

THE CDC CORNER

OUR MISSION

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.



CDC Annual Inservice

The Community Development Center Annual Inservice was a blast! Once a year, our staff gathers together as a whole to attend annual training, catch up, and fellowship with one another.



This year we soaked up the late September sun at the beautiful Henry Horton State Park. We are looking forward to enjoying yet another wonderful year at the CDC!

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HOLIDAYS

November	Epilepsy Awareness Month
November 7-11	International Stress Awareness Week
November 14	World Diabetes Day
December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
January	Braille Literacy Month
January 4	World Braille Day
January 24	Moebius Syndrome Awareness Day
January 30	Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Awareness Day

Local Happenings

Bedford County:

5th Annual Holiday Nights of Lights | 6 - 9pm on Nov. 24th-26th; Dec. 1st-3rd, 8th-10th, 15th-17th, 20th-22nd, & 26th at the Bedford County Fairgrounds

Coffee County:

67th Tullahoma Christmas Parade | 7pm on Friday, Dec. 1st at 135 W Lincoln Street, Tullahoma, TN 37388

Davidson County:

Leiper's Fork Christmas Parade | 2pm on Saturday, Dec. 9th at Leiper's Fork Village, Old Hillsboro Road, Franklin, TN 37064

Franklin County:

Second Annual Rudolph Run - Family 5K | 7:30am - 12pm on Saturday, Dec. 9th at Downtown Winchester, TN

Giles County:

Pulaski Christmas Parade | 5 - 7:30pm on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 110 North 2nd Street, Pulaski, TN 38478

Hickman County:

Christmas Tree Lighting Festival | 4:30 - 8pm on Saturday, Nov. 25th at the Centerville Town Square

Christmas Parade | 6:30 - 7:10pm on Thursday, Dec. 7th at the Historic Downtown Centerville Public Square

Lawrence County:

68th Annual Lawrence County Christmas Parade | 5pm on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at Downtown Lawrenceburg

Lewis County:

Christmas in Hohenwald | Dec. 8th, 9th, 15th, & 16th at Hohenwald, TN 38462

Lincoln County:

Lincoln County Breakfast with Santa | 8 - 11am on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at Lincoln County High School

Marshall County:

Town of Cornersville Main Street Christmas | 11am on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at Town of Cornersville

Maury County:

37th Annual Columbia Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting | 6pm on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 8 Public Square, Columbia, TN 38401

Moore County:

Breakfast with Santa | 8-11am on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 101 Main Street, Lynchburg, TN 37352

Rutherford County:

Murfreesboro Christmas Parade | 2pm on Sunday, Dec. 10th at Historic Downtown Square

Williamson County:

Franklin Christmas Parade | 2 - 3:30pm on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 207 East Main Street, Franklin, Tennessee 37064



Bedford Golf Tournament

What a beautiful day for golf! Thirty teams joined the Community Development Center for two exciting rounds of golf at River Bend Country Club in Shelbyville, TN on September 18th in honor of the 32nd Annual Pencil Country Golf Classic. During the tournament, Cort Huffman was recognized and presented with the Jim Grider Award. Detective Carol Jean was also recognized and honored with the Bo Melson Award.



Thanks to our Corporate Sponsors, United Communications and Albea, for helping make this truly spectacular event possible! Our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation goes out to the sponsors, teams, and volunteers who contributed to the benefit of the Bedford County Child Development Center and Children's Center for Autism.



Early Intervention



Early Intervention staff members had a wonderful time participating in the Children's Health Fair at South Central Human Resource Agency on Saturday, July 29th! Not only did they perform health screenings for children in Lincoln County ages birth to 5, but vision and auditory screenings, car seat safety checks, and dietary and dental checks too!

TRICK
OR
TREAT

Our EI staff also joined the Coffee County Community Baby Shower in Manchester, TN on Saturday, Sept. 30th where they offered newborn supplies to over 50 "expecting Moms, Dads, and 'new' parents"!

Our Early Intervention staff looked "fa-BOO-lous" for their October staff meeting!



Margaret Lytle Morin, a former staff member of the Child Development Center, passed from this life on June 26, 2023. She was a lovely, caring and sensitive instructor in our Early Intervention program and was loved by all the children she worked with. Our heartfelt condolences go out to her family and loved ones during this difficult time.



Mark your calendars for OUR calendars! Our Giles County Early Intervention Annual Calendar Fundraiser begins in November. Call us at (931) 684-9203 to get your very own!

The Children's Center for Autism

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Halloween can always be a tricky holiday. We recommend starting small. Practice wearing the costume for a few minutes at a time. Then practice walking around the area you plan on trick-or-treating. It may be helpful to plan to only do a couple of houses, and then take a break.



Looking to help support the CCA program?

Here is a list of possible donation items that CCA uses on a daily basis to help support our kids:

Laminating Paper | Velcro | Multi-Colored Construction Paper | Glue | Washable Paint | Sensory Bin Items like: dry rice, dry beans, dry pasta, playdoh, cornstarch, bubble wrap, sand, colorful fish rocks. etc.



We sure do love our amazing CCA staff!



Independent Support Coordination/TN Strong Families

BIG NEWS!!!!

Sue was a friendly and outgoing person. She had a big smile, and a contagious positive attitude. Sue passed away on August 15th surrounded by loved ones.



ISC is now a Tennessee Strong Families provider.

What is TN Strong Families? Glad you asked!

In partnership with the Department of Children's Services, DIDD is leveraging its expertise in providing supports to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to increase service options for children with IDD in state custody.

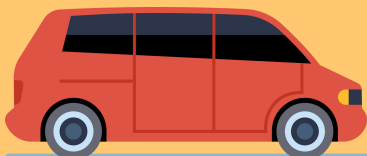
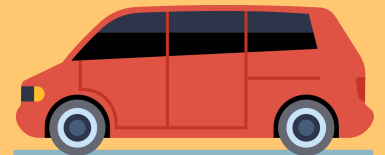
To learn more about the TN Strong Families Program you can scan the QR code or visit: tn.gov/didd/tsf



Family Support

A GIFT FROM THE HEART

In the midst of tragedy, the family of a young lady who lost both parents in a car accident, reached out to the Family Support Program wanting to give an accessible van to a family who could use it. The young lady, Hannah Peels, is a former client of the CDC Early Intervention and Family Support programs. The van had been a gift to her parents. The Coordinator immediately thought of this precious young lady, Keely Duck. Her family's only vehicle was a pick-up truck, so when they made their numerous trips to Vanderbilt, Keely had to come out of her chair for the ride, and a stroller was put in the back of the truck to use for her appointments - her wheelchair was just too heavy for mom to lift. The Duck family says they will forever be grateful to Hannah and her family for showing such generosity and compassion at a time when their hearts were broken.



Employment Services

SUCCESS STORY!

The Employment Services Team is busier than ever! The start of the 2023-2024 school year has increased Pre-Employment Transition Services across the CDC's area. The ES team has been hard at work to continue to grow Pre-ETS, aiming to add more schools in Bedford, Hickman, and Coffee counties, as well as add in services in Giles and possibly Lawrence counties. Additionally, the Community Development Center is now a provider of the new MAPs (Medicaid Alternative Pathways to Independence) program for the DIDD! In MAPs, the ES team will work with transition-age youth to help them meet goals of independence at home, in the community, and at work, specifically with the use of Enabling Technology.

The Employment Services team began working with Kyle in June 2023 for our Pre-Employment Transition Services summer program. We met with Kyle weekly at our office in Pulaski. Kyle has limited verbal communication, but uses some signs to communicate with others.

Kyle's mom expressed interest in helping Kyle identify his career interests. With verbal communication being a potential barrier, we wanted to make sure to customize our instruction and utilize technology to allow Kyle to express his interests and explore what careers he may be interested in. Through picture interest inventories and virtual job exploration activities, Kyle displayed a strong interest in stocking and cleaning. Kyle was able to use technology to show me and his mom what work tasks he thought he would enjoy and possible locations for work, such as grocery stores and schools.

Once we identified that Kyle had a strong interest in stocking and cleaning, we were able to have him practice work-related skills found in those career areas. Using picture task lists and prompts, Kyle practiced stocking and organizing grocery items, washing dishes, washing clothes, and other cleaning tasks. Kyle used his AAC device and body language to express excitement in each task, and he excelled in every area!

Senior Equipment Loan

A Year in the Life of SEL!

FRANKLIN

Here's what we loaned in each of the counties we serve this year!

COFFEE

- 1 8 ft Wheelchair Ramp
- 1 Shower Chair
- 1 Walker

LINCOLN

- 1 Lift Chair
- 1 Rollator
- 1 Wheelchair

MARSHALL

- 1 Rollator
- 1 Shower Chair
- 1 Wheelchair

BEDFORD

- 1 6 ft Wheelchair Ramp
- 1 8 ft Wheelchair Ramp
- 1 Toilet Seat Cover

MOORE

- 1 Potty Chair
- 1 Shower Bench
- 1 Toilet Seat Riser
- 1 Wheelchair

MAURY

GILES

- 2 Walkers
- 2 Wheelchairs
- 3 Rollators
- 2 Lift Chairs

Are you a senior in need of durable medical equipment? Do you live in one of the above counties? Please reach out to us at (931) 684-8681 with any inquiries.

Welcome to the Team!

Amiey Bisig
Shena Tomlin
Makayla Jordan
Brooke Hickman

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Early Intervention

August 7
August 14
September 25
October 17

Staff Spotlight

Learn all about Early Interventionist Danielle Dorey!

1. What was your favorite book to read/movie to watch during your childhood?

I loved the Heartland book series!

2. What is your favorite part about working at the CDC?

Having such supportive and caring coworkers and supervisors. I also love being a positive and helpful resource for the families I work with every day!

3. Describe your dream vacation!

To visit Bora Bora and stay in one of those huts on the water.

4. What's one thing people don't know about you that they would be surprised to find out?

That I am a survivor, and was able to start a new life in Tennessee free from what was holding me back.

5. Do you have a hidden talent? What is it?

My family calls me the dog whisperer! They call me with all medical and behavioral problems.

6. What advice would you give to someone who wants to enter your job position?

Go in with no judgement, an open mind, and a kind heart.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Heather Brown	November 15
Beth Besse	November 27
Teah Obeidalla	November 30
Anita Teague	December 14
Kat Roland-Crick	December 14
Cassidy Thurman	December 15
Christy Jensen	December 16
David Fosbinder	December 18
Amanda Bratton	December 20
Lisa Fields	December 29
Janeth Quevedo	December 30
Leslie Throneberry	December 30
Amanda McCall	December 31
Shinar Hurd-Smith	January 9
Martha Baker	January 17
Dani Dorey	January 17
Catherine Emerson	January 21
Lauren Bean	January 24
Amiey Bisig	January 25
Rachel Rudolf	January 28
Tiffany Stephens	January 30



Read All About It!

Come and join us at our Annual Breakfast with Santa in Lincoln County on Saturday, December 2nd at Lincoln County High School! Enjoy a yummy breakfast, fun games, and the chance to take a photo with Santa Claus!

Tickets are \$5.



Contact Us

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Community Rewards Program

HAPPY Anniversary DAY

November

Tiffany Stephens	Administration	4 years
Christy Jensen	Family Support	18 years
Sue Long	EI	15 years
Kelli LaFont	ES	5 years

December

Amanda Bratton	ISC	9 years
Tiffany Ward	EI	1 year
Meghan Messick	ES	1 year

January

Tabatha Norton	Administration	5 years
Teah Obeidalla	CCA	7 years



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