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

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 Challenge
3/4 DDS Awareness Month
Proclamation at the Arkansas State Capitol
3/17 St Patrick’s Day
3/21 Governor Hutchinson’s Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Employment Support Day

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

If you will be attending please RSVP to Yvette at yvette.swift@dhs.arkansas.gov.
DDS Blue Umbrella’s Grand Opening 2/7/19
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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

Exploring Arkansas’s Wonder: An Adventure in Historic Preservation

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 by March 15th. You can send them starting now.
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