

# In and Around the CDC

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## Employment Services Program

The Community Development Center's Employment Services (ES) program, highlighted in the Tuesday, January 2nd edition of the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, will serve persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in Bedford, Maury, and Rutherford counties who have graduated high school and need individualized assistance in one or more areas to gain employment. Many individuals having barriers to employment need support in such areas as resume writing, employer expectations, and workplace standards. The Employment Services program will also work with area employers to encourage the employment and training of qualified workers with disabilities. Travis Smotherman, Employment Services Coordinator, is excited to begin work with those individuals referred to our Agency by the Tennessee Department of Human Services' division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Travis is currently in a self-paced training program in which he will earn the designation of Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP™). This certification was created to define the roles and responsibilities of employment support professionals and to help consumers connect with trusted professionals who provide employment services to individuals with a variety of disabilities or obstacles to employment.



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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!  
*Disability Day on the Hill*



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## Happy Birthday!

### January

Jim Singleton	5
Travis Smotherman	14
Jennifer Williams	22
Rachel Rudolf	28

### February

Sandra Faulkner-Markley	6
Robert Jacobi	16
Kirby Johnson	23

### March

Melinda Black	6
Cindy Hatchett	18
Sue Long	30

Jason and Kathy Bogle received special recognition at the Coffee, Franklin and Moore Counties' Early Intervention Advisory Board meeting in October. The Bogle family has supported the early intervention program for over 20 years in numerous creative ways. Jason (above) currently serves as an Advisory Board member. His mother, Kathy, (on the left) has spoken at various events on behalf of the Child Development Center. The Bogle family participates in many fundraising activities and *Innovations*, their promotional company located in Manchester, has raised money for the CDC by selling screen-printed tee shirts and solar eclipse glasses.

## A Trunk or Treat Event at Children's Center for Autism

The Children's Center for Autism and the Marshall County Child Development Center came together for their annual Halloween event. Children and families met at the CDC in Lewisburg, starting with a *Trunk or Treat* event. The children, their family members, and CDC staff were dressed in costume. Several area businesses welcomed the opportunity to allow us to Trick or Treat at their establishments, giving the families a perfect chance to participate in the festivities in a safe and inviting setting. We can't thank our community members enough!



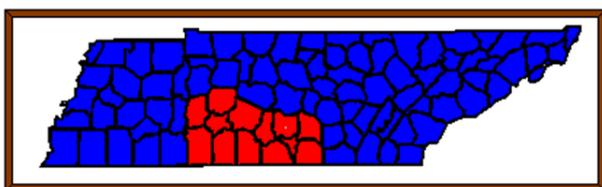
A special thanks to our community partners: Scottie Poarch, Tillis Jewelry, Boans on the Square, Purple Elephant Coffee House, Hamlin and Bolling Furniture, and Jett Art Industries for helping CDC and the CCA to put on a truly wonderful event.



# Congratulations to All the ISCs!



The winners of the “*ItsMyLife*” campaign were announced in October at the Independent Support Coordinator (ISC) and State Case Manager’s (CM) Leadership meeting. The Community Development Center (CDC) ISCs were energetic and very consistent in encouraging people supported to speak up during their planning meeting. For speaking up during these planning meetings, they were awarded neon orange wristbands with the inscription “*ItsMyLife*.” To show appreciation for their efforts, ISCs from CDC received new file ‘totes’ to help them with future planning meetings.



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A visitor to the Bedford County Child Development Center brought lots of smiles from the staff.

## The Gift We Received

As we get older we realize “Santa” comes in many shapes and sizes, and that giving is truly more rewarding than receiving. This spirit of Christmas was shared by many with the Bedford County families we serve through the CDC Early Intervention and Family Support programs. It didn’t matter why a family needed help or who was being served by the CDC (because they bought for all their brothers and sisters). It only mattered that there were many who wanted to reach out. The Bedford County Jaycees alone bought gifts for 46 children; the Walking for Angels Horse Show bought gifts for 27, and both groups helped many other children throughout the county. We had help from Clements Dental for two families, Titan Transfer for two more, and three caring individuals stepped up to help four more families, all totaling 16 children. We were even able to reach out to Toys for Tots and the Shelbyville Police Department to find gifts for the four children of a family newly served by the CDC. We can only imagine the faces of these 93 children as they unwrapped their new treasures, but we were able to see the overwhelming smiles of gratitude on the faces of their parents and grandparents, and *that* was the gift we received.



# Celebrating the Season

The Independent Support Coordination program celebrated with Holiday Open Houses in Shelbyville on Wednesday, December 6th and in Columbia on Thursday, December 7th.

In Shelbyville, visitors were treated to hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies with holiday music and fellowship. Thanks to the Bedford County Child Development Center for the use of its multi-purpose room and to all of the providers who helped with transportation to the event.



This year, the Columbia ISCs held an "Ugliest Hat" contest during their December Open House. There were many great entries! Visitors to the Open House shared cookies, hot chocolate, coffee and an afternoon of festive comradery. Thanks to Cook and Evers Properties for sharing the use of a large suite to hold this event. Many thanks, also, to the providers who helped with transportation in bringing guests to the Open House.



Marcia



Fred

First place winners in the *Ugly Hat* contest are pictured above.



Second Place Winners were Dianne on the left and Bradley, above right.



# Look Who's Joined the CDC Family!

Felicia Martinez, right, is eagerly awaiting the birth of her third grandchild in June. She is a recent hire into the ISC Shelbyville team. Felicia enjoys crafts, writing, and singing.



Vanessa Craddock joined the ISC Shelbyville team in December. She loves to read, crochet, and play video games. She is proud to have completed her degree and we are proud of her, too.

Kelly Holt (right) joined our Agency as a Home and Community Based Early Interventionist. She enjoys quilting and crocheting and loves the closeness she shares with her family. Kelly will watch *The Labyrinth* again and again.



Kirby Johnson accepted the position of Administrative Assistant to the Early Childhood Director and the Executive Director. She loves decorating the home she purchased, but also loves traveling. Her favorite book to take along.....anything by Karen Kingsbury.



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## CDC Anniversaries!

Teresa Winnette	21 years
Taffe Cunningham	17 years
Lori Wade	13 years
Nicole Pinard	6 years
Rachel Rudolf	2 years
Teah Obeidalla	1 year
Mickey Moffett	1 year

The Administrative Staff, Family Support, and Employment Services Coordinators enjoyed a Christmas Luncheon on Monday, December 18 at the Bell Buckle Café. The food was great and the comradery and holiday story swaps were even better!



The Lincoln County Child Development Center hosted *Breakfast with Santa* on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Lincoln County High School in Fayetteville. Tickets to the event included breakfast and entertainment. Special events included a silent auction, games, and a picture with Santa.



(Left to right) Early Childhood Director, Teresa Winnette, Grinch, Karen East a current Board member, and Carolyn Ellis, a former Board member and current Breakfast with Santa committee member.



Melanie Laten poses with Minnie Mouse at the annual Breakfast with Santa event. A former Board member and current committee member, Melanie is all smiles!



Annie Grace and her mother, Christie Jensen, CDC's Family Support Coordinator, were all smiles with the Grinch at the Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday.

### Congratulations to CDC's Early Intervention Staff

Six Early Intervention staff have successfully completed the required training and testing to be credentialed through a TEIS (Tennessee Early Intervention System) program. This process required sixteen hours of study in four modules with twelve competency tests. Two new staff will begin the process in January 2018. We are proud of the Community Development Center's Early Intervention staff who have worked so hard to complete this training.



On December 14th, the staff of the Shelbyville (left) and Columbia (right) ISC offices gathered for their annual Holiday luncheon at Chaffin's Dinner Barn. They enjoyed lunch and the musical "It's a Wonderful Life." It was a wonderful time!

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