



A moment to focus on the good our team is doing every day

UCDD RCP PROGRAM RECEIVES COVID FUNDING FROM DCS

UCDD's Relative Caregiver Program has received special funding from the Department of Children's Services designated to assist RCP families affected by the pandemic, whether it be financial or material.

The pandemic has created several challenges for one program family in particular; resulting in the grandmother opting to home school the two grandchildren. Meanwhile, the grandfather opted to go into early retirement for fear of bringing home the virus from work and exposing the grandchildren, one of which is especially vulnerable, to the illness.

With the approval from the Program Specialist at the Central office, RCP has jumped in and purchased refurbished Chromebooks for the children to allow them to home school. UCDD's RCP team was also able to help the family with their electric bill through the same funding source

Out in the Field

UC AAAD RECEIVES \$2,500 GRANT FROM MEALS ON WHEELS



Upper Cumberland Area Agency on Aging and Disability has been awarded a 2020 Meals on Wheels Loves Pets grant, made possible by PetSmart Charities, in the amount of \$2,500 to provide pet food to home-delivered meal clients in Putnam County through mid-January 2021.

Great job, Ingrid Bertmeyer, Tommy Lee, and team for securing these funds to assist the pet pals of our home-delivered meal clients!

WARREN UCHRA COLLECTS MOST NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS

Warren County UCHRA secured donuts for the entire office by completing and submitting the most Community Needs Assessment surveys during the month of July - a total of 164 - out of all 14 counties UCHRA serves.

Carrie Baker, Warren County Coordinator, attributes their success to Ms. Ethel Minor, receptionist. Ms. Ethel is a Title V participant with NCOA and is the first person to greet clients visiting the Warren County office.

"Ms. Ethel has the sweetest voice," Baker said. "It is kind and soft and welcomes everyone to our office."

A total of 678 surveys were submitted by the July 31 deadline. Great work, team!





MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTIES

A client came in that had been homeless since January. The client and her children had to leave her father's home due to his dementia, he no longer recognized them. They had to stay at McMinnville Inn which was very costly.

The Warren County UCHRA office was able to pay the client's first month's rent. The client and her children are so grateful.

UCDD ANNOUNCES SUPPORT GROUP FOR RELATIVE CAREGIVERS

During the month of August, the Upper Cumberland Development District will hold a support group meeting for relatives caring for relative children. Contact Melissa Allison at (931) 476-4127 to learn more about the meeting or call 1-877-275-8233 (toll-free) for more information about additional assistance and support. For housing assistance, while caring for minor children, contact Myra Walker at (931) 432-4111.



TEAMWORK: Putnam County transit staff are busy helping clean windows at the Cookeville UCHRA office this week. Thanks, team!

BY THE NUMBERS: JULY UCHRA LIHEAP STATS AVAILABLE

\$196,106

in LIHEAP assistance
provided to 433 households
last month



Regular LIHEAP:
229 households
\$102,889 in assistance



Crisis LIHEAP:
204 households
\$93,217 in assistance

Do you need assistance paying your utility bill or know someone who does?

Contact your local UCHRA office or call 931-528-1127 to learn more about LIHEAP.