

THE CDC CORNER



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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

What a beautiful day for golf! Over 20 teams joined the Community Development Center at the 25th Annual Helping Hands Golf Classic for an exciting round of golf at Saddle Creek Golf Club in Lewisburg, TN on May 18th. Thanks to our Corporate Sponsor, WM, 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 Marshall County Child Development Center and Children's Center for Autism.



HOLIDAYS

- August** Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month
- September** National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month, Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month, Deaf Awareness Month, World Cerebral
- October 6** Palsy Day International
- October 22** Phelan-McDermind Syndrome Awareness Day

Local Happenings



Bedford County:

Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration | Aug. 23rd-Sept. 2nd
at 1110 Evans Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Coffee County:

Coffee County Fair | Sept. 1st-9th at 99 Lakeview Drive, Manchester, TN 37355

Davidson County:

The Baby Fair | Aug. 26th 10am-2pm at Ascension Saint Thomas Hospital Midtown
2000 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37203

Franklin County:

Fall Heritage Festival | Sept. 15th-17th at Cowan Railroad Museum
108 Front Street South, Cowan, TN 37318



Giles County:

Here's the Beef Festival | Sept. 5th-9th at Giles County Ag Park
2014 Elkton Pike, Pulaski, TN 38478



Hickman County:

Farmer's Market at River Park | Tuesdays and Saturdays 8am-12pm, Thursdays 4pm-7pm,
May-October, at North Central Avenue, Centerville, TN 37033

Lawrence County:

Middle Tennessee District Fair | Sept. 21st-30th at Lawrenceburg Rotary Park
927 North Military Avenue, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

Lewis County:

South Central Area Fair | Aug. 29th-Sept. 2nd at 115 Smith Avenue, Hohenwald, TN 38462

Lincoln County:

Lincoln County Fair | Sept. 16th-23rd at 1003 Hedgemont Avenue, Fayetteville, TN 37334

Marshall County:

Marshall County Farmers Market | Fridays, July-October, 6:15am-12pm
at Rock Creek Park, Lewisburg, TN 37091



Maury County:

Maury County Fair | Aug. 31st-Sept. 1st 4pm-10pm at Maury County Park
1018 Maury County Park Drive, Columbia, TN 38401

Moore County:

Joint Gaited Horse Show | Aug. 19th 5pm at Wiseman Park Road, Lynchburg, TN 37352

Rutherford County:

Peach Cobbler Festival | Aug. 12th 11am-4pm at Lane Agri Park
315 John Rice Boulevard, Murfreesboro, TN 37129



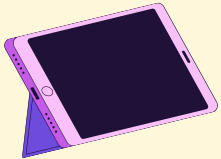
Williamson County:

Williamson County Fair | Aug. 4th-12th at Williamson County Agricultural Expo Park
4215 Long Lane, Franklin, Tennessee 37064

Digital Access Survey

The TN Department of Economic and Community Development (TDEC) is writing a "State Digital Opportunity Plan." The plan will support new state programs that will help with digital skills, literacy, inclusion, and affordability. This can include:

- being able to use or access the internet
- having enough money to afford internet access and devices like smartphones, tablets, or computers
- understanding how to use the internet and devices safely and effectively



TDEC needs to hear from Tennesseans with disabilities, as well other underserved groups, including:

- Older Tennesseans
- English language learners
- Rural residents
- People with low incomes
- People from racial/ethnic minority groups
- Veterans
- People who were incarcerated within the past 6 months



Take the brief survey at:



https://stateoftennessee.formstack.com/forms/digital_opportunity_survey

This survey is 7 questions long and should take less than 5 minutes. The survey will not collect any personal identifying information.

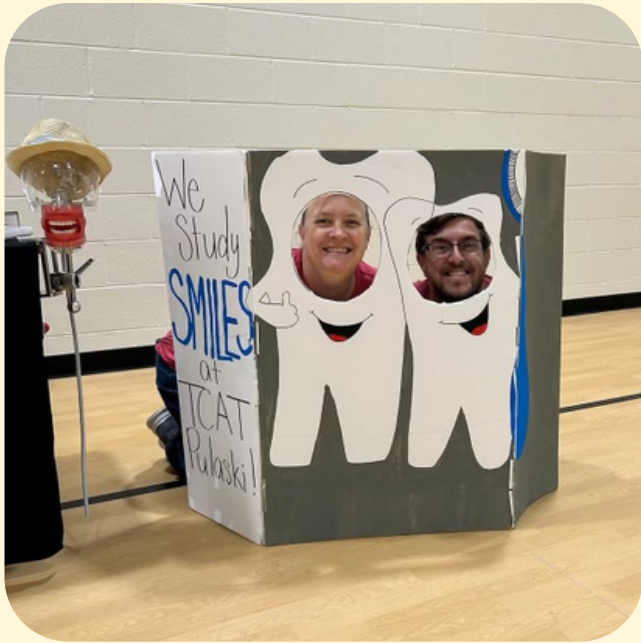


If you have any questions or concerns, contact Leah Mims (leah.mims@tn.gov) or Codi Drake (codi.drake@tn.gov).

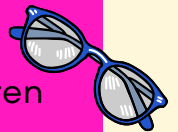
Help share this survey so they can hear from as many Tennesseans who need help with digital access as possible.

Early Intervention

Scan the QR code to access the Early Intervention page of the CDC website for more information!



The Child Development Center of Giles County hosted a Children's Health Fair at the Pulaski Recreation Center for children ages birth to 5 years on Saturday, June 10. This no-cost event included access to free health screenings, car safety checks, and access to dental checks, vision screenings, and developmental screenings.



The CDC Early Intervention staff serve over 35 families in Giles County alone and offer services to eligible participants either in the home or at community-based locations.



The Children's Center for Autism

CCA Skill of the Quarter

Back to school can be a difficult time for everyone. There is a lot to do, and a lot to see. We always recommend taking a few days to walk around the school with your child so they can familiarize themselves with the area. This helps it not be so "new" or scary. We also recommend starting to get into the school time schedule with early wake ups, and meal time routines to help ease the transition back.

CCA has had TONS of fun this summer with different activities! From Water Day to tie dying shirts to making our own ice cream, it's been a blast so far! Check out all the fun we've had!



Looking to help support the CCA program?

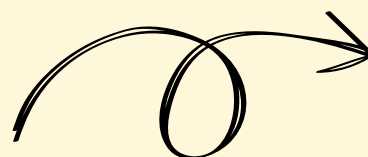
Here is a list of possible donation items that CCA uses on a daily basis to help support our kids:

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.



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Independent Support Coordination/ECF Services



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Patricia Gayle Griffy, age 56, of Fayetteville, a native of Wartrace, passed away Tuesday, May 16, 2023, under the loving care and comfort of her family, her caregivers, and Caris Healthcare.

Patricia enjoyed spending time with her family. The Community Development Center feels honored to have supported Patricia. She will be greatly missed.

Timothy Wyatt Holman passed from this life on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at the age of 56 years. Tim was an avid Tennessee Volunteers, Tennessee Titans, and Elvis Presley fan. Tim was very independent and well-loved by all who knew him. The CDC feels honored to have known and supported Tim.



Jean Marie Morris, age 70 of Winchester, passed away on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at Southern Tennessee Medical Center. Jean enjoyed parties, meeting with her sisters for Saturday lunches, and listening to country and gospel music. Her outgoing personality allowed her to never meet a stranger. She loved spending time with her family, friends, and her church family at Cowan Nazarene Church. The CDC feels honored to have supported Jean and will greatly miss her friendly personality.



Congratulations to Sara Thorpe! We gave her a surprise baby shower in May to celebrate the upcoming birth of her beautiful daughter. Although her due date was in July, baby girl Thorpe decided to make a surprise arrival in late June!

Please meet Miss Emilie Thorpe!



Family Support

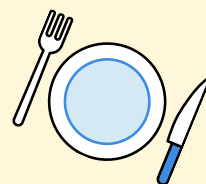


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LOCAL CELEBRITY!

One of Family Support's very own was recently featured in the May 2023 edition of the local magazine, *Good News Fayetteville!* April Holt is a longtime recipient of Family Support services. The article highlighted April's job in the cafeteria at Riverside Christian Academy, where April has worked for 12 years. She is "a joy" to have on the cafeteria crew and "loves her friends and co-workers". We are so proud to know such a kind-hearted and selfless person like April! April feels like a celebrity since the article came out, sharing with a smile that someone had asked her for her autograph!

Check out the complete article on the Good News website:
<https://goodnewsmags.com/fayetteville/>.



Employment Services



The Employment Services department wrapped up another successful Pre-ETS school year! In the 2022-2023 school year, the ES Pre-ETS program expanded from 9 schools in 4 counties to 12 schools in 6 counties.

The program added schools in Hickman and Marshall counties and added middle schools in Lincoln County. The Pre-ETS summer program started at the end of May and is currently serving students in Bedford, Lincoln, Giles, and Hickman counties.

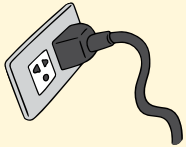


The Employment Services department attended the Tennessee Disability MegaConference in May. The ES team joined self-advocates, families, and support workers from all over the state to discuss disability rights, services, and inclusion.



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SUCCESS STORY!



The ES team started working with John in September 2022. John is deaf and has 30 years of experience as an electrician but had been experiencing trouble re-entering the workforce. The ES team worked with John to create an effective resume, develop excellent interview skills, and find a job that fits his interest. In April 2023, John received an offer to work at the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center in Smyrna. He has been working for a month and a half now, and states he is loving the work he is doing!

Senior Equipment Loan

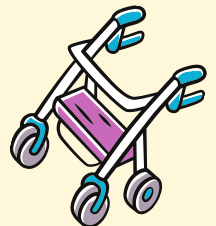
Did You Know?

A Little Bit of History...

Did you know that the Senior Equipment Loan Program is the sixth and most recently established of the Community Development Center's programs? Established in 2017, the Senior Equipment Loan program initially received its funding from a grant of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. Since its inception, over 230 pieces of equipment have been loaned out to individuals in 10 South Central Tennessee counties.



Know anyone in need of adult diapers? Please let us know! We have disposable tabbed briefs in several sizes that are available for donation.



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Welcome to the Team!

Kayleigh Pack
Shana Taylor
Lauren Bean
Chelsea Butcher

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May 15
June 6
July 3
July 5

Staff Spotlight



Learn all about Accounting Clerk Sara Musgrove!

1. What is the best book/movie/TV show you have ever read/watched?

I have so many favorites, but I would say "The Big Bang Theory".

2. What do you like to do on your days off?

Spend time with my four boys and husband. We love to be outdoors in the summer and anything we can do near the water is essential!

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

I love to build Legos!

4. If you could choose anyone as a mentor, who would you choose and why?

My great-grandmother, she passed when I was seven. But, I remember how kind and understanding she was. Everyone loved her and knew they could go to her for a kind listening ear.

5. What was the first concert you ever attended?

U2 when I was twelve years old.

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

My favorite part by far is the people I work with. Everyone has been amazing and I love being able to support them by doing my work so that they can help the individuals that need our services.



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| Kelly Lee | July 3 |
| Chastity Crowe | July 5 |
| Sara Musgrove | July 14 |
| Kayleigh Pack | July 25 |
| Haley Anthony | August 8 |
| Teresa Winnette | August 28 |
| Britney McConnell | August 30 |
| Rose Tomlin | September 3 |
| Tabatha Norton | September 7 |
| Holly Shadix | September 8 |
| Madelyn Hicks | September 14 |
| Lindsay Rose | September 18 |
| Sheri Vaughn | September 20 |
| Sara Thorpe | September 23 |
| Becky Jamison | October 3 |
| Tiffany Ward | October 18 |



Read All About It!

NEW!

The 32nd Annual Pencil Country Golf Classic will take place on Monday, September 18th at Riverbend Country Club. Proceeds will benefit both the Early Intervention program and the Children's Center for Autism in Bedford County. Contact Christy Jensen at cdcgolf@cdctn.org by **September 8th** to find out how to register as a sponsor, sign up for a team, and/or make a donation!



HAPPY Anniversary DAY

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| <i>July</i> | | |
| Jennifer Long | EI | 2 years |
| Becky Jamison | EI | 15 years |
| Anita Teague | Administration | 10 years |
| <i>August</i> | | |
| Monica Robinson | EI | 1 year |
| Holly Shadix | ISC | 5 years |
| Bethany Mize | EI | 1 year |
| Leslie Throneberry | EI | 18 years |
| <i>September</i> | | |
| Hannah Turner | ISC | 5 years |
| Rose Tomlin | CCA | 1 year |
| Madelyn Hicks | CCA | 4 years |
| <i>October</i> | | |
| Amanda Kellar | EI | 1 year |
| Mary Cole | ISC | 2 years |
| Lucy Fletcher | CCA | 5 years |
| Kathryn Colburn | ISC | 1 year |
| Lisa Fields | EI | 1 year |
| Catherine Emerson | Administration | 1 year |
| Chastity Crowe | EI | 1 year |



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