional Gathering in Charleston.

CIO and **Carol Warren**, Government Concerns Committee, WV Council of Churches

AFSC has been working for justice in West Virginia since the 1920s, when it operated a nutrition program for children of unemployed coal miners. In the 1930s, AFSC worked with the Roosevelt Administration on New Deal programs in Arthurdale and elsewhere in the state. Currently, AFSC operates two programs in West Virginia, *New Empowerment for Women Plus* in Logan County and the *WV Economic Justice Project*.

This gathering focused on strategies that work to promote economic justice in West Virginia and elsewhere. Topics included social capital, coalition building, the media, public policy, strategy, and examples of success.



Featured speakers include **Ted Boettner**, and **Renate Pore** WV Center on Budget and Policy **Becky Ceperley**, The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation **Evelyn Dortch**, Direct Action Welfare Group **Scott Finn**, WV Public Broadcasting **Edna Green**, Partnership of African American Churches **Rob Jenkins**, Southern WV Karate Club **Arley Johnson**, Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, former member WV House of Delegates **J. Davitt McAteer**, Wheeling Jesuit University, former director of MSHA **Larry Matheny**, secretary-treasurer, WV AFL-

For more information on WV AFSC projects or to find out more about how martial arts and organizing go together contact **Rick Wilson** at [rwilson@afsc.org](mailto:rwilson@afsc.org)



## Benefits Education Training in Philippi

On July 20, DAWG joined with Family Leadership First and Scott Miller of PAIRS to hold a WV Family Links training in Barbour County. As part of the training, DAWG held a session on Benefits Education. It was a really great training with lots of input from the participants.

hours per week because her husband is disabled and can not work. He is waiting for SSI but until then if they want any assistance she has to work the 55 hours every week.



Some of the issues that came out of the training were the need for clothing vouchers for Pre-K and Head-Start, caseworkers telling clients education doesn't count, and the hard time two parent families are having with the 55 hour a week work participation requirements.

One participant in the workshop said that she is forced to participate in a work activity 55



Special Thanks to Barbour County FRN



## DAWG Becomes a Member of Believe in WV Storehouse

DAWG has become a member of Believe in WV Storehouse program, which provides goods for organizations that work with low-income individuals and families in WV. To find out more about Believe in WV's Storehouse program visit them on the web at [www.believeinwv.org/Storehouse%20Main.htm](http://www.believeinwv.org/Storehouse%20Main.htm)

Teen DAWG helps out with distribution to low income seniors



*By: Voice in the Wilderness*

Imagine; if you can, a landlords dream tenant. A tenant who cleans their apartment daily, spot cleans the carpet weekly, follows all the rules in the lease, minds their own business – not their neighbors, pays rent on time, and never complains. Imagine that tenant having to file a complaint; due to black mold in the bathroom and bath tub missing enamel with a busted out section that had rusted after twenty-two years of use. Imagine that tenants shock when the regional manager replied, “You are not living in the Taj Mahal. You are living on subsidized property, and we can’t satisfy you. Follow me to the office, we will relinquish your lease, and you will have ten days to move from the property if you want to keep your housing voucher.” The tenant speaks up answering, “I have another option that you failed to mention – I am going to find out my legal rights as a tenant.” Only then were the repairs started. Over the next four months the repairs are still ongoing, leaving the tenant feeling stressed beyond relief. The tenant is then falsely accused verbally, and later receives a written violation. She is promised a reduction in rent one month, and is given back her rent the next month; with the understanding it is because of repairs not being finished, she is given a receipt the third month showing she owes past due rent – *which is a lie*. She has documented each day the work that has been done, kept copies of all letters she has written, and seeks legal help - knowing there has to be *someone to stop this living nightmare*.

### DAWG visits Wyoming County to Help Tenants

In January, after receiving a call for help from residents of a Wyoming County low income housing community, DAWG went to pay a visit and see how bad it was. We found that repairs were not done in a timely manner, there was a mold issue, and that the “handicapped accessible” apartments were not truly accessible. Wheelchairs would not fit through the doors and grip bars were misplaced. One example was that grip bars were placed behind the toilet. Management had told the tenant to straddle the toilet backwards and then she could use the bar. In another apartment, the toilet handrails were laying in a utility closet. The tenant was told he would have to install them himself. In another apartment we found water damage around a ceiling light fixture. The light work but flickered. The damage had been reported several months earlier when the apartment above had flooded.

DAWG has been working with the tenants to try and convince them to organize a residents council, however, the tenants are afraid of further retaliation.

It is a situation that is beyond what we can do so, we have included this article above by a tenant hoping someone can help them further. If you can help please contact the tenant at the above address or you can contact the DAWG office at (304) 539-3157 or by email at [info@wvdawg.org](mailto:info@wvdawg.org)

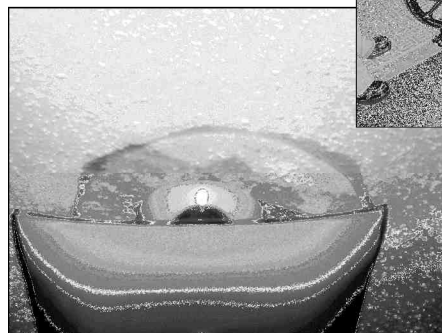
Imagine; if you can, being handicapped living in the same apartment for over fifteen years. One evening you return home to discover your bedroom window has been opened, and you have been robbed of all your medication. A police report is filed stating “bedroom lock doesn’t work” and within a week YOU are the one falsely accused of threatening two tenants, issued violations, and an eviction letter. The regional manager calls you stating, “You have ten days to find somewhere else to live if you want to keep your housing voucher; otherwise, if you wait the full thirty days you will lose your funding.”

The first tenant sees the manipulation procedures that govern the property and how evil the procedures are - those in need of repairs are bullied into moving. Knowing that handicapped persons have rights she seeks help from Human Rights Commission. The handicapped persons eviction was lifted once the commission became involved; however, the false written violations remain on his record at this time.

The remainder of “good tenants” continues to have apartments in need of repair, but fear being evicted if they voice their concerns. The “corporate giant” makes millions of dollars yearly from subsidized rentals; yet, they refuse to spend any money in repairing the units to the safe, sanitary dwellings they promised in our lease. They “pick and choose” which rules they enforce with the attitude of “live with it, or get out.” **Surely there is someone somewhere that can help put a stop to the poor being used for dollars!** If you are this person, please contact: P.O. Box 1138 Pineville, WV 24874



Hand rails in storage closet and wheelchair not fitting through door.



Water damaged ceiling light fixture

# TEEN DAWG NEWS

## Written by Teens for Teens

If you want to put something in the Teen DAWG News please send it to teenDAWG@wvdawg.org with *newsletter* in the subject line.

### Teen 2 Teen Track at the Family Leadership Conference



The teen track at The Family Leadership Conference 07 was great. Everyone had tons of fun the workshops were great we had more workshops this year because we decided that an hour and a half was too long for a workshop. Our workshops didn't start until 9am so we got some extra sleep because we teens that planned the teen track decided we need more sleep. At FLC07 life long friends were made, some teens even found someone special.

Friday night was full of fun as always. We had the Balloon Butt Pop, Clumps, Barn Yard, and The Quiz Show everyone got prizes and had a blast!! Saturday our workshops started at 9am and the work-

shops were fun. The dance was a lot of fun and everyone had a good time dancing the night away and goofing off, we even got to stay past curfew.

Sunday we wrapped up with brunch and discussed the weekend filled our evaluation forms, exchanged emails, phone numbers, and MySpace info.

I want to thank everyone that helped plan the teen track this year you did a great job! And I hope to see you all at other planning meetings Teen DAWG will be having. Thank

you to the teens that came to the conference. You were all well behaved. All the adults have said this was our best year. Also a huge thanks to Contemporary Youth Arts Company, located in Charleston, for coming out and doing the play *Love Is Not An Angry Thing*, We all enjoyed the play and you did a great job!

A few more people I want to thank are Evelyn Dortch, Patty Wray, and Cathy Reed for helping keep things in order. A very special thank you to Matthew Wayne Jones for writing a letter to us about his struggle with drugs and how he has changed while he is in prison. Matthew, you really reached a lot of teens. Thank you so much for taking the time to write that letter to us. We will continue to read that letter at our meetings and learn from it.



**Teen DAWG has a MySpace**  
[www.myspace.com/teendawgwv](http://www.myspace.com/teendawgwv)  
send an add request and a message telling me your name and email so I can add you to our MySpace friends

### Teen DAWG in Philadelphia

Beth Dortch of Teen DAWG recently went to Philadelphia to participate in a meeting of the American Friends Service Committee National Community Relations Committee. Beth's mother Evelyn is a member of the committee and brought Beth along to talk with the committee about how to get more youth involved in the work they are doing.



TEEN DAWG

## US Social Forum: Another World is Possible and Teens will Lead the Way

I am Beth Dortch, Teen Coordinator for Teen DAWG, which is a project of Direct Action Welfare Group. I found out about the USSF and wanted to go. So I spoke with Evelyn Dortch, the Director of Direct Action Welfare Group, and told her that I would love to attend the US Social Forum. She told me if I found an adult DAWG member willing to go with me then I could go. I of course wanted to know why I couldn't go on my own and she said "You can't just send a nineteen year old girl from rural West Virginia to something that big alone." So she talked with Sondra Jackson, Treasurer on the DAWG board, about me wanting to go. Sondra immediately said she wanted to go too.

Prior to the US Social Forum, I went to Philadelphia with Evelyn to meet with American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and speak about getting more youth involved in their work. Evelyn talked to AFSC about how she was trying to find funding for me and Sondra to attend the US Social Forum. Since we are the only poor people's group in West Virginia, we felt it was a necessity for us to attend. AFSC decided to help us by giving us the majority of what it was going to cost for us to go. The Appalachian Action Coalition and individual donors gave us the rest. Thanks to them we got to go to the very first USSF, had a roof over our heads and we had money to eat everyday...Only one thing when were we going to eat or sleep?

There was so much going on, so many people, a lot of workshops, a ton of activities and marches. I lived off of coffee and what ever I could grab and eat on the go. I learned very quickly that trying to eat something that requires silverware and running to catch the MARTA train to the next workshop doesn't work well. For the entire week we got up at 6am, showered left our hotel, caught a shuttle bus to the airport got on the MARTA and went to our first workshop. Then we had to run back to the MARTA to get to the next workshop and returned exhausted late at night. After trying to find a computer and blog every night on Teen DAWG's MySpace, I would go up to the room and crash into bed at about midnight if not later and get up the next morning and do it all again. We were lost all over Atlanta and they ain't lying when they call it Hotlanta it's really hot there.

I went to a lot of workshops. One really sticks in my head. It was by the Welfare Queens. They are amazing. They tell their stories in a way that will get anyone's attention,

keep it and even after they are done you will think about it forever. They taught me to tell my story in a new more powerful way. I plan to teach the teens I work with, here in West Virginia, how to tell their stories. Because telling your story is one of the steps in the revolution and the teens of today will be the ones leading the revolution of tomorrow. If you ever get the chance to go to a workshop or performance of the Welfare Queens go its well worth it.

I met a ton of interesting people working on all kinds of different issues, such as poverty, anti-war, and immigration. There were tons of youth groups and organizations talking about teen issues too. I even met some people talking about the revolution and I don't mean the one when our country was born. I mean the one that is going to happen that will change the world as we know it. The revolution is already in the beginning stages as we change policies and speak out about the injustices we face everyday.

Its coming. I can fill it. One day we will all join together and rise up as one united world. Take the power from those greedy politicians, who look down on us like we are not worthy of their time. Those well-to-do people, that don't give a damn about nothing but themselves and making more money. We will knock them off their high horses and they will watch defenselessly as we take over giving every human being the rights they deserve. The right to true free speech, the right to affordable health-care, the right to affordable housing, the right to a free education, the right to cross borders without being arrested or worse shot. I am ready for the revolution....are you?

The revolution will not be televised so be listening to what's going on around you. And according to a workshop at the US Social Forum the revolution will not be funded. Want proof the revolution won't be televised. How much did you see on the news about the US Social Forum? All I saw was Paris Hilton getting out of jail, who cares? I don't...her getting out of jail is not even remotely important compared to what was going on in Atlanta. The USSF was the first big step to the revolution. There are still a lot of steps to climb but we are well on our way.

I had a lot of fun in Atlanta, learned tons, networked with adults and teens from all over the world, and took the huge dive into the revolution.

You can get in touch with me at [beth@wvdawg.org](mailto:beth@wvdawg.org) or through Teen DAWG's MySpace [www.myspace.com/teendawgwv](http://www.myspace.com/teendawgwv). If you want to know more about the US Social Forum or just want to talk to me about something totally unrelated send me an email. Also if you have a MySpace, add Teen DAWG. We really want to network with as many people as possible that are interested in poverty issues.



# us social forum 2007



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D.A.W.G. is a grassroots group comprised of current and former welfare recipients, low wage workers, people in poverty, and concerned individuals who come together to share information and ideas and to advocate for each other, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Through a unified voice we will be heard. Our purpose is to promote social justice and to empower people living in poverty by providing the knowledge, and the tools to change their lives.

**DAWG Joins Community Shares of WV**

Community Shares is a federated giving organization, which means they provide an easy and efficient means for you to support many local nonprofit organizations at once by making pledges at your workplace. For workplaces with other giving campaigns taking place, this means there is a choice in where to direct charitable dollars. For Shares member organizations, it means they can spend more of their money on accomplishing the difficult and important work of their missions, and less on fundraising.

Community Shares of WV is a cooperative effort of WV progressive non-profit organizations committed to economic, environmental, and social justice.

Find out if your workplace has Community Shares and if so please consider making a gift to DAWG

or one of the many other great organizations. If you don't have Community Shares of WV in your workplace please contact Community Shares WV at (304) 421-0881 to find out how your workplace can participate.

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Online at [www.wvdawg.org](http://www.wvdawg.org) (click on the donate now button)

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