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# DD SPEAKS

*Booneville HDC invites you to celebrate!*

## MAY

Lupus Awareness Month

Mental Health Awareness Month

National Foster Care Month

National Mobility Month

National Stroke Awareness Month

5/4 National Day of Prayer

5/5 DHS Employee Appreciation Vendor Fair

5/5 Cinco de Mayo

5/6-5/12 Nurses Week

5/7-5/13 Public Service Recognition Week

5/14 Mother's Day

5/29 Memorial Day

Join us for

# BHDC 50th Anniversary

STARTS AT 1 PM	MAY	87 REED ROAD
NEW REC BUILDING	12	BOONEVILLE, AR

In 1973, the Booneville Unit of the Arkansas Children's Colony came into existence, taking over the grounds of the former Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium. Since that time, Arkansas Children's Colonies became the Arkansas Human Development Centers and BHDC has continued to provide care and treatment for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.

BHDC influences the economic growth of Booneville and maintains community-wide support which has opened the doors for the integration of BHDC's individuals in community activities.

We hope you can join us to celebrate this momentous occasion

ARTWORK PROVIDED BY CARROLL KENNEDY  
Carroll has called BHDC home since 1973. He is one of our first residents and in honor of his 50th year here, he will be crowned Grand Marshal.

1973

*DDS Central Office staff goes blue in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month in April*



Pictured:: Yalanda Jones, Yolanda McDonald, Tammy Rose, Graham Rodery, Michelle Barrett, Sabrena Harris, Keesha Lucas, Rose Lovato, Terrlyn Scoggins, Lena Bethell, and Stacy Curtis.

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We are gearing up for the HDC Farmer's Market!  
Watch for details coming in the next few weeks.

June 23 11am-2pm

Veggies | Art | Food | Crafts



*Conway Human Development Center invites all to:*



**CHDC**  
**Pep Rally**

**May 15, 2023**  
**At the CHDC gym**  
**Starting at 10:00am-10:30am**  
**Hope to see you there!**



**There will be 4 pickup and drop-off areas for the tractor ride listed below:**  
**GYM, 7 Cedar Loop, 12 Birch parking lot, and ITT courtyard**



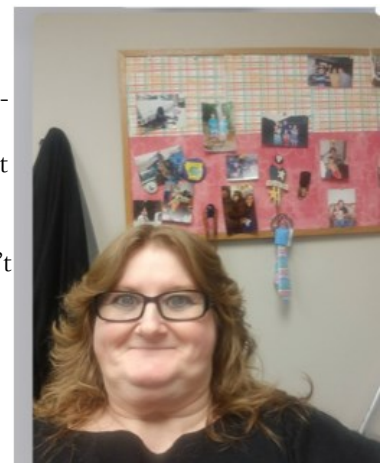
*DDS Administrative Professionals—Thank you for all you do!*

Jodi Woodberg is an Administrative Specialist III for the DDS PASSE QA Licensure and / NCI Unit. She has been with DDS for more than 15 years. I appreciate her eagerness to learn and develop new ways for the Unit to become more efficient. She is always willing to share her vast knowledge of DDS or computers to anyone in need no matter if it is within her Unit/ Division or someone in the County Offices. I appreciate her work ethic, punctuality and her attention to detail. We are very thankful to have her as a part of our TEAM! — Lynn Davenport



Earsley Winford is an Administrative Specialist III for the DDS PASSE QA Licensure and /NCI Unit. She has been with DDS for more than 7 years. I appreciate her positive attitude, punctuality and her willingness to help others when needed. Her vast knowledge with NCI has been a great asset to the Unit. Earsley is versatile and is not opposed when asked to complete any newly added tasks. We are very thankful to have her as a part of our TEAM! — Lynn Davenport

Linda Navarro stands out because she looks under the surface. She is going to be ‘that person’ who finds solutions to complex problems. She is going to be the person who tries really hard to understand the intricacies to issues so that she can focus on resolution. She is a data whiz. Her position is mainly with data however her attention to detail is so intense that she assists with so much more, literally. In my years as a supervisor (almost 23) I don’t think I have ever come across a more intelligent person who has the desire to understand and tinker with the situation to determine the appropriate response or solution. I truly don’t know what our team would do without Linda. She is such an asset to our team. She is a team worker, a team player, and a team leader all in one. Thanks Linda for always being such a great person and so helpful. I truly appreciate you big! — Laura Sherwood



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

*Save the Date*

**May**

*DHS Employee Appreciation Vendor Fair*

*5/5*

*11am– 2pm*

*DHS Visitor Parking*

*Nurses Week 5/6-5/12*

*Public Employee Recognition Week 5/7- 5/13*

**June**

*HDC Farmer's Market*

*6/23*

*11am– 2pm*

*108 East 7th Street*

*Donaghey Plaza North Building*



## *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) by the 15th of each month.

# The Blue Umbrella

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## Back in stock!

Artists at Arkadelphia Human Development Center have been busy redesigning their popular 8 oz candles. Scents include coconut lime verbena, black raspberry vanilla, white tea, peppercorn pomander, sea salt and orchid, cactus flower and jade, and citron and mandarin. Pick out your favorite in the store or shop online at [www.blueumbrellaar.org](http://www.blueumbrellaar.org) today!



## Save the Date!

MAY 14 - MOTHER'S DAY

JUNE 23 - FARMER'S MARKET



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# Mother's Day ideas

In need of some gifts for mom?  
The Blue Umbrella has unique,  
one-of-a-kind gifts you won't find  
anywhere else!



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