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



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RECORD YEAR FOR UCHRA'S GO ROUTES

UCHRA Public Transportation's Go Routes celebrated another outstanding year of growth during Fiscal Year 2026, providing 125,597 passenger trips—an impressive 17.6 percent increase over the previous fiscal year and the highest annual ridership in the history of the Go Routes.

Operating as fare-free deviated fixed-route bus services in Cookeville, Algood, McMinnville, and Crossville, the Go Routes continue to connect residents throughout Putnam, Warren, and Cumberland counties with employment, medical appointments, shopping, education, and other essential destinations.

The continued success of the Go Routes is even more remarkable when viewed over time. Over the past four (4) fiscal years, annual ridership has grown from 43,595 passenger trips to 125,597 passenger trips.

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GO ROUTE STATS

FY26 Trips per County:

- Putnam: 74,720
- Cumberland: 26,670
- Warren: 24,207

Four-Year Ridership Growth:

188%

AGENCIES REFLECT ON DECLARATION, AMERICA 250!



On July 8, UCDD and UCHRA staff across the Upper Cumberland came together for a simultaneous reading of the Declaration of Independence, with employees in each of our offices pausing to reflect on the words that helped shape our nation's history.

Although the Declaration was written nearly 250 years ago, its enduring principles continue to remind us of the importance of service, opportunity, and our shared commitment to strengthening the communities we serve.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this meaningful tradition possible.

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RECORD YEAR FOR UCHRA'S GO ROUTES, CONTINUED



Overall, Go Route ridership has increased by an extraordinary 188.1 percent, nearly tripling the number of passengers served.

To make riding even more convenient, passengers can track their Go Route bus in real time using the Passio GO UC app, available in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, or by visiting the Go Routes page at [UCPublicTransit.com](https://ucpublictransit.com).

This milestone reflects the dedication of our drivers, dispatchers, county coordinators, mechanics, and support staff, whose commitment helps keep our communities connected every day. Thank you to our entire transportation team for making this achievement possible!

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY



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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WEATHERIZATION TEAM PREPARES FOR NEW PROGRAM YEAR

From June 9-11, Tommy Simcox, Andy Meadows, and Judy Sanchez attended the 2026 Weatherization Annual Training at Montgomery Bell State Park.

The training provided updates on upcoming program changes that will be shared with county offices in the coming months. The team also learned about a new Pilot HVAC Program launching in July and continuing through September.

As the program rolls out, Weatherization staff will work alongside LIHEAP staff to help eligible clients meet program requirements and access additional assistance.

Visit www.uchra.org/communityservices to learn more about LIHEAP and Weatherization.



Thank you to Bruce Huffman from the TN Mental Health Consumers' Association for providing Cultural Diversity training to the UCHRA In-Home Services team on June 26.

His engaging presentation offered valuable insights into how cultural diversity influences our work and everyday lives, helping strengthen our team's ability to better serve our communities.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES JULY 24

UC*DD Upper Cumberland Development District

Upper Cumberland Development District
1104 England Drive
Cookeville, TN 38501

Friday, July 24th
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm CDT



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- Avoid energy drinks
- Bring your ID
- Drink extra water



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