



## MARCH

Developmental Disabilities  
Awareness Month

National Women's History  
Month

Red Cross Month

Social Worker's Month

Multiple Sclerosis Awareness  
Month

DHS Blue & You Fitness Chal-  
lenge

3/4 DDS Awareness Month  
Proclamation at the Arkansas  
State Capitol

3/17 St Patrick's Day

3/21 Governor Hutchinson's  
Individuals with Developmen-  
tal Disabilities Employment  
Support Day

## March Birthdays

- 3/9 Karen McDaniel
- 3/9 Sylvia Rather
- 3/9 Zabrina Swift
- 3/11 Martha Gordon
- 3/12 Tommy Tarpley
- 3/13 Tracey Brister
- 3/13 Kimberly Green
- 3/13 Tracey Salley
- 3/15 Lynetta Lumpkin
- 3/20 Tammy Rose
- 3/18 Heather Preston
- 3/19 Chanda Young-Olive
- 3/27 Tamika Floyd
- 3/30 Victor Eackles
- 3/31 Anna McIlroy

**You're invited  
to attend the**

**2019**

**Developmental Disabilities  
Awareness Month  
Proclamation**

**March 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.  
with Governor Asa Hutchinson**

**Arkansas State Capitol  
Governor's Conference Room**

**WE AR COMMUNITY**

**ARKANSAS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN  
SERVICES**  
Division of Developmental  
Disability Services

**If you will be attending please RSVP to Yvette at  
yvette.swift@dhs.arkansas.gov.**

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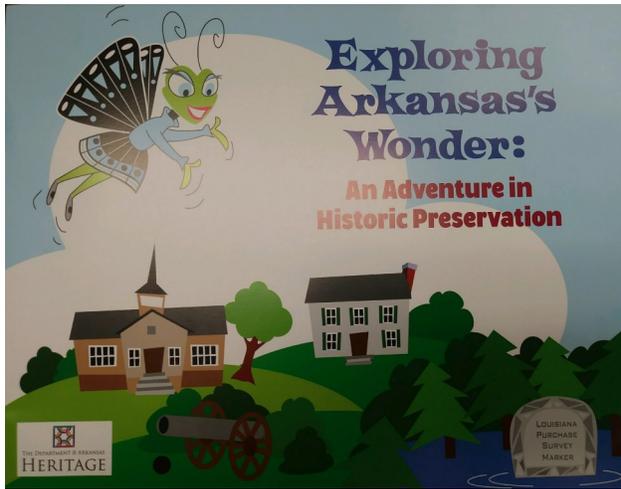
## *Southeast Arkansas Human Development Center (SEAHDC)*



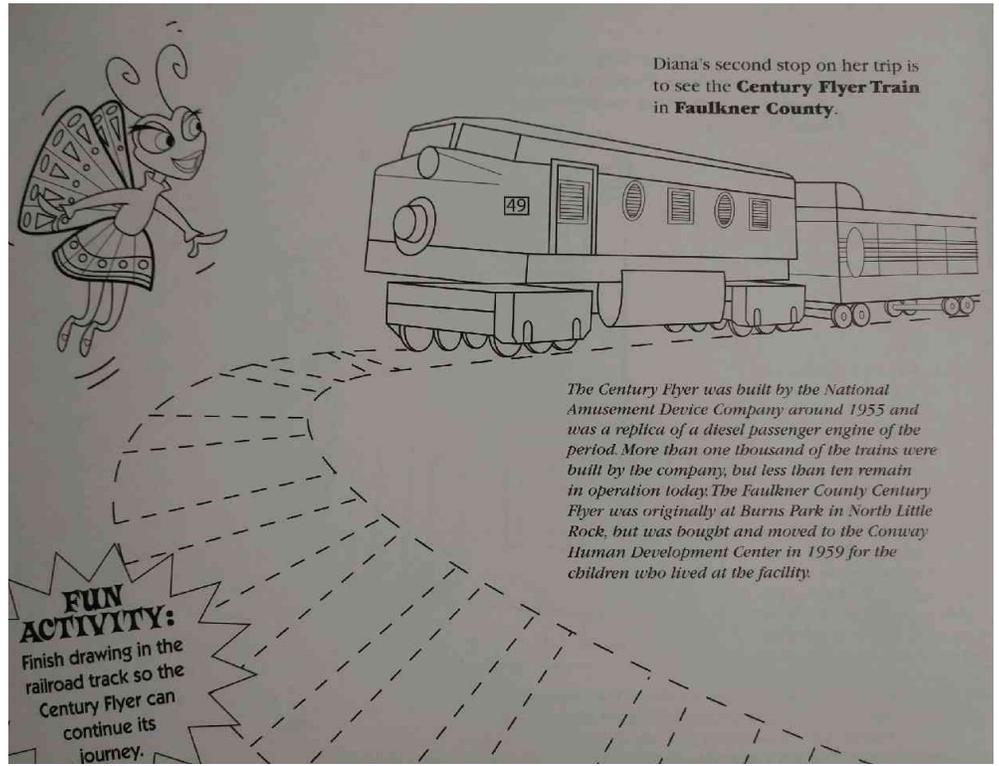
SEAHDC residents and staff support the Blue Umbrella's Grand Opening in Warren, Arkansas outside with blue umbrellas as a small delegation traveled to Little Rock to participate in person. SEAHDC sends warm wishes, "Good luck Blue Umbrella!"



# Conway Human Development Center's Train



CHDC's train is featured in The Department of Arkansas Heritage Children's book with a short story of its history.



## Public Service Recognition Week

PSRW is coming! We'd love to hear your ideas on how we can celebrate DDS employees as we begin the planning phase. In past years, we've had potlucks, ice cream bars, job shadow days, and bring your child to work with you. How would you like to be celebrated this year? **Send your ideas to [Yvette.swift@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:Yvette.swift@dhs.arkansas.gov) by March 15th.** You can send them starting now.

## *PASSE Command Center Go Live Date 2/19/19*

### **A Message from Melissa Stone, DDS Director**

Just a reminder that the PASSE Command Center goes live today! If you get questions about the PASSE, please be sure to refer them to the correct support line.

The specific PASSE's are:

**Arkansas Total Care: 1-866-282-6280**

**Empower Health Solutions: 1-855-429-1028**

**Summit Community Care: 1-844-462-0022**

Please send questions about specific PASSE's to them.

For Beneficiaries who have questions about what PASSE they are enrolled in or how to change PASSE's send them to **AFMC's Beneficiary Support Line** at :

**1-844-843-7351**

For Providers who have questions, send them to the **PASSE Provider Support Line** at:

**1-888-889-6451**

# There is a lot coming up at DHS. Stay tuned!

## *Save the Date*

### **March**

***Blue & You Fitness Challenge starts 3/1***

*Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month*

*Governor's DDS Awareness Month Proclamation at the Capitol 3/4*

*Statewide Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Employment Support Day 3/21*

*Social Worker's Month*

### **April**

*Child Abuse Prevention Month Rally 4/17*

### **May**

*Public Employee Recognition Week 5/5/19- 5/11/19*

*Nurses Week 5/6/19- 5/12/19*

*Congratulations and welcome to DDS promotions and new hires!*

**Kerry Gambill**— was named Superintendent at Arkadelphia Human Development Center (AHDC) on February 6th at the DDS Board Meeting.

**Elizabeth Cleveland**— Speech Language Pathologist (Autism Services Program) 2/25 start date

**Angelyn Franks**— Speech Language Pathologist (Autism Services Program) 2/25 start date



## *Comments, Suggestions, and Q&A*

What would you like to learn more about or see featured? Please send all comments, suggestions, and Q&A to [Yvette.swift@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:Yvette.swift@dhs.arkansas.gov)