

Positively UC

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



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAMED TAHRA PRESIDENT

Mark Farley, UCDD-UCHRA Executive Director, has been named President of the Tennessee Association of Human Resource Agencies (TAHRA).

TAHRA is comprised of all nine human resource agencies and has been serving communities across Tennessee since 1974. Through a coordinated network of nine independent agencies, TAHRA delivers essential social services including financial support, job training, transportation, and nutrition programs to help Tennesseans become more self-sufficient. At the heart of TAHRA's effectiveness is its grassroots structure—each agency is governed by locally elected officials, ensuring strong community ties and accountability. Monthly meetings and collaborative sub-committees support shared best practices and strategic coordination.

TAHRA stands out for its strong partnerships with funders, legislators, local officials, and the communities it serves. The organization offers a cost-effective, transparent, and proven delivery system for a wide range of services, acting as a "one-stop shop" for those in need. With dedicated local staff, strong fiscal oversight, and a commitment to improving quality of life across Tennessee, TAHRA continues to be a trusted leader in delivering hope and support to its communities.



THANK YOU, GUARDIANSHIP VOLUNTEERS!

Recently, in honor of National Volunteer Appreciation Month, AAAD volunteers from across programs—Ombudsman, Public Guardianship, TN SHIP, and SMP—gathered for their annual training.

We're thankful for their dedication, compassion, and daily impact on our communities!

Visit ucdd.org to learn more about the Upper Cumberland Area Agency on Aging and Disability and ways to get involved.



UCHRA CENTRAL OFFICE CELEBRATES ARRIVAL OF SPRING



Special thanks to Macey Korth for putting together a spring picnic at the Cookeville-Putnam County UCHRA office last week.

During the event, several staffers competed in a cornhole tournament with James Gribble and Crystal Lawson winning the top prize.

Thank you, Macey, for organizing the event and to everyone for stopping by and fellowshiping!



PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP CELEBRATES PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

The Public Guardianship Program would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all our incredible volunteers for the dedication and compassion they bring to our mission. Your hard work and support truly make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

"It has been so rewarding to be able to visit my client and see how much our time together means to her and how it has benefited her," said Karen Hubbard.

"At every visit, whether we are reading, coloring, laughing, or singing, I leave a better version of myself than how I arrived," Shelley Brown said.

"I have always had a passion for visiting with the elderly. The Guardianship program allows me to visit some lovely ladies and listen to their stories and reminisce with them," said Ginger Clouse.

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

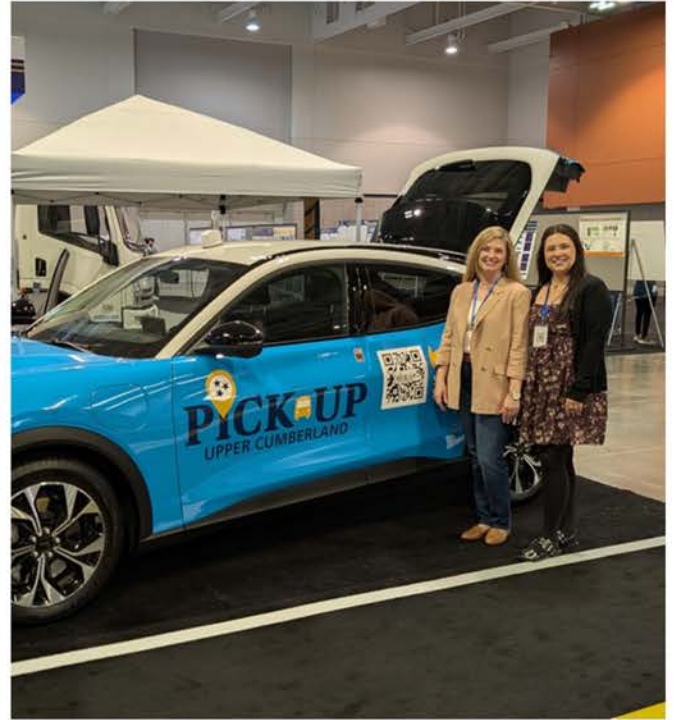
A region abundant in resources, fostering a productive and vibrant life for the people of the Upper Cumberland.

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DRIVING INNOVATION: UCHRA AT TENNSMART EXPO



UCHRA Public Transportation was proud to be part of this year's TennSmart Mobility Expo in Nashville—a statewide event focused on advancing transportation technology, sustainability, and innovation.

Transportation Director Holly Montooth was invited to serve as a panelist during a session titled “The Future of Public Transportation in Tennessee.” Holly shared insights on how UCHRA is addressing the needs of rural communities through innovation, highlighting our on-demand service app, Pick-Up Upper Cumberland.

The app continues to transform how riders access reliable and flexible transportation.

In partnership with Tennessee Clean Fuels, UCHRA Public Transportation also had the opportunity to showcase our Mustang Mach-E on the showroom floor. The electric vehicle sparked conversations about clean, sustainable transit and reflected our commitment to embracing new technologies that benefit both our riders and the environment.

Visit ucpublictransit.com to learn more about UCHRA Public Transportation.



UPPER CUMBERLAND WELL REPRESENTED DURING LOCAL HEALTH FAIR EVENT

Carrie Baker, Warren County Coordinator, and Bryanna Nelson, Certified Peer Recovery Specialist with UC Recovery, recently represented UCHRA at the Wellpoint Health Care resource event, which focused on providing valuable health care information and resources to attendees.

The event aimed to enhance community awareness about health services and support networks available to individuals and families. Both Carrie and Bryanna actively engaged with participants, sharing insights about UCHRA's initiatives and services designed to improve health outcomes in the region.