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



#### SAFETY FIRST: CPRS TEAM NOW CERTIFIED DRIVERS



Recently, UCHRA Public Transportation conducted driver training sessions for UC Recovery's newly certified Peer Recovery Specialists (CPRS). Training Coordinator Mike Brown collaborated closely with the team, providing hands-on instruction to equip them with essential driving skills, covering defensive driving techniques, emergency evacuation procedures, passenger assistance, wheelchair securement.

Our CPRS team members are now officially certified as public transportation operators. This certification enables our team to better serve the community by offering reliable transportation for individuals in recovery.

Special thanks to Mike Brown for leading this important training!

Sara Martin attended the SERDI Leadership Development Training in Greenville, South DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN S.C. Carolina. The event brought together regional council leaders from across the Southeast for professional development and networking.

Interactive sessions focused on leadership growth, fostering organizational engagement, and adapting to evolving workplace dynamics. Attendees also explored the role of technology and AI in regional councils and gained insight into successful programs across the SERDI footprint. The event provided valuable learning opportunities and a platform for collaboration with peers in the field.

The SouthEast Regional Directors Institute (SERDI) is a voluntary professional development association for regional council executive directors in the southeastern United States. SERDI provides technical assistance to regional council directors, their councils, and their state associations. Visit <u>serdi.org</u> to learn more.

### Recently, AAAD team members Phil Fox and AAAD STAFF ATTEND LEADERSHIP





#### UCHRA PROMOTES OPPORTUNITIES DURING LOCAL JOB FAIR

UCHRA was well represented during a recent job fair hosted by Highlands Training Center. This event fostered a wonderful opportunity for businesses to connect with talented local high school students and play a role in shaping the future workforce.

Attendance included Upper Cumberland Schools, which shuttled in juniors and seniors eager to enter the job force both now and in the future. Agencies were able to set up tables for students to come by and learn more about current or future careers.

Thank you to Pam Sanford, Jordan Herald, Megan Oakley, and Melissa Hoisington for representing the agency and promoting available UCHRA/UCDD careers and programs during this event.

### RCP RECEIVES DONATIONS FROM FAIREST OF THE FAIR

For this year's Tennessee Fairest of the Fairs Humanitarian Fundraiser, Emily Wade, Smith County Fairest of the Fair, chose to give to the Upper Cumberland as a whole by donating to the Upper Cumberland Relative Caregiver Program.

Thank you for your support and generosity, Emily!

The Relative Caregiver Program is a comprehensive public and private collaboration funded by the Department of Children's Services. The program offers support services and resources to relatives raising relative children whose biological parents are no longer able to do so.

Visit <u>ucdd.org</u> to learn more about the Relative Caregiver Program.



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#### **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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