

# Positively UC

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



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## OLDER AMERICANS ACT TRAINING HELD



With May being the nationally-designated month to recognize the Older Americans Act, the AAAD held a training on May 4th to share the history and impact of this federal act on services to older adults.

Representatives from the Area Agency on Aging and Disability (AAAD) and Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency (UCHRA) attended the session, which was provided by Judy Roberson, AAAD Outreach and Quality Assurance Coordinator.

## SHARING RECOVERY RESOURCES AT UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Ryan Henry, Certified Peer Recovery Specialist and Mobility Manager represented UCHRA at Faith Chapel's Unity in the Community event connecting with local resources and sharing UCHRA and recovery resources with the community. Pictured, from left, Colby Lane TN Peer Lifeline Project and right is Justin Cantrell Regional Overdose Prevention Specialist



## ZERO FINDINGS IN TDOT COMPLIANCE REVIEW

UCHRA Public Transportation's TDOT Compliance Review has been completed with **zero** findings. Out of the nine reviews that have been completed thus far, UCHRA is only the second agency to have achieved this.

This great accomplishment could not have been possible without the hard work of the entire UCHRA team.

*Great work, everyone!*

# MAY IS COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

The Community Action Network is celebrating 59 years of helping American families overcome obstacles to poverty. UCHRA is one of the more than 1,000 agencies across the country working to provide life-changing services to help families achieve financial stability.

*Tune in to UCHRA's social media channels for more information throughout the month of May.*



## OVERDOSE REVERSAL TRAINING HELD AT UCHRA



## THANK YOU, NATALIE!

April 17, 2023

Dear Natalie,

I just wanted to thank you for setting up a profile for my husband and me today, and for scheduling my trip to Nashville for May 8th. Cecil has been taking me, but he just got out of the hospital this week and is not up to dealing with Nashville traffic. It means a lot to know that there is affordable and reliable transportation available for people like us.

I also wanted to thank you for your friendliness and courtesy to me. Not only were you professional and efficient, but you made my experience pleasant. It means a lot to me that you have the attitude of helpfulness and caring that you do. Aside from accomplishing what I needed to, I just enjoyed talking to you.

Sincerely,

*Nancy Lemons*



## UCDD, PARTNERS COLLABORATE ON BYWAY PODCAST

Dale Hollow RPO Coordinator Mark Dudney worked with Jenni Veal of the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development to produce an episode about the Cumberland National Scenic Byway in her podcast series, *Traveling Embers*.

Mike McClanahan of TDOT's Scenic Byway program helped to fund the episode, which highlights the rich history and beautiful natural resources along the eight-county route.

Dudney recruited locals to participate in the podcast, including a college professor, a musician and the curator of the Clay County courthouse.



### WHO WE ARE OUR MISSION

*To help the Upper Cumberland region cultivate self-sufficiency and build true wealth through innovation, collaboration, and leadership.*

### OUR VISION

*A region abundant in resources, fostering a productive and vibrant life for the people of the Upper Cumberland.*

**get plugged in.**

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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM FIELD TRIP

The economic development team recently conducted a field excursion to increase knowledge of services offered by the agency.

Led by Economic Development Planner, Aaron Lay, the team participated in a mock site visit walking through the Request for

information (RFI) process, a building and industrial site tour, an informational lunch with state regional partners focusing on resources available to manufacturers locating or expanding in the state, a tour of Hormann, LLC, and a visit with the Upper Cumberland Regional Airport Manager.



## TALKING STIGMA, RESOURCES ON GOOD MORNING COOKEVILLE

Mikel Miller with UCDD's Recovery2Work recently joined Good Morning Cookeville with Jason & Sheila on News Talk 107.7 WHUB. They discussed the stigma that recovering addicts have in the workplace and how the Empower Program helps those in recovery begin a new life with the right

support from our community. You can find Mikel's interview by searching "Good Morning Cookeville" on Apple Podcast or on Spotify. Sheila Scruggs also works with us at UCDD as one of our Economic Development Planners under the Empower program.

