The Community Development Center’s Independent Support Program held its annual advisory board meeting on October 3rd, 2014 at the Shelbyville Recreation Center. The theme this year was “Community Superstars” and the guest speakers were from the Bedford County Sheriff’s Department and Bedford County EMS. Those in attendance were Lieutenant Nikia Elliott, Chief Jason Williams, Sheriff Austin Swing, EMS responder Savannah Damron and EMS responder Karissa Streichert. Nikia, from the Sheriff’s Department, talked to the group about “when to call 911” and what is considered an emergency call as opposed to a non-emergency call. Lieutenant Elliott also talked about recent scams that are happening and how to protect yourself from these situations. EMS respondents Savannah and Karissa also spoke to the group about how they carry out their daily jobs in the community. Both ladies told the consumers that they respond along with the Sheriff’s Dept. or Police when there is an emergency in the community such as a fire, wreck, etc.

After the group discussions there was a question and answer session and then all of the advisory board members along with the “Community Superstars” were able to get a closer look at the police cars and ambulances. Lunch was then served and everyone enjoyed grilled hamburgers, chips, cookies, & drinks.

It was an educational and fun day had by all!
This year the ISC Columbia office hosted a Christmas Open House as a way to say thank you to the many people they've worked with and for, over the past year. Visitors came to enjoy cookies, punch, music, presents and Christmas good wishes. Thanks to everyone for making this a happy holiday event and we'll be looking forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!!!!!
The CDC Shelbyville and Columbia ISC offices had their Christmas Lunch at Chaffin's Barn on December 11, 2014. They enjoyed a fun filled day relaxing and enjoying the comedy show and lunch at the Theatre!!!
Favorite Pastime: shopping, listening to music, watching TV
Favorite TV Show: SpongeBob Square Pants
Favorite Food: cheese pizza
Favorite things to do: Participate in her bowling league, spend time with her friend/caregiver Linda
Birthday: September 8th

Quote from Sheri Vaughn, ISC: Priscilla is a very friendly and caring woman and always greets me with a big smile and a hug. Priscilla likes to stay busy during the week with activities like bowling, swimming and going to church. I always enjoy our visits and hearing about her accomplishments and activities.

Understanding Allen Jordan
A Story by Kim, Volunteer

While sitting beside Allen surrounded by piles of library books, he exclaimed "BOOM"! Confused, I scanned the book titles, trying to comprehend his exclamation. "Is Boom a book"? I asked. He shook his head "NO". He knew I wasn’t getting it. As a volunteer, I have been working with Allen. I was mystified because this wasn’t a word he had ever said to me. The fact that he initiated this conversation meant that "BOOM" was important. Allen then pointed at the book titled Understanding Tornadoes. What was he trying to tell me? A book about storms isn’t his thing. So I was surprised as he flipped through the Tornado book. He was glancing at me as he stabbed his index finger on an ominous black cloud with sheeting rain. Are you talking about last night’s rain storm, Allen? Did it thunder at your house? He sat back and relaxed, finally I’d understood. He nodded rapidly as he repeated loudly, "Boom!" Did the booming thunder scare you? What a huge smile on his face as he shook his head, "NO." The smallest gestures, like understanding and connecting, can turn a simple act into a magical moment. Allen’s dad writes, "Allen has the ability to communicate, understand and tell his story. He states, "It makes me feel so good knowing that others know how smart he is, yet so limited."
ISC TEAM WELCOMES THREE NEW ARRIVALS

Eliza Rae born on October 29, 2014 weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz and 19 3/4 inches long
Congrats to Heather Brown, ISC, Shelbyville

Auriana Nykole born September 30, 2014 weighing 3 lbs 8 oz and 17 inches long
Congrats to Clenetta Perry, ISC, Columbia

Jennifer Williams, ISC, Shelbyville

Our CDC family would like to introduce and welcome Jennifer Williams as your new ISC for the Shelbyville office. Jennifer resides in Tullahoma, Tennessee with her family. She enjoys reading, camping, painting and softball. Jennifer says she is most proud of her kids and her faith, "They make every day worth it."

Birthday: January 22nd
Favorite Book: Outlander Series

Favorite Movies: Wizard of Oz, The Quiet Man, Darby O’Gill and The Little People
James "Keith" Caperton age 43 of Waynesboro, TN passed away at his home with family by his side. Keith is survived by his mom Margie Blalock, one sister Kimberly Grigsby and one brother Christopher Caperton.

Keith will be remembered for his contagious smile. Keith loved playing the guitar, Hulk Hogan and fishing. By Holly Shadix, ISC, Columbia

**WINTERY WORD SEARCH PUZZLE**

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**Wintery Words**

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December
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