



SEPTEMBER

World Alzheimer's Month
National Guide Dog Month
National Preparedness Month

9/5 Labor Day

9/11 Patriot Day

9/13 Let's Talk DDS

National Preparedness Month

2022 Theme: A Lasting Legacy



The life you've built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family.

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

In 2021, FEMA's Ready Campaign and the Ad Council broke ground by producing the first-ever national preparedness campaign specifically targeting the Latino community for National Preparedness Month. Released during Hispanic Heritage month, the advertisements centered around the Latino community's commitment to personal planning for occasions and family milestones as a bridge to also planning for disasters.

This one-of-a-kind campaign is committed to putting people first and reaching communities where they are. To continue these efforts, this year's National Preparedness Month campaign will feature a call to action for the Black and African American community.

Tips for people with disabilities to think about personal disaster preparedness.

- ◇ Stay informed, make a plan, build a kit, get involved.
- ◇ Consider items you use daily as well as life-sustaining items.
- ◇ Those who use a wheelchair, add spare tires and an air compressor to your emergency kit to make sure you can stay mobile in the event of an emergency.
- ◇ For electronic devices used to communicate, charge and keep back-up batteries in your emergency kit so you can converse with emergency responders and stay mobile.
- ◇ Create a network of people who can help you in a disaster. Keep a contact list in a watertight container in your emergency kit or on your electronic devices.
- ◇ Ask your power provider to put you on a list for priority power restoration.

Remembering 9/11 21 years later



Never Forget: Visit Our National Memorials Honoring 9/11

On September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people perished during the single largest terrorist attack in American history. More than twenty years later, millions of Americans still remember the events of that day. You can honor those who died by taking a journey to one of the three September 11 national memorials.

The National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Dedicated on September 11, 2008, the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial is a beautiful open space shaded by 85 crape myrtle trees. The memorial contains 184 memorial units: benches surrounded by a lit water pool, each engraved with the name of a deceased service member or civilian. These benches honor all those who died at the Pentagon during the attack, including passengers on American Airlines Flight 77, which terrorists hijacked and crashed into the building.

The 9/11 Memorial & Museum in New York City

The 9/11 Memorial & Museum are two connected sites of remembrance and education, honoring those who perished at the World Trade Center in both the skyscrapers, in the Pentagon, on United Airlines Flight 175 and on American Airlines Flight 11 and Flight 77.

The Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania

The Flight 93 National Memorial is the third such site dedicated to the events of September 11, 2001. It is located near the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93 in Stonycreek Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. The nearest town to the crash site is Shanksville. There, the passengers and crew wrestled control away from their terrorist hijackers, purposefully crashing the plane to prevent another attack, saving lives and thwarting an attack on the U.S. Capitol. The memorial is about two miles north of Shanksville and 60 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

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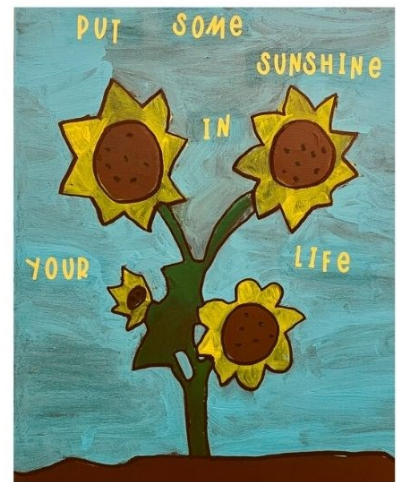
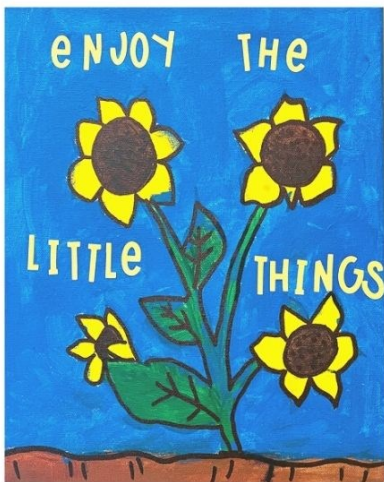
September 2022

New Vendor Alert!

The Blue Umbrella is excited to introduce new artists from the extra-curricular program "Arts at Bost, Inc." in Fort Smith! This program is a way for individuals to find a creative outlet, help them achieve their goals of artistic expression and improve their belief in themselves. Stop by the store to see all their creative magnets!



NEW CANVAS PAINTINGS FROM JHDC



Shop in store for additional designs!

Estie's Delightful Diamond Art & More has been very busy creating new items for The Blue Umbrella! Each piece of art is signed by the artist, so it truly is one of a kind. Remember, when you buy from The Blue Umbrella, you are supporting artists just like Estie and her siblings.



NEW DIAMOND ART!



RAZORBACK FOOTBALL IS BACK!

TOTES, PURSES, LANYARDS, AND SO MUCH MORE!

WRISTLET

Stadium approved, vegan leather wristlet perfectly sized for all your game day essentials.



\$20.00

CLEAR TOTE BAG

Stadium approved, 12"x12" clear vinyl tote bag.



\$14.00

RETRO CANVAS

Heavy cotton retro canvas tote bag, 17"x14.5"



\$25.00

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DDS Statewide Training (non HDC)

August 4, 2022 marked a very special and exciting day. DDS staff from across the entire state came together in person and via Zoom for training from our Assistant Directors. This was the first major meeting DDS has held since the pandemic. Over 30 staff met at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Center while the vast majority attended via Zoom. The staff's faces were lit up with joy from the screen monitors to those who lit up the entire room at the Coop. It was great to see the faces of DDS staff again and welcome all of the new faces that have joined Team DDS. Each Assistant Director shared valuable information about the subdivisions they supervise and welcomed questions at the end of each presentation. This training provided a chance to get to know DDS from where we are now to where we want to be. With the new changes within the divisions, more opportunities will take place in the form of cross training as well as more developmental training. DDS is the place to be. We care. We act. We change lives.

Submitted by: Sabrena Harris, Quality Assurance Manager

DDS Statewide Training (non HDC) follow up

LET'S TALK DDS

DIRECTOR,
Melissa Weatherston

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

Join via Zoom from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:
<https://arkansas.gov.zoom.us/j/83038302314?pwd=V0NjZkRSDdSQ1V1eHBQOXIyZjZlQ0109>

Meeting ID: 830 3830 2314
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Sixth Annual

FALL

Food & Craft Fair

Hosted by the DHS Division of
Developmental Disabilities Services

SUPPORT *crafters*
with developmental & intellectual
disabilities.

ITEMS *include*
handmade rugs, magnets, artwork,
wreaths, & more! All proceeds go to
the artisans who made the items.

OCTOBER
7TH

10 A.M.-2 P.M.
DOWNTOWN LITTLE ROCK - 7TH & MAIN

FOOD TRUCKS | FUN | SHOPPING

For more information, please contact Yvette Swift at
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Save the Date

September

Let's Talk DDS

Non HDC zoom

9/13

10:00 am

October

6th Annual Fall Fest

10/7

DHS Halloween Children's Event

10/28

2:30pm- 4:30pm

DHS Visitor Parking (1st floor parking deck)



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 by the 15th of the month.