

# In and Around the CDC

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## THIS IS HOW WE GROW !



The Children's Center for Autism (CCA) continues to experience remarkable growth both within the CCA program and with the children and families served. While we were busy preparing for the expansion of the program to a second therapy center in Bedford County, doubling our staff and making changes to the Bedford County Shelbyville facility, we have been pleased to have children grow with us and graduate to kindergarten. Graduation is always the aim and a proud moment for us and the graduates. We have grown in many ways in the last two and a half years and we can't wait to see what this year will bring!



Children's reading nook.



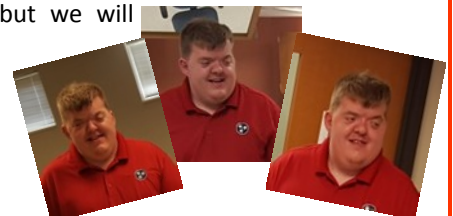
The new playroom at Bedford County Shelbyville facility.

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Our IT intern, Daryl Graham, recently accepted a position in the tech support office of a large company in Chapel Hill. Thank you, Daryl, for generously giving us 18 months of your time and expertise. We will miss you and your can-do attitude, but we will especially miss your great smile!



# Annual Staff In-Service

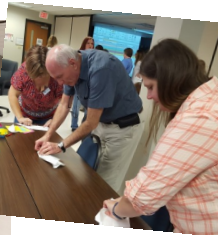
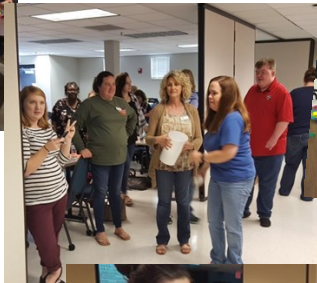


Community Development Center's Annual In-Service took place on September 28th this year. The event was held at the Maury County Health Department where staff heard a workplace safety presentation by Lt. Wilkerson of the Shelbyville Police Department. After lunch, employees were able to break into teams and enjoy competing in spirited, office-style Olympic games, using gear such as paper airplanes, rubber bands, and office chairs.

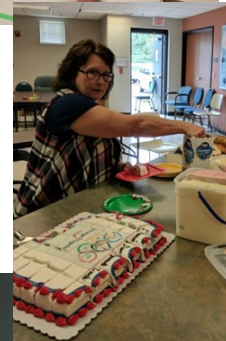


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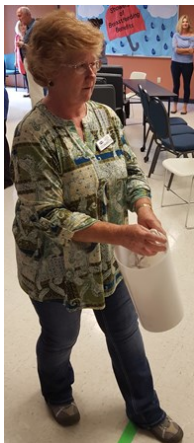
**FOCUS**



**FAMILY**



**YUMMY CAKE !**



**SMILES !**





# 27th Pencil Country Classic Hits A Hole-In-One!



From left to right: Aimee Cox, Newton Ford and the State Farm Team, Cort Huffman, Andy Brantley, who shot a hole-in-one, Rob Gardner and Tyler Gill. On the far right is David Pitner, golf chairperson.

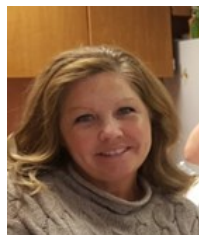
The River Bend Country Club in Shelbyville hosted the 27th Annual Pencil Country Classic Golf Tournament on Monday, September 17th. Andy Brantley of the State Farm team made a hole-in-one to win a 2018 Ford F150 from Newton Ford. The golf tournament is a huge part of our continuing to provide support to the families we serve through CDC's Early Intervention program. We are very grateful to the many supporters of this annual event.

## Welcome Early Intervention Staff!

**Rachel Koonce** earned her Master's degree in Early Childhood Education before joining the Early Childhood program. She tells us that perseverance is her best quality. Rachel loves to attend fitness classes and shop. She and her husband also share space with Simba the cat.



**Barb Hall's** creative side is apparent in her love of painting and decorating. She also joins the Early Childhood program as an Early Interventionist working with children from birth to three. Barb is very proud of her children and shares her daughter's interest in tennis.



## Happy Birthday!

### October

Becky Jamison	3
Kelly Holt	15
Shay King	17

### November

Felicia Martinez	2
Heather Brown	15
Lori Wade	17
Beth Besse	27
Teah Obeidalla	30

### December

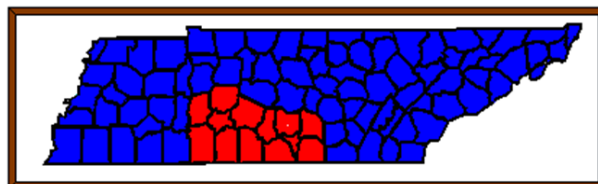
Anita Teague	14
Katie Fletcher	14
Christy Jensen	16
Amanda Bratton	20
Leslie Throneberry	30
Amanda McCall	31

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### Community Development Center

#### Mission Statement

Providing supports and services to children, families and individuals with disabilities, while addressing the health and well-being of all persons in the communities in which we serve.



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# Look Who's Joined the CCA Family!

**Lex Robinson** returns to the CCA program as an ABA Supervising Therapist, having completed her Master's degree in Applied Behavior Analysis. Lex enjoys soccer, board games, and her two fur-babies. Glad to have you return to CCA!



**Crystal Bentley** is a Predators' fan but they take second place to going to watch her children play sports of any kind. Crystal is proud of her family and loves spending time with them. It is great to have you on the CCA team!



We are pleased that **Hannah Turner** decided to join our CCA program. She is very proud to be attending the Motlow State Community College and we are proud to have her on the CCA team.



**Jennifer Thomason** has returned to the CCA program. We are more than happy she has rejoined the team. We want to say 'Welcome back, Jennifer!' Your skills will definitely add to the expansion of CCA.



**Mickey Brueland**, originally hired as an Early Interventionist, has successfully made the transition to the CCA program. We know you'll be a great asset to the team at CCA!



**Kat Fletcher's** optimism is just one of her many great qualities. She tells us she enjoys outdoor activities, but is also happy to be quietly reading. We welcome Kat to the CCA team!



The Shelbyville office of Independent Support Coordinators held their annual Advisory Board on October 5th. Participants eagerly learned about the voting process and practiced on actual voting machines. Advisory Board members learned about Tennessee's voter rights and were then able to complete voter registration applications. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed pizza and door prizes.





# Translation Made Easy



Cecilia Melo-Romie (pictured left) made the most of her time on a recent visit to Shelbyville when she made plans to attend the Children's Center for Autism Open House and also made an appointment to meet with Rosa Quevedo Arellano. Cecilia helped Rosa fill out a Family Support application for her son and to serve as interpreter when Rosa related the services her son needs.

We get calls every week for Family Support services and thanks to the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center and Tennessee Disability Pathfinder, when a family contacts us and they don't speak English, help with interpretation is just a phone call or email away. Cecilia Melo-Romie is the Department of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Liaison/Statewide Multicultural Outreach Coordinator, a big title that matches her big heart and generous smile! Cecilia has worked with Vanderbilt for ten years and is instrumental in helping the Family Support Program serve our non-English speaking families. Cecilia not only serves as interpreter on a phone call, but she translates our forms, helps families fill them out, and she makes sure they get all the necessary documentation sent in with their application for services. Over the years, Cecilia has also worked with the Family Support Program to get informational pieces about the Program written in Spanish.

Cecilia works with Pathfinder's Multicultural Program, which is designed to help those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds access disability resources and information. A goal of the program is to reach out to the Spanish-speaking families in the rural communities of Tennessee, which is exactly the area the CDC Family Support Program serves. We are excited to work with Cecilia to reach out to the families in our area, making sure they are aware of the services available to those with disabilities. Included in the program is a state-wide online database for Spanish-speaking individuals, which covers disability issues and mental health and social services. The data base can be found at [CaminoSeguro.org](http://CaminoSeguro.org).

To learn more about the Tennessee Disability Pathfinder check out their website at: <https://vkc.mc.vanderbilt.edu/vkc/pathfinder>.

## CDC Anniversaries

Glenda Griffin	25 years
Sandra Faulkner-Markley	19 years
Christy Jensen	13 years
Sue Long	10 years
Renee Reed	8 years
Jennifer Williams	4 years
Amanda Bratton	4 years
Rhonda Green	3 years

Alicia Brown recently graduated from McGavock Comprehensive High School and is currently training with Project Search at the Embassy Suites in Nashville. She plans to further her education by attending college as an art major. Alicia has a bright future and we wish her the very best.



# ISC Columbia Office Has Moved

The Community Development Center's Columbia team of Independent Support Coordinators/ECF CHOICES Counselors recently moved to 1412 Trotwood Avenue, Suite 13 in the Neely's Mill Shopping Center. You may contact them by phone at 931-840-4330 or email the office at [iscofcdc@cdctn.org](mailto:iscofcdc@cdctn.org).

## Welcome Back!

We are delighted to welcome Holly Shadix back to the Columbia ISC team. Holly is an experienced Independent Support Coordinator who has twice received the Linda Maurer award which is given by TASC, the Tennessee Alliance of Support Coordinators to the ISC who best exhibits excellence in the practice of ISC services for those served under Tennessee's waiver program.



In a three-way tie, Shay King, second from left, presented Glenda Griffin, Sheri Vaughn, and Nicole Pinard (front row, left to right) with the Quality Assurance Management Award for Independent Support Coordinators in recognition of individual commitment to continuous quality. The award was presented at the CDC's Annual In-Service in September. Rhonda Green, Program Manager is pictured in the back row.

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## It's Kind of A Big DEAL !

The 5th Annual Disability Employment Awareness Luncheon (DEAL) held on Thursday, October 25th at Music City Center, Nashville, is the biggest disability employment event in Tennessee. This event brings together stakeholders from nonprofit, government, and business to increase awareness about and commitment to Employment First as a very sustainable business policy and to raise money in support of Disability Rights Tennessee's (DRT) legal advocacy and policy initiatives. Executive Director Anita Teague, ISC/ECF CHOICES Program Manager Rhonda Green, and Employment Services Coordinator Travis Rollins attended the event.

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