

Positively UC

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



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AAAD TEAM JOINS THE FUN AT OVERTON COUNTY FAIR SENIOR DAY

Members of UCDD's Area Agency on Aging and Disability (AAAD) team recently participated in Overton County's Senior Day at the Fair by setting up an informational table to share resources and support available to local seniors.

The event featured a variety of vendors, bingo games, and an auction, with all proceeds benefiting the Overton County Senior Center. Lunch was also provided for the seniors in attendance, making it a fun and meaningful day for the community.



UCHRA Public Transportation has officially wrapped its first full year of fare-free service and the results speak for themselves.

Ridership increased by an impressive 66.5 percent, just shy of the agency's 70 percent goal, marking a milestone worth celebrating.

This achievement was made possible by the dedication of UCHRA's incredible drivers, behind-the-scenes staff, and supportive county partners. Their hard work and collaboration played a key role in this success.

With the momentum of a strong first year, UCHRA Public Transportation is looking forward to continued growth and keeping the wheels turning in the year ahead.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR UCHRA'S GO ROUTES



AROUND THE UC: SINGING WITH SENIORS IN SMITH COUNTY

While visiting the Smith County Senior Center to check in on the morning transportation group, a team member had the chance to witness something truly special. Smith County Coordinator Laura Andrus took a moment to join the seniors in their church sing-along, joining in on the song "He Keeps Me Singing."

This simple act reflects the passion Laura brings to her work every day. She consistently checks in on the seniors and goes above and beyond to connect with those around her. It was a heartfelt reminder of the impact she makes in the lives of others through kindness, presence, and genuine care.



UCDD-UCHRA FALL TRAINING AND ROADEO AUG. 22

The countdown is on! We're less than one month away from the UCDD-UCHRA Fall Training and Rodeo.

This year, we'll gather at the new Putnam County Convention Center (off I-40 and Tennessee Avenue) for a day filled with learning, activities, and fun!

While additional details will be sent soon via email, here are a few important updates to help you plan for a great day of training:

- Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Please contact your supervisor before the event if you plan to claim mileage for the event.
- All staff, unless otherwise instructed/approved, are to attend the entirety of the afternoon training sessions. Staff are welcome to watch the UCHRA Public Transportation Rodeo taking place in the morning (from 8-11:30 a.m.).
- Breakfast, from 8-8:30 a.m., will include a variety of grab-and-go options similar to items available at past training events.

- Boxed lunch will be provided starting at 11:30 a.m.
- Following lunch, all staff will attend the afternoon sessions, which include recognizing UCDD and UCHRA employees of the year and Rodeo competition winners, and, of course, Title VI training.
- As a reminder, the dress code for the day is typical (office appropriate) Friday attire (unless otherwise instructed/approved).
- Please direct specific questions to your supervisor.



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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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