

Positively UC

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



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TRANSPORTATION FLEET INSPECTIONS COMPLETE

UCHRA NOTED HAS HAVING BEST-ORGANIZED INSPECTION IN STATE



Each year, UCHRA Public Transportation is required to have its entire transportation fleet inspected by its TennCare trip brokers, Tennessee Carriers and Verida.

Transportation Maintenance Shop Manager Riley Sparks, Assistance Maintenance Shop Manager Laura Haynes, and the rest of the Maintenance Shop staff are responsible for ensuring that all of the transit vehicles are brought to the shop and in compliance with TennCare rules and regulations. This year, with the help of the county offices and county staff, more than 100 vans were inspected over the course of the two-day annual inspection. Representatives from both Tennessee Carriers and Verida stated that this was the best-organized inspection across the State of Tennessee.

Thank you to everyone who was involved with our fleet inspections this year. We couldn't have done it without you!

UCHRA IN-HOME SERVICES MANAGER FEATURED GUEST ON RADIO PROGRAM

Recently, UCHRA In-Home Services Manager Jen Knepp was a guest on Count on Me Culture with Lisa Uhrig, a program on NewsTalk 94.1. During the program, Lisa and Jennifer discussed how UCDD and UCHRA help those 55 and older get back into the workforce, employers seeing the benefits of working with a mature adult leading to hiring them, and the second organization that allows people of any age to give care to vulnerable adults.



Visit www.newstalk941.com to listen to the interview.



SHELTER APPRECIATION

CREVAA/CREST Advocate Trent Carter recently delivered a cake to the Dekalb Animal Shelter in appreciation for the recent partnership in a severe animal hoarding case. The shelter assisted with catching and rehoming 27 cats that were inhabiting an elderly client's home. The AAAD is very appreciative of the great collaboration and looks forward to working with them in the future. Pictured, from left, CREST/CREVAA Advocate Trent Carter, Dekalb Animal Shelter Director Emmaly Bennett, and Shelter Staffperson Amy Kitchen.



DUDNEY IN DEMAND

UCDD Planner Mark Dudney recently sat down with Cookeville History Museum Director Beth Thompson for an episode of Tennessee Unearthed, a podcast produced by Newstalk 94.1.

Visit newstalk941.com to listen to the episode and learn more.

BACK TO SCHOOL ALREADY?

UCDD and UCHRA representatives braved the sweltering heat and humidity Thursday afternoon to share resources and information about agency programs during Cane Creek Elementary School's annual Back to School Bash in Cookeville. This event was sponsored by Cane Creek and the Health Coalition for Putnam County.



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.

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EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Mark your calendars for these events coming soon!



AUGUST 17 & 18 2023

Mandatory Staff Fall
TRAINING SESSIONS

UCDD TRAINING AUG. 17 @ UCDD/MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM

UCHRA TRAINING* AUG. 18 @ HOPE CHURCH (ALGOOD)
*INCLUDES DRIVER ROADEO AND TRAINING



THURSDAY, AUGUST 3rd, 2023
TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY

SECOND ANNUAL
UPPER CUMBERLAND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT

REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 2nd!
www.tntech.edu/summit



Karen Phillips, UCHRA DeKalb County Coordinator with the DeKalb UCHRA and Deborah Goodwin, Empower Upper Cumberland Navigator, take a moment to pose for a photo while doing outreach at a local drug coalition event last weekend.

Recently, a DeKalb County public transportation vehicle experienced a blowout in Lebanon with a client on board. Karen called Laura Andrus, Smith County Office Specialist, for help. This was before office hours and Laura hadn't made it into the office yet. Within three minutes Sonya Allen, Transportation Coordinator, called Karen and advised that a van was en route, almost in Lebanon, and they would stop and get the DeKalb County client and take her to her appointment.

Great teamwork and coordination, team!



SHIP SHAPE? VOLUNTEER PROGRAM GROWS

SHIP/SMP Volunteer Coordinator Erin Perdue has propelled the SHIP and SMP Volunteer Program to new heights gaining recognition at the state level for the great work she is doing with our volunteer performance goals. Erin's volunteers love working with her and she takes great measures to make sure they know how appreciated they are. *Great work, Erin!*



The Jackson County UCHRA team recently attended an event designed to raise awareness about the more than 50 million people worldwide who are victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. Visit redsandproject.org to learn more about The Red Sand Project.