

THE CDC CORNER

SOCIAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

Check out our Facebook and Instagram to congratulate our newest Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Ms. Madelyn! Ms. Madelyn has been a Registered Behavior Technician of the Children's Center for Autism for four years. This past March she passed the BCBA exam! Congratulations!



HOLIDAYS

May 16	Global Accessibility Awareness Day
May 30	World MS Awareness Day
June 7	Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day
June 23	Dravet Syndrome Awareness Day
July 22	World Fragile X Syndrome Awareness Day
July 26	American Disability Act Day

OUR MISSION

Providing supports and services to children, families and individuals with disabilities while addressing the health and well-being of all persons in the communities in which we serve.

DISABILITY DAY ON THE HILL

"NOTHING WITHOUT US"

Yet another wonderful DDH in the books! The Leadership Team spent February 28th in Nashville for Disability Day on the Hill. They met with several local legislators to discuss pertinent policies that have the power to impact the disability community of Tennessee.



Local Happenings

Bedford County:

Christmas in July | 8am - 5pm on Tuesday, July 2nd & 8am - 5pm on Thursday, July 4th
at the Bedford County Agriculture Center, 2119 Midland Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160

Coffee County:

Good Friends Music Fest | 5pm - 10pm on Friday, June 7th & 5pm - 10pm on Saturday, June 8th
at the Common John Brewing Company, 210 Woodbury Highway, Manchester, TN 37355

Davidson County:

Music City Hot Chicken Festival | 11am - 3pm on Thursday, July 4th
at East Park, 700 Woodland Street, Nashville, TN 37206

Franklin County:

High on the Hog Festival - Family Carnival | 5pm - 11pm on Wednesday, May 15th - Friday, May 17th,
12pm - 11pm on Saturday, May 18th, & 1pm - 6pm on Sunday, May 19th
at Tims For Bass Club, 1561 Phillip Fulmer Parkway, Winchester, TN 37398

Giles County:

SunDrop Festival | 1pm - 10pm on Saturday, June 8th
at Historic Downtown Pulaski, TN 38478

Hickman County:

4th Annual Junebug Music Fest | 10am - 11pm on Saturday, June 1st
at The Stables Event Space, 1726 Tennessee 100, Centerville, TN 37033

Lawrence County:

Lawco Freedom Fest | 6pm - 10pm on Saturday, June 29th
at Rotary Park, 927 North Military Avenue, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

Lewis County:

Lewis County Summerfest | 7:30pm on Saturday, June 8th
at Downtown Hohenwald, Hohenwald, TN 38462

Lincoln County:

Fourth of July Celebration | 9am - 6pm on Thursday, July 4th
at Fayetteville Recreation Center, 1203 Winchester Highway, Fayetteville, TN 37334

Marshall County:

4th of July Independence Celebration | 8am on Thursday, July 4th
at the Lewisburg Recreation Center, 1551 Mooresville Highway, Lewisburg, TN 37091

Maury County:

The Homestead Festival | 7am - 9pm on Friday, June 7th & Saturday, June 8th
at 4765 Hardison Mill Road, Columbia, TN 38401

Moore County:

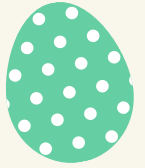
Frontier Days & SCA Cook-Off | 5pm - 9pm on Friday, June 21st & 10am - 9pm on Saturday, June 22nd
at Historic Lynchburg Square & Wiseman Park, Wiseman Park Road, Lynchburg, TN 37352

Rutherford County:

Tennessee Sunflower Festival | 10am - 4pm from June 27th - July 14th
at Lucky Ladd Farms, 4374 Rocky Glade Road, Eagleville, TN 37060

Williamson County:

Franklin on the Fourth | 10am - 6pm on Thursday, July 4th
at Historic Downtown Franklin, Franklin, Tennessee 37064



Around the Office

Thank you to *Good News* for featuring the Community Development Center in the February edition of the Shelbyville magazine!



"We serve our entire community of [people with disabilities] and of all abilities. We help them work, achieve their personal goals, strive for independence, and connect them with resources."

~ Anita Teague, Executive Director

Thanks to Leadership Bedford for selecting the Community Development Center as their 2024 project, *Project Little Hands*!



In October of 2023, the Leadership Bedford adult and student classes toured the Community Development Center to learn about the services we provide in South Central Middle Tennessee. After listening to our Executive Director, Anita Teague, and our Children's Center for Autism Clinical Coordinator, Rachel Rudolf, share the mission of the Community Development Center, the Leadership Bedford classes reached out to see if there was any dream project they could help the CDC fulfill. As it so happened, there was!

Thanks to the hard work, sweat equity, and dedication of the Leadership Bedford members, the Bedford Children's Center for Autism has an entirely new black chain link fence, playground equipment, rubberized tire mulch, and a pavilion. The new playground facility was unveiled at a ribbon-cutting ceremony, where State Representative Pat Marsh and Mayor Chad Graham spoke on behalf of the Bedford County community. Thank you to those who made this dream come true for the children of the Community Development Center!



Early Intervention

The Early Intervention staff attended a Time for Teaming Day, hosted by the Tennessee Early Intervention System, this April. They loved growing closer together as professionals and as a team!



Early Intervention hosted Easter Egg hunts in Coffee County and Giles County during the month of March.



It's been a "hoppy" spring here in Early Intervention!



The Children's Center for Autism

A P R I L

**April is Autism
Acceptance and
Awareness Month!
Here are some facts
all about Autism!**

70% of Autistic
individuals
graduate with a
regular high
school diploma.

1 in 36 children
are diagnosed with
an Autism
Spectrum Disorder

51% of individuals
with Autism are
eligible for vocational
rehabilitation services.

Autism can be
reliably
diagnosed by 2
years old.

Children can
show early signs
of autism by 12
months old.

**We are so excited to announce our opening of our
Fayetteville location! If you are interested in joining our
team, have a family interested in services, or you are
interested in services please reach out at 931-684-2293
or cca@cdctn.org.**

**CCA Opens
Lincoln County
Location!**



**Spirit
Week!**

**We've got
Spirit! Yes we
do! We've got
spirit 'how
bout you?**



Looking to help support the CCA program?

Here is a list of possible donation items that CCA uses on a daily basis to help support our kids:

**Laminating Paper - Velcro - Multi Colored Construction Paper - Glue - Washable Paint -
Sensory Bin items like: dry rice, dry beans, dry pasta, playdoh, cornstarch, bubble wrap,
sand, colorful fish rocks, etc.**

Independent Support Coordination/TN Strong Families

In Loving Memory...

Anthony Wayne Richards,
age 56, of Shelbyville, passed
away January 10, 2024.

Funeral services were held at 1 PM Saturday,
January 13, 2024, at Feldhaus Memorial
Chapel. The burial followed at Willow
Mount Cemetery.

The family received visitors at 11 AM until
service time Saturday at the funeral home.

He was born September 30, 1967, in
Florence, Alabama. Although born with a lot
of challenges, Tony lived an enjoyable and
productive life, thanks to his loving family
and caregivers. He loved to go on
adventures to Wal Mart and
other places.



Teresa Elizabeth Hutt,
age 66, died March 3, 2024 in
Hazel Green, Alabama.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 7th, at Hillcrest Funeral
Home. Burial followed at Hillcrest
Memorial Gardens.

Visitation began at 12:00 p.m.

She was born July 6, 1957 in Tuscaloosa,
Alabama; and was a resident of the Skills
Development Center of Shelbyville. She
loved living plants and purple flowers.
Teresa was preceded in death by her parents,
John William Hutt and Elizabeth Teresa Hutt
and a sister, Mary Lou Hutt. She is survived
by her brother, John Joseph Hutt of Owens
Crossroads, Ala. and a sister, Susanna Hutt
Jacks of Hazel Green, Alabama.

Family Support

When former Family Support Local Council member, Carol Jean, lost her only child thirty-year-old Mandy after a brief illness, Carol wasted no time in paying forward the blessings she and Mandy had received over the years. One such blessing was a handicapped-accessible van. Carol contacted the Family Support Coordinator and said she wanted to pass on "Mandy's van" to another family. "It was such a blessing to us, and I want another family to feel blessed," Carol explained. That family belonged to Jayda Mathis, a twelve-year-old, who too like Mandy, used a wheelchair for her mobility. The Mathis family was amazed at such a gift and recognized the immeasurable blessing they were receiving. The van not only would help with the numerous trips to Jayda's doctors but would also allow Jayda, her two younger sisters, and their parents to go places together, as a family. Mandy had cerebral palsy and 10 years earlier through generous donations from the Shelbyville Community, she and her mom were gifted the van. Surrounded by her community and friends, Carol told the Mathis family "the community gave this van to us, so we give it to you." A blessing for two families and a whole community!

*From One Family...
...to Another*



*Thanks to Zoe Watkins of the Bedford County Post for
sharing this story to the Shelbyville community.*

Employment Services

Welcome

The Employment Services program continues to grow! The Employment Services program added two new Employment Specialists to our team. Please welcome Janeth Quevedo and Sarah Martin to the CDC family!

Welcome

The MAPs program continues to flourish! Since January, the Employment Services program has accepted seven referrals for the MAPs program.

We are providing MAPs services now in Coffee, Franklin, Lincoln, Giles, Lawrence, and Maury counties.

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The Employment Services team began working with Hudson in September 2019 through Pre-Employment Transition Services. Hudson received Pre-ETS services at Lincoln County High School and had several work-based learning experiences while in school. After graduating from LCHS, he attended Tennessee Rehabilitation Center Smyrna where he studied Business Education. Hudson was referred back to the CDC ES team in March 2023 for Vocational Rehabilitation services. He had been working independently at a former work-based learning placement for the last three years, but wanted to find a position that used his experience in customer service and inventory management that he gained at TRC Smyrna. The Employment Specialist helped Hudson update his resume and complete job interview training. Recently, the Employment Specialist completed job development with local businesses and was able to connect Hudson with a previous Work-Based Learning employer, a local retail store. The company was very excited about Hudson's work history and Hudson's interest in working with the company again. They were excited to extend Hudson an offer of employment in their store.

Senior Equipment Loan

3 POSITION LIFT CHAIR



Every year, 3 million people aged over 65 years are treated at the emergency department for injuries from falls.

Lift chairs can also improve posture. Some chairs offer lots of settings so you can choose a position that works best for you. If the chair has an elevated footrest, you can use this to reduce leg swelling and pain. You won't use as much energy getting up from a lift chair, so you may benefit from reduced fatigue, especially in the shoulders.

Lift chairs look like normal chairs but have a motorized part that lifts and tilts the chair forward to help you stand up. Lift chairs help older people with poor mobility to safely rise to a standing position. These chairs are also useful for people with severe hip or knee arthritis.

OVER-THE-BED TABLE



Unlike typical tables, overbed tables are dedicated to adjusting according to the users' needs. That means that users do not need to trouble strain or bend down. With that being said, individuals with limited mobility can truly find the best convenience to complete certain tasks with the help of overbed tables.

Overbed tables can provide outstanding benefits for individuals who need support to manage their limited physical strength with comfort and efficiency.

Overbed tables with height-adjustable tabletops benefit users to find their needed angle that corresponds to their needs.

Welcome to the Team!

Mariana Sherron
Janeth Quevedo
Sarah Martin
Jayme Fuller
Lisa McDougal
Jennifer Rutka

Bedford CCA
Employment Services
Employment Services
Independent Support Coordination
Early Intervention
Independent Support Coordination

January 29
March 18
April 1
April 2
April 9
April 15

Staff Spotlight

Learn all about Early Intervention Manager, David Fosbinder!

1. What made you choose this particular career?

I did peer mentoring in high school. It showed how much a little specialized attention could accomplish. I knew then that I wanted to work with individuals with disabilities.

2. What's one thing that you've crossed off your bucket list? What's one thing on your bucket list that you haven't crossed off yet?

I married my best friend. I want to stay married for at least 50 years.

3. If you could have any superpower, what would it be and how would you use it?

I wish I could teleport. I could see more kids, I could fish more, and I could take my family anywhere.

4. What is one thing that you wish people knew about your job?

There is so much gratification in the little moments of success that most people take for granted.

5. What three words would your work colleagues use to describe you?

Energetic, Available, Scattered

6. What has been one of the most important lesson you've learned throughout your career?

Always meet people where they are.



Kelli LaFont	May 6
Mandy Kellar	May 12
Allison Crouch	June 7
Melissa Cole	June 9
Shena Tomlin	June 10
Shana Taylor	June 20
Chastity Crowe	July 5
Jennifer Long	July 10
Sara Musgrove	July 14

Read All About It!

NEW!

TN DECISION MAKING

Looking for resources? Check out
<https://www.tndecisionmaking.org/> for support!

NEW!

Contact Us

Children's Center for Autism: (931) 684-2293

Early Intervention: (931) 684-9203

Employment Services: (931) 684-4269

Family Support: (931) 684-7673

Independent Support Coordination: (931) 680-0094

Main Office: (931) 684-8681



MAY

David Fosbinder	EI	5 years
Cassidy Thurman	ISC	3 years

JUNE

Shana Taylor	EI	1 year
Dani Dorey	EI	2 years
Shinar Hurd-Smith	EI	2 years

JULY

Jennifer Long	EI	3 years
Lauren Bean	CCA	1 year
Becky Jamison	EI	16 years
Anita Teague	Administration	11 years



Community Rewards
Program



<http://www.cdctn.org>



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community
developmentcenter/](https://www.instagram.com/communitydevelopmentcenter/)



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