August Birthdays
8/1 Artie Herndon
8/2 Henry Florence
8/5 John Taylor
8/7 Rebbie Gardner
8/7 Quarnicia Sloan
8/9 Tina Smith
8/13 Regina Davenport
8/15 Carol Parker
8/17 Crystal Chandler
8/18 Savannah McCauley
8/18 Terrlyn Scoggins
8/22 Felicia Coleman
8/26 Amanda Smith

August
Children’s Eye Health and Safety Month
Natural Immunization Awareness Month
HDC Farmer’s Market at the Blue Umbrella-8/16

DDS Employee and CHDC honored

DHS honored Tina Smith and the Conway Human Development Center in a video on its Facebook page, Arkansas Department of Human Services. The video features the story of a mom in distress and the defining phone call with Tina Smith, DDS Nurse Supervisor in the Title V Program, that led to help for her daughter and the beginning of that journey with CHDC. Check out this incredible story.

Arkansas Tax Free Weekend 2019

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday August 3, 2019, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday August 4, 2019, the State of Arkansas will hold its sales tax holiday. This allows shoppers the opportunity to purchase certain School Supplies, School Art Supplies, School Instructional Materials, and clothing free of state and local sales or use tax.

All retailers are required to participate and may not charge tax on items that are legally tax-exempt during the Sales Tax Holiday. For more information, please visit DFA website under the tab 2019 Sales Tax Holiday or call 501-682-7104.
Celebrating Tracey Salley’s 39 years of dedication!

Tracey Salley is retiring after 39 years of dedication to the Title V Program for Children with Special Health Care Needs. She has served under 6 program directors and three program name evolutions. Tracey leaves grand shoes to fill and will be greatly missed!

Iris Goacher, Children with Chronic Health Conditions Nursing Coordinator

Many traveled both near and far to honor Tracey’s 39 years of service. The resonating sentiment was that Tracey was more than a colleague. She was a friend as evidenced by the passionate tributes given. Many held back tears as they spoke and some were unable to speak. What a legacy she leaves!
July HDC’s Farmer’s Market

Don’t miss the last HDC Summer Farmer’s Market August 16th!

Photo credit: Stephen Thornton
Conway Human Development Center Art Collaboration

The University of Central Arkansas’s Occupational Therapy department has been working with CHDC residents to expand their artistic skills during a class project. The Art Showcase was held on Friday, July 26th in the CHDC OT classroom.

Sarah Murphy, CHDC Superintendent

Kevin Moye photo credit
Five DDS Drop It Like A Squat team members were recognized by DHS Chief Fitness Officer, Kelley Linck, for logging activities every day during the 92 day Fitness Challenge:

Kristie Farr (not pictured), Joe Winford, Sheena Burton, Desiree Grisley, Kiara Swift

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

*Save the Date*

**August**
- HDC Farmer's Market– 8/16

**September**
- DDS Fall Food & Craft Fair– 9/27

**October**
- AHSEA/DHS Employee of the Year– 10/24
- DHS Trick or Treating Event– 10/31

**November**
- Christmas Drive– 11/1-12/13
- Veteran’s Day Ceremony– 11/8

*Congratulations and welcome to new hires!*

**Erin Skrodenis**, Blue Umbrella Store Manager

**Shannon Roberts**, DDS Business Planner

*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