



June

National Men's Health Month

National PTSD Month

National Safety Month

6/19 Juneteenth

6/19 Father's Day



THE BLUE UMBRELLA FARMERS MARKET



DHS Human Development Centers
will be selling
produce, plants, & crafts

**JUNE 3RD • 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
7TH & MAIN • LITTLE ROCK**

HAMBURGER AND HOT DOGS COMBOS WILL BE AVAILABLE
AND DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED. SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$6 - \$10.

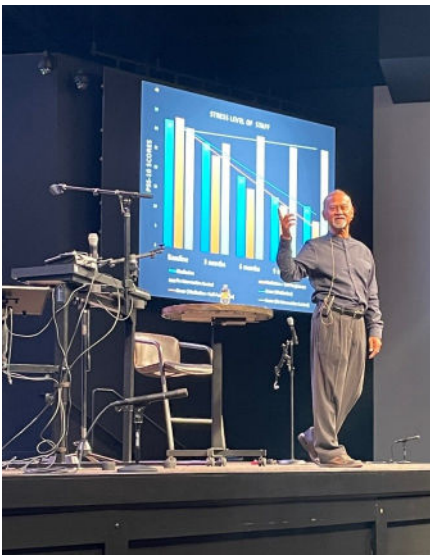
ALL BURGER & HOTDOG PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED
TO THE HDC RESIDENT HOLIDAY GIFT FUND

Beyond the Borders

The Conway Human Development Center hosted its twentieth **Beyond the Borders** Regional Conference on developmental disabilities May 5th and 6th, 2022. The Conference was held in Conway, Arkansas, at Antioch Baptist Church, with attendance exceeding 350 participants from a seven-state area. The last Conference was hosted nearly ten years ago, on August 8th and 9th of 2012.

The conference included over 30 presentations by state, private and community-based service providers, and other professionals in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities. This year's focus was Trauma-Informed Care, with over a dozen presentations to enhance participants' awareness of the impact of trauma and how to develop trauma-informed responses.

Additionally, this conference provided presentations that featured strategies/training methodologies in the areas of medical management, aging, recreation, supported employment, personal growth, and other topics of interest.



Beyond the Borders cont'd

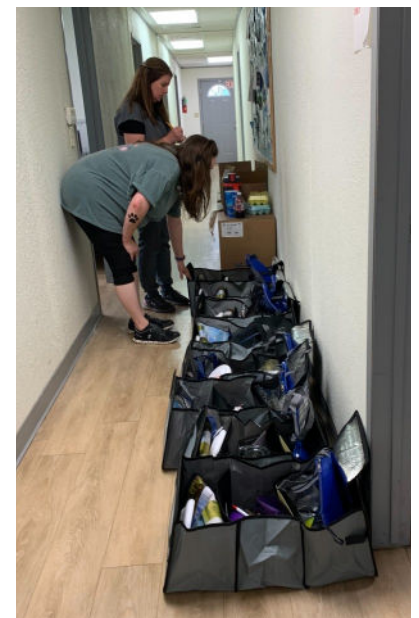


JHDC celebrate Nurses Week



JHDC Nurses celebrated from Friday, May 6th through May 12th in honor of Nurses Week 2022. Throughout the week our nurses were provided meals sponsored by local pharmacies and even had “Strawberry Shortcake Day” sponsored by the Employee Relations Committee at JHDC. All nurses were presented insulated car trunk organizers with items from local businesses that wanted to show their appreciation to our nurses for what they do. We love our JHDC nurses!

~*Superintendent Diane Keith*



CHDC celebrates Nurses Week

CHDC did a lot of celebrating!!! There were pizza parties for day and evening shifts on Tuesday 5/10/22. The nurses enjoyed pizza, salad, water, and cookies. Early Wednesday morning on 5/11/22 there was breakfast casserole and coffee served to the night shift. Mona Irwin, Nurse Manager, made a gift for each nurse and gave these out at the parties. Flyers were posted as invitations to all the nurses and banners with every CHDC nurses name listed. This year's theme was "Rooted in Strength". Gift cards were also given away. All the Team RNs were also provided celebrations in their specific area for the LPNs that work on team. Additionally, on May 10th thanks to Shakenia Tate, QI RN, and her many volunteer sponsors, the RNs were all provided a private meal at Mike's Place and watched an "Appreciation video" that was played to honor them.

~Superintendent Sarah Murphy



SEAHDC participates in the Mobile Hospital Full Scale Exercise

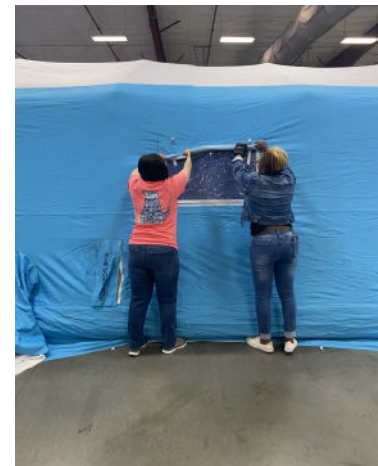
Staff from Bradley County Medical Center (BCMC) and Southeast Arkansas Human Development Center (SEAHDC) participated in the Mobile Hospital Full Scale Exercise held at the Conway Expo Center on April 28, 2022. The exercise involved erecting and outfitting 4 mobile hospitals which can be transported and used during natural disasters and other catastrophic events. The exercise was conducted in accordance to guidelines of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP). BCMC and SEAHDC are members of the SE Region Healthcare Coalition which participates in the Arkansas Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP). The coalition is comprised of hospitals, clinics, and long term care (LTC) facilities across southeast Arkansas. It was a privilege for me to participate in the drill and I felt honored knowing I could assist with assembling the mobile hospital in times of crisis. I was amazed by the coordination of the participants and the resources to run the hospital. There were mobile communications devices, HVAC units, generators, air compressors, oxygen tanks, cots, in addition to an enclosed box trailer lined with supplies such as PPE and instruments. There was even portable popup toilets to be used in conjunction with the hospital! The hospital itself is comprised of separate sections (tents) which are joined together by a transition tent area which contained mobile sinks for hand hygiene. There is a triage tent and a treatment tent. The tents are framed by inflatable chambers which are contained as part of the wall structure of the hospital and are filled with air from the mobile compressors. It was a great experience to participate and to see the innovation in emergency preparedness available in our State!

The mobile hospital is a valuable resource to the community around us, as well as to SEAHDC. It gives me a great deal of comfort to know that if there was a natural disaster like a tornado destroying our local hospital, continuity of care would still be possible as the mobile hospital could be erected to provide medical care for the clients we serve.

Submitted by: Dana Harvey, SEAHDC Assistant Superintendent



BCMC and SEAHDC team. Second from the right is SEAHDC Assistant Superintendent Dana Harvey and to her right is SEAHDC Quality Assurance Coordinator Tekeila Rawls



Dana and Tekeila rolling up the window flap after the two and a team of others pulled the right side of the tent up to allow the air to fill the frame chambers.



Exercise participants assisting the NW region with the take down and preparation for transport of their mobile hospital.



Individual sections are connected to complete the hospital.



Tekeila inside hospital consisting of patient bays with cots.

DHS 1st Juneteenth Celebration

JOIN US FOR A

**JUNE
TEENTH**
CELEBRATION WITH DHS

**FRIDAY
JUNE
17**

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
700 Main St.
Little Rock, Ar 72201

Assisted by:

The Arkansas D9 (Divine Nine)

Fraternities & Sororities

Minority Health Commission

US BANK

There will be:

Guest speakers | Food trucks

Informational booths | HBCU representatives

Historical displays | A poetry SLAM | and more!



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

Save the Date

June

HDC Farmer's Market

6/3/2022

DHS Juneteenth Celebration

6/17/2022

July

DHS 4th of July event

t.b.a.

October

DDS Fall Food & Craft Fair

10/7/2022

DHS Children Halloween Event

10/31/2022



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



BEYOND THE BORDERS - RECAP



The Blue Umbrella held its second pop-up shop of 2022 at the Beyond the Borders Conference. This allowed many community providers, HDC employees and others the opportunity to learn more about the store, our mission and view a sample of our artists work. We are so thankful for the love and support we and our artists received during the conference.



New Product!

FROM ARTISTS AT JHDC

Fresh from the new kiln at JHDC, these beautiful handmade trivets perfectly accent any space. Stop by the store to pick out your favorite!



SUMMER IS HERE!

GET READY FOR THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

Take yahtzee outside with a competitive game of "yardzee" made by artists at Civitan Services.



~~\$40.95~~

CAMPER

Purchase a brand new camper today.



~~\$17.55~~

CAMPFIRE

Life is better around the campfire.



~~\$9.36~~

SUNSHINE

Some days you have to create your own sunshine.



~~9.36~~

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