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What is EPIC?

EPIC was formerly RESA 8. We consist of our eight founding/voting counties which include Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, and Pendleton. We also welcomed three new non-voting members: Monongalia County in FY20, WVSDB in FY21 and Tyler County in FY22. RESAs throughout West Virginia were dissolved on June 30,



2018. On July 1, 2018, operations of the Eastern Panhandle Instructional Cooperative (EPIC) commenced. EPIC offers most of the services that RESA 8 provided as well as new services. The main differences are formation, control, and funding. EPIC is a Local Education Agency (LEA) with a unique FEIN. The EPIC accounting process is separate and distinct from our fiscal agent. A governing council controls all aspects of the Cooperative without WVDE oversight.

How can I utilize EPIC's services?

To utilize EPIC's services that are available to you or your county, you may choose one of the following options:

- Petition to become a member of EPIC and pay a \$5.00 per student fee each fiscal year that you are a member. The EPIC Council will then vote to approve/disapprove. Once a member, some services are provided at no cost and others are billed to you for actual expenses.
- Select a service. You will receive an MOU from EPIC detailing our billing structure for that service. Our fee structure begins on page 5.

EPIC Services

The following services are only available in our founding counties (this is due to other cooperatives or state agencies having the program, or the program is county-specific):

> Adult Ed/SPOKES Head Start/Early Head Start Special Needs Transportation WV Public Service Training WV Birth to Three

These services are available to member counties, non-member counties, the community, and individuals:

Administrative Assistant Services (floating temp) Adolescent Health & Wellness Trainings Bus Operator Training Cyber Bullying/Media Safety Trainings Employment Services IT Support/Computer Repair Foreign Language Interpreters Foreign Language Document Translators Graphic Design Services Medicaid Billing Notary Services Staff Development/Mentoring Substitute Teacher Training/Certification Systems Engineer WV Teacher Certification

EPIC's Fee Structure per Service

Administrative Assistant Services:

- Member counties will be billed actual expenses, based on an hourly rate of \$15.00.
- Non-member counties will be billed an hourly rate of \$15.00 plus fringes, any travel expenses, and a 10% admin fee.
- Based on availability of admins.

Adolescent Health/Wellness Trainings:

- Included in membership
- Non-member fee includes travel expenses for the trainer and a 10% admin fee

Bus Operator Training:

- Member counties are billed for actual expenses for trainers and examiners.
- Non-member counties are billed for actual expenses and a 10% admin fee.

Cyber Bullying/Media Safety Trainings:

- Included in membership
- Non-member fee includes travel expenses for the trainer and a 10% admin fee

Employment Services (see page 13 for details):

- Member counties are billed for actual expenses.
- Non-member counties are billed for actual expenses and a 10% admin fee.

Foreign Language Document Translators:

- Member counties are billed for actual expenses based on an hourly rate.
- Non-member counties are billed for actual expenses based on an hourly rate, travel expenses, and a 10% admin fee.

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Foreign Language Interpreters:

- Member counties are billed for actual expenses based on an hourly rate.
- Non-member counties are billed for actual expenses based on an hourly rate, travel expenses, and a 10% admin fee.

Graphic Design Services:

- Member counties will be billed actual expenses based on an hourly rate of \$35.
- Non-member counties will be billed on an hourly rate of \$35, fringes, any travel expenses, and a 10% admin fee.

IT Support and Computer Repair (see page 13 for services available):

- Included in membership. Any member county that would join and requires travel outside of a designated radius, or an overnight stay, will be responsible for travel expenses.
- Non-member counties are billed at an hourly rate (TBD), travel expenses, and a 10% admin fee.

Medicaid Billing:

- Member counties are billed for actual expenses with no admin fee.
- Non-member counties are billed for actual expenses, travel expenses, and a 10% admin fee.

Notary Services:

• Available to the public for a \$5 fee

Substitute Teacher Training:

• Available to any potential WV Sub Teacher candidate. A selfpaced, online class with enrollment at any time. Approved by the WVDE. \$150.00

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Staff Development and Mentoring Services:

- Member counties will be billed on a daily rate (to be determined), fringes, and travel expenses for the provider
- Non-member counties will be billed on a daily rate (to be determined), fringes, travel expenses, and a 10% admin fee.
- Based on availability of mentors/providers.

Systems Engineer:

• See tiered fee structure and services offered on page 8. Travel expenses are additional.

West Virginia Teacher Certification:

- Free Service for WV Teachers/New Teachers
- If a county needs assistance processing West Virginia Teacher Certifications, please contact Shannon Johnson, Human Resources Director.



EPIC Systems Engineer Annual Contract Pricing

TIER	# Hours	Cost Per Hour	Up Front Cost	Notes/Explanation	
Platinum	Unlimited	\$0.00	\$20,000	Unlimited access to Walt's services for 1 year, paid up front	
Diamond	135+	\$65.00/hr above 135 hours	\$10,125	135 hours prepaid at \$75.00 per hour/\$65 per hour over 135 hours then billed monthly	
Gold	80+	\$75.00/hr above 80 hours	\$6,800	80 hours prepaid at \$85/hour, and \$75/hour over 80 hours then billed monthly	
Silver	40+	\$85/hr above 40 hours	\$4,000	40 hours prepaid at \$100/hour, and \$85.00/hr over 40 hours then billed monthly	
Bronze	Unlimited	\$100/hr	\$0.00	Unlimited access to Walt's services, billed monthly at \$100/hr	

NON-MEMBER COUNTIES/A LA CARTE					
TIER	TIER # Hours Cost Per Hour Up Front Cost Notes/Explanation		Notes/Explanation		
Platinum	Unlimited	\$0.00	\$25,000	Unlimited access to Walt's services for 1 year, paid up front	
Diamond	135+	\$100.00/hr above 135 hours	\$14,850	135 hours prepaid at \$110.00 per hour/\$100 per hour over 135 hours then billed monthly	
Gold	80+	\$110.00/hr above 80 hours	\$9,600	80 hours prepaid at \$120/hour, and \$110/hour over 80 hours then billed monthly	
Silver	40+	\$120/hr above 40 hours	\$5,400	40 hours prepaid at \$135/hour, and \$120.00/hr over 40 hours then billed monthly	
Bronze	Unlimited	\$135/hr	\$0.00	Unlimited access to Walt's services, billed monthly at \$135/hr	

Services offered are state-wide:

- Server installation and troubleshooting
- Advanced active directory setup and maintenance
- System disaster recovery planning and implementation
- Server and switch setup and configuration
- VMware vsphere virtual desktop setup, configuration and troubleshooting
- VMware vsphere virtual server installs, management and troubleshooting
- Microsoft Hyper-V infrastructure installation, configuration, management and troubleshooting
- Datacenter Storage installation and maintenance
- Training for technicians

EPIC's Description of IT Support Services

IT Support Service	Notes
Router Support	Maintain the routers in the schools in the region. This includes installing, configuring, troubleshooting and repairing them.
Monitor Data Networks and contact ISP with issues	Check the status of the circuits daily and when issues arise, I contact the county and the Internet Service Provider when needed. I go onsite when needed to troubleshoot and work with the Internet Service Providers.
Troubleshoot Networks Routers/Switches	Assist the counties with troubleshooting their networks when needed. Viruses and rogue equipment and other issues can cause networks to crash internally.
Work with State Network Engineers on networks	Work closely with WVDE staff to troubleshoot networks when necessary, upgrades and configuration changes.
County Contact Assistance	Assist county contacts with any issues they need; servers, VPN, HVAC, Library Software, etc.
WVEIS Installs and Support	On-site support (and remote support) when troubleshooting WVEIS issues related to installation, printing and configuration.
WVEIS Help Desk	Reset passwords, assign menus and printers, provide printing and FormsPrint assistance, download data for photographers and upload to secure sites.
Maintain computers, printers and devices for all programs associated with EPIC	Maintain all of the equipment in the EPIC Office, as well as Head Start facilities and Adult Ed/SPOKES classrooms.
Server Support	In office servers and NAS for PST. Backups are done nightly to off-site facility
Webmaster	Maintain the EPIC Website information and user/employee permissions
Building Security System Management	Maintain the EPIC building security system, badges, cameras on server
Efile System Administration	Medicaid, EPIC, Birth to Three and IT Support use an electronic file system to store data in a cloud based system for long periods of time. The data is accessible through a portal.
Manage Secure Drawer for EPIC and County Use	Secure drawer is a cloud based service for uploading and retrieving large amounts of data securely.
eWalk Support	Manage consortium billing, create templates, training and assistance for classroom walkthrough software.
SearchSoft (Teach in WV Application System)	Manage consortium billing, and provide support to all participating West Virginia counties and applicants.
Email/Webtop Support	Manage email addresses and access for all EPIC employees.
Documentation	Keep all projects and information documented in a OneNote Notebook.
ListServ	Maintain the listservs for EPIC
Google Classroom	Administer G-Suite and Google Classroom for EPIC Programs.

Adolescent Health

Formal work with the Adolescent Health Initiative (AHI) began in 1988. Introduction of the developmental asset principles of SEARCH Institute brought about a change in the mission in 1993. The Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health funds a dedicated network of eight regional Adolescent Health Coordinators across the State of West Virginia. The Initiative is designed to introduce, develop, train, and provide needed technical assistance to youth, parents, teachers, health care professionals, other regional networks, and civic groups with focused attention on improving adolescent health indicators while building asset-rich communities.



For more information contact Leah Daniel, Adolescent Health Coordinator:

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www.epicresa8.org/ adolescenthealth Our mission is to support community collaborative efforts designed to develop the assets youth need to thrive and become successful across the State of West Virginia.

The Adolescent Health Coordinator facilitates collaborative efforts that increase the assets that young West Virginians need to grow into healthy and responsible adults, and functions to improve the collective health of West Virginia's adolescents, thus enabling them to reach their fullest potential. The goal of this program is to:

- 1. Reduce the percentage of students who had ever been bullied on school property during the last 12 months.
- 2. Reduce the percentage of adolescents, ages 12 through 17, who are bullied or who bully others.
- 3. Reduce the percentage of students who had ever been electronically bullied during the past 12 months.
- 4. Reduce the percentage of students who seriously consider, attempt, or complete suicide.
- 5. Increase the proportion of adolescents who are connected to a parent or other adult caregiver.
- 6. Increase awareness of controlled substance use among children ages 5-11.
- 7. Reduce the percentage of youth who currently smoke cigarettes (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey).
- 8. Reduce the percentage of youth who currently use electronic vapor products (including e-cigarettes, vapes, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods).

Adult Education and SPOKES

Adult Education (AE) is a vital link in the continuing educational process, serving adult students sixteen (16) years of age or older at all educational levels. These courses include preparation for the high school equivalency assessment, improving basic skills, literacy development, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and special topics classes. The Adult Education Program works closely with Literacy Volunteers of the Eastern Panhandle, Inc. to address adult literacy needs in the region.

In addition to the traditional Adult Education Program, we also offer Strategic Planning in Occupational Knowledge for Employment and Success (SPOKES) courses at some of our locations. SPOKES is a year-round adult education program consisting of work-based academics and job preparation skills offered through a contract between the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) Office of Adult Education and Workforce Development and the Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), in collaboration with the Region 7 Workforce Development Board. This program provides classes with daily activities that address academic skills and "soft skills" necessary for adults to pursue and retain gainful employment.

Programs we offer:

High School Equivalency & Beyond

Career Readiness Skills (SPOKES)

English for Speakers of Other Languages

West Virginia Works

Literacy Volunteers of the Eastern Panhandle

Licensed Practical Nurse Prep Course

Workplace Education Information



Bus Operator Training

The EPIC County Bus Operator Training Program works with the member counties to orchestrate the training of county bus operators.

Each county has their own procedures and interested individuals should contact their local transportation director for this information. EPIC receives the list of bus operator trainees the counties select, and only those selected trainees are eligible to participate.

For more information contact Tammy Albright:

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Hollen, J.R.	Jefferson County Transportation	304-725-7664
Johnson, Tim	Pendleton County Schools	304-358-2207
Liller, Brian	Mineral County Schools	304-788-4210
Painter, Tammy	Morgan County Schools	304-258-2430
See, J. W.	Hampshire County Schools	304-496-1504
See, Josh	Hardy County Schools	304-530-2348
Sowers, Josh	Berkeley County Schools	304-267-3575
VanMeter, Mike	Grant County Schools	304-257-4881

Cyberbullying and Media Safety

Before you post... always THINK!!! T - is it true? H - is it hurtful? I - is it illegal? N - is it necessary? K - is it kind?

EPIC will provide a multitude of training opportunities for students and staff relating to cyberbullying, media safety, sexting, and digital footprints. For more information contact Leah Daniel, Adolescent Health Coordinator:

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Employment Services

Several EPIC counties already utilize this service. A benefit of using this service could be a cost savings to your county depending on the position you are hiring. We can hire part-time or full-time staff for you. All EPIC employees are at-will. We do not give yearly contracts as school systems do. Employment can be terminated at any time, without notice, by either party. Here is how it works:

- You contact the EPIC Administrator and request that we post a job for you.
- You will need to provide information such as salary, number of days employed, requirements, etc.
- We post for a minimum of five days.
- Names of candidates will be sent to you, you will interview, and send the name of the candidate you choose back to EPIC.
- We will go through the new hire paperwork process at EPIC.
- You will be billed monthly for all expenses (salary/benefits/ travel, supplies).
- Non-member counties also pay a 10% admin fee.



For more information contact Sherry Barnett, EPIC Administrator:

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IT Support Services

The IT Support Program provides a wide variety of support and repair services to the EPIC Region.

For more information contact Jill Woolcock, IT Manager:

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www.epicresa8.org/ itsupport Our IT Manager, Jill Woolcock, works out of the College Street office and maintains the equipment in the EPIC main office, as well as the Head Start facilities and Adult Education/SPOKES facilities. Support is also provided to member counties for programs including eWalk, Unified Talent, and WVEIS.

gl EPIC has a full-time Systems Engineer, Walt Corley, that is available to any county in the state on a contracted basis. EPIC requires an MOU or other agreement for payment prior to work being completed by the Systems Engineer. His services include server

virtualization installation and support, hardware and software installation, consulting, System Center Configuration Manager installation, configuration and support.

EPIC can provide assistance in person or remotely via phone, email, Microsoft Remote Desktop, Microsoft Teams and/or Quick Assist.



Head Start/Early Head Start



Our mission is...

- To provide high-quality services to Eastern Panhandle children and families in child development, health, social services, and parent involvement.
- To encourage and support the development of staff professionalism and teamwork.
- To involve families and the community in the design and operation of our program, and to carry out that program in ways that are cost-effective and meet community needs.
- To serve as a model of excellence beginning with prenatal education continuing through early childhood development.



For more information contact Heidi Bach-Arvin, HS/PK/EHS Director:

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Program contacts:

Tri-County HS - Jennifer Bennett, 304-267-3595, ext. 143 Tri-County HS - Abigail Kerns, 304-267-3595, ext. 145

Berkeley County EHS - Megan Holben, 304-754-3031 Jefferson County EHS - Anna Thurston, 304-724-9188 Morgan County EHS - Karen Mulholland, 681-343-0108

HS/EHS Administration Assistant - Kendra Brooks, 304-267-3528

Head Start/Early Head Start



Early Head Start is a free home-based program designed to help low income families with infants & toddlers (up to 3 years of age) and pregnant women. Parent educators come to participants' homes weekly for 90 minute education sessions. Families gather twice a month for playgroups and are connected with a variety of resources and services based on their individual needs.

EHS with Dr. Sarah Moerschel, formerly with WVU Center for Diabetes and Metabolic Health, have developed and implemented the "Healthy Habits" curriculum. The curriculum, providing introductions to new foods, family activity ideas and self care strategies, is included as part of the weekly home visits. Families have enjoyed expanding their menu ideas, sharing pictures with their home visitor after preparing the recipes on their own.

"We love having our weekly meetings. We could honestly do more than once a week because we absolutely love our teacher!" What our Early Head Start families are saying:

e /	"I am really appreciative of how much our home visitor has helped navigate our toddlers new emotions and development."	"Our home visitor has become family. She is amazing."	"I love how much our daughter has grown over time with this program."
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What our Head Start families are saying:

"The teachers were excellent and really helped my child." "The hands on activities and the parent involvement were two aspects that stood out in the classroom."

"Great communication between teachers and parents. The wonderful support system for our children." "Helped the parents (especially non English speaking) and the love and attention to the kids."

Head Start/Pre-Kindergarten is a collaborative effort of parents, staff, and community partners that provides quality early childhood education for young children as well as services for families. Many training opportunities are provided both for families and staff to support individual family and program goals.

The prenatal through 5 program is built on the participation of parents. Policy Council (one of the two governing bodies) members are elected annually from enrolled families. This council is responsible for directing our program's plans for the future.



Medicaid Reimbursement

WV Code 18-2-5b authorizes the EPIC school districts to participate and submit claims for Medicaid Reimbursement via the following services:

Audiological Services Targeted Case Management Occupational Therapy Personal Care Physical Therapy Psychological Evaluations and Counseling Specialized Nursing Services Specialized Transportation Speech Language Therapy For more information contact Ramona Beddow, Medicaid Billing Agent:

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Participation in the program requires meeting specific criteria and following guidelines as provided by the WV Department of Education, Office of Special Education, in coordination with the Bureau for Medical Services, Health Care Financing Agency and WV Department of Health and Human Resources.

The state and federal Medicaid program has instituted a cost settlement system that results in a county's accrued reimbursements and the cost of providing services being compared and reconciled through several elements on an

Substitute Teacher Training



WV Birth to Three



WV Birth to Three is an early intervention program for children ages zero to three who have a delay in their development or may be at risk for delay. Services are provided by a multidisciplinary team of licensed professionals, Developmental Specialists and Service Coordinators. All services are provided in the child's natural environment at no cost to the family

Our mission is to partner with families and caregivers to build upon their strengths by offering coordination, supports, and resources to enhance children's learning and development.

Key Principles

- 1. Infants and toddlers learn best within trusting relationships and through participation in every day experiences.
- 2. All families, with responsive and individualized supports and resources, can enhance their children's learning and development.
- 3. The primary role of practitioners and service coordinators is to partner with and coach family members and caregivers in meeting children's needs.
- 4. The early intervention process reflects the preferences, learning styles, cultural beliefs, and changing needs of each child and family.
- 5. The needs and priorities of children and families are the basis of functional and measurable individualized family service plan outcomes.
- 6. Teams communicate and collaborate effectively to meet the changing needs of child and family.
- 7. Approaches to support children and families are founded on evidence based practices, best available research, and relevant laws and regulations.

For more information contact Lori Lawson, Birth to Three Director:

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WV Public Service Training UBLIC SERLIC

West Virginia Public Service Training - Martinsburg, or WVPST, is the umbrella term for a group of programs ST VIRGIAL related to maintaining the health, safety, and well-being of the general public including but not limited to Firefighting, Emergency Medical Services, and Law Enforcement.

How important is West Virginia Public Service Training? Well, the next time you pass an automobile accident, house fire, or medical emergency, there is a good chance that the person responding to the incident has received some or all of his/her training from the West Virginia Public Service Training program. To bring it even closer to home, if the unfortunate victim of one of these emergencies is you or a loved one, you can only hope that the responder has received the best training possible!



For more information contact Jamie Weller, **Public Service Training Regional Coordinator:**

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Some of our available classes:

Fire Fighter 1 Modular Fire Fighter 1 Fire Fighter 2 Hazardous Materials Awareness Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations Hazardous Materials Technician **Driver Operator - Pumper Driver Operator Aerial** Modular Driver - Operator Fire Officer 1 Fire Officer 2 **Emergency Vehicle Operations Rescue Core Prerequisites** Vehicle Rescue **Rope Rescue** Swiftwater & Surface Water Rescue **Trench Rescue Confined Space Rescue** ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System Fireground Survival & Rapid Intervention Teams **Rural Water Movement** First Aid CPR **Fire Investigation Traffic Incident Management Emergency Medical Technician Emergency Medical Responder Emergency Services Instructor**

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Kendra	Brooks	Administrative Assistant - Head Start	113	304.267.3528
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