

# Positively UC

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



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## STAFF GATHER FOR SPRING TRAINING

Last week, UCDD and UCHRA staff convened at the Putnam County Convention Center for the spring installment of staff training.

There, attendees heard engaging presentations from Sarah Curtis, Loss Control Training Consultant with Public Entity Partners; Mark Dudney, UCDD's Public Historian and RPO Coordinator; and Lee Bailey.

From learning to embrace change and providing excellent customer service, employees also learned more about each department at UCDD and UCHRA through Pecha Kucha-style presentations.

*See more photos from the day's events on page 2.*



## CHANCE RECEIVES GRANT AWARD FROM UCCCY

UCHRA's CHANCE Residential Center has received a \$500 grant from the Upper Cumberland Council on Children and Youth (UCCCY) to support new resident programs.

The funding will help expand life skills and self-esteem classes, while also supporting resident-led initiatives such as creating care packages for shelters including Genesis House, launching a book club, and offering arts and crafts activities to promote positive coping skills.

These initiatives reflect direct input from residents and aim to foster independence, creativity, and community engagement.

*Kudos to the CHANCE team, and a heartfelt thank you to UCCCY!*





**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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# COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH KICKS OFF NATIONWIDE

Community Action Month has officially begun, bringing together nearly 1,000 agencies nationwide to celebrate impact, raise awareness, and highlight the work being done to support families and communities.

Observed across the Community Action Partnership network, this annual initiative shines a light on the vital role Community Action Agencies play in helping hardworking Americans achieve economic independence.

Throughout the month, Community Action Agencies are invited to share success stories, host events, and engage their communities to showcase the strength and collective impact of the network.

## The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



## UCHRA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TEAM ENGAGES WITH STATE LEGISLATORS



UCHRA Public Transportation recently joined the Tennessee Public Transportation Association for their Day on the Hill at the Tennessee State Capitol. Director Holly Montooth and Mobility Manager Jacklyn Medley met with Representatives Kelly Keisling, Ed Butler, and Michael Hale, as well as Senators Janice Bowling and Paul Bailey to discuss the importance of investing in rural public transportation and the vital role it plays in connecting communities to jobs, healthcare, and essential services across the Upper Cumberland.