

Positively UC

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



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UCDD, EMPOWER LEADERS ATTEND TQEE SUMMIT



Earlier this week, UCDD and Empower Upper Cumberland leadership attended the Align Early Childhood & Family Policy Summit in Nashville at the Loveless Barn.

The event featured nationally recognized speakers and state experts, bringing together leaders from across Tennessee, including early childhood advocates and practitioners, business and civic leaders, and policymakers, to chart the course for how the state can ensure its youngest children and their families thrive.

During the summit, participants explored bold visions and practical solutions, gained insights from new statewide voter polling, heard directly from state policymakers, and connected with peers to align vision with action.

EMPLOYEE SHOUTOUT: ANGELA CARROLL

We'd like to give a HUGE shoutout to Angela! While reviewing LIHEAP applications, it became clear that her submissions are flawless, and she's producing them at an impressive pace! We want to commend you for mastering a new system and for your unwavering diligence in your work. *Thank you, Angela! Bravo!*



PLAN AHEAD: OFFICES, TRANSIT CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

UCDD and UCHRA offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28, for Thanksgiving. Normal operations will resume Monday, Dec. 1.

UCHRA Public Transportation will not operate Nov. 27. On Friday, Nov. 28, Go Routes will operate as scheduled, but all other services, including I-40 Connect and I-24 Connect, will not operate.

Additionally, there will be no edition of *Positively UC* on Friday, Nov. 28.

Have a safe and happy holiday!



UC WELL REPRESENTED AT RISK MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE



UCDD and UCHRA leadership, along with human resources representatives, attended the Tennessee Public Risk Management Association (TN PRIMA) annual conference.

Since 1986, TN PRIMA has supported public sector risk management practitioners across the state by providing resources, training, and practical solutions, especially valuable in today's era of shrinking government budgets.

The conference serves as a key educational forum for public sector risk managers, offering access to a wide range of sessions covering multiple aspects and levels of risk management. Attendees also participated in networking events, learning from peers how others have addressed both everyday and extraordinary challenges in public sector operations.

The conference provided opportunities to share ideas and highlight successful programs during planned social events, further advancing the practice of public risk management across Tennessee.



CANNON COUNTY TEAM DELIVERS FOOD BOXES

With support from a food drive organized by Smile Creations and local sponsors providing turkeys, Amber Milligan and Cortlind McCutcheon successfully distributed and delivered 20 food boxes to Cannon County families this year. All recipients are UCHRA clients, whether through LIHEAP, UCHRA Public Transportation, or Empower Upper Cumberland. This achievement marks the team's fourth consecutive year of success in distributing these boxes!



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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