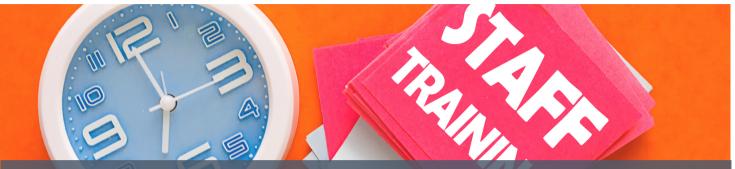


A moment to focus on the good our team is doing every day



## 2021 MANDATORY TRAINING SEPT. 8-10

It's that time again - time for staff training! Details about the training dates and times have been sent via email to all staff so that you can begin planning to attend. Please direct any questions to your supervisor or to Human Resources. Submit sign-up sheets to Damon Prince. Please remember that this training is mandatory and all staff should make plans to attend one of the three available dates.

#### Out in the Field

# PICK UP COOKEVILLE, POWERED BY UBER, NOW SERVING PUTNAM COUNTY

On Sept. 2, staff and leadership representing Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency (UCHRA) joined with local and city officials to celebrate the official launch of Pick Up Cookeville. This new, ondemand service offered by UC Public Transportation, a division of UCHRA, and powered by Uber *Continued, page 2* 





Join Overton County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Overton County Fairgrounds for a charity motorcycle ride and barbecue prepared by the Honorable Judge Daryl Colson.

The success of our organization is directly connected to the safety of each child served by Overton County CASA. Working together helps make these communities stronger and provides hope for a brighter future for the abused/neglected children served by the CASA program.

Every dollar goes to benefit Overton County CASA; whose staff is dedicated to serving in the best interest of the children, helping them to heal until safe permanency can be achieved. Every dollar goes to benefit CASA and will help fund a child advocate. Call (931) 823-7323 or email casaovertonco@uchra.com for more information.





## FIELD NOTES

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Technologies, will provide on-demand mobility; something the agency hasn't offered until now.

"This has been a significant undertaking by our staff and they have all worked incredibly hard to launch Pick Up Cookeville," Holly Montooth, Transportation Director, said. "We're also thankful for the partnership with Routematch Uber Technologies and the grant funding from the Tennessee Department of Transportation that helped to bring this project to life."

Pick Up Cookeville allows riders to quickly and easily schedule a trip at a moment's notice and simply enjoy the ride to their destination. This new service also allows UC Public Transportation to tap into the after-hours and weekends clientele. Rides cost only \$6.

Since the soft launch of the service in early August, Pick Up Cookeville has safely provided approximately 168 on-demand trips across Cookeville and Putnam County.

Drivers for Pick Up Cookeville must meet the same rigorous drug-, alcohol-, and

background checks required of all UC Public Transportation drivers and complete all required training prior to picking up their first client; providing riders with additional peace of mind when traveling around town.

"We're excited to be able to offer on-demand transportation in-house and meet the evolving needs of our clients and community," said Mark Farley, UCHRA Executive Director.

Pick Up Cookeville is currently hiring new drivers to join the team. Visit ucpublictransit.com or uchra.org/careers to learn more and apply.





In observance of Labor Day, our office will be closed Monday, Sept. 6. We will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday. Have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend and holiday!

### UCDD EMPLOYEE ARRANGES DRIVE FOR SUPPLIES TO AID IN WAVERLY RECOVERY



Sara Martin, AAAD Family Caregiver/Evidence-Based Assistant, recently organized a supply drive to aid in the recovery efforts for the flood victims of the Waverly community. Thank you for your caring spirit and initiative to help a community in need, Sara!