

AREA AGENCY ON AGING & INDEPENDENT LIVING

SUICIDE INTERVENTION TRAINING

AAAIL Staff, Ali Jones, Amanda Monroe and Megan Moenig-Young attended a two-day Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). The standardized curriculum taught staff to develop “suicide first aid” skills, allowing them to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide, to discuss suicide in a direct manner with that person, and how to intervene and work with the person to create a plan that supports their immediate safety. The training was based on a person-centered prevention model: Rather than guiding people-at-risk through a predetermined pathway to safety, the model supports the person in developing their own safety plan using personal and community resources. Congratulations to these three staff on successfully completing the training.



*If you or someone you know are having thoughts of suicide, please call or text 988 or call Pennyroyal Respond at 1-877-473-7766

DISCHARGE TO A HOMELESS SHELTER

Keeping residents in their home is one of the important factors in which Long Term Care Ombudsmen (LTCO) provide assistance. Nursing Facilities sometimes struggle to provide care for residents with dementia or other complex behavioral care issues. Some facilities try to discharge residents, consequently violating their rights. Every resident in long term care has the right to appeal a notice of discharge from their home.



Recently, a family called the LTCO stating that they were told by a facility to pick up a resident by the end of the day, or the resident would be discharged to a homeless shelter. This was a violation of the resident's rights and an inappropriate discharge. The LTCO spoke with the facility administrator regarding the rights of the resident and a 30-day written notice of discharge. The facility agreed not to discharge immediately and gave the resident a 30-day written notice of discharge. The LTCO assisted the resident, at their request, in submitting an appeal. A few days later, a final order was granted instructing the facility not to discharge the resident because the notice was inadequate and violated the resident's rights.

Sadly, our program commonly addresses complaints about improper discharges. If you or your loved one have been issued a discharge notice from a nursing facility, please call us at 270-886-9484 to learn how to appeal. Don't give up your rights to stay in your home!

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

The Kentucky Family Caregiver Program (KFCP) provides resources and support to grandparents raising grandchildren in the Pennyriple region. The Kentucky Caregiver program has a low-income requirement and a maximum age of 18 for the grandchildren served. The KFCP can provide up to \$500 per grandchild per fiscal year to assist with items such as clothing, personal care items, school supplies, and furniture for the grandchild. This program also supports grandparents that are looking for help with educational needs, legal services, medical/dental services, and/or respite for the grandchild. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about the Kentucky Family Caregiver Program or would like to apply, please contact our office at (866) 844-4396, or reach out to our KFCP coordinators: Christi Combs at christi.combs@ky.gov and Miranda White at miranda.white@ky.gov.



WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE

CHRISTIAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAREER SHOWCASE

On Wednesday, January 31, 2024, freshmen from Hopkinsville and Christian County high schools visited the Bruce Convention Center in Hopkinsville for the first Career Expo. Over 50 businesses and industries from across the region were on hand to give students an opportunity to explore potential career pathways and career opportunities. Businesses and industries ranged from healthcare, culinary/hospitality, customer service, construction trades, manufacturing, and military.

Students were able to tour a helicopter from Austin Peay State University, look at drones and learn about basic coding skills through the Christian County and 4-H Youth Development, and view vehicles from H&R Agri-Power and the Christian County Sheriff's Office. Manufacturers showcased their products and showed students how they were made.

Also on hand, was the new HealthForce Kentucky bus which was completed in October 2023 and built in Central City. The state-of-the-art mobile medical lab and training trailer saw over 600 students seeking knowledge and understanding of the healthcare field. The bus is equipped with 3-D laptops capable of diagramming the human body, life-like synthetic cadavers allowing anatomy exploration, and a fully immersive touchscreen training room capable of simulating ER visits, ambulance runs and other high-stress situations one delivering emergency care might experience.



WKWB YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

The WKWB Youth Committee will meet at 10:00 am on Wednesday, February 21st. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Committee members will be discussing regional youth activities and initiatives, along with hearing reports from the current regional youth providers.



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OPEN FOR HOPKINS COUNTY JOB EXPO



Hopkins County Job Expo
Real Jobs. Real Employers.

ARE YOU HIRING?
Employer Registration Open
EARLY BIRD EMPLOYER BOOTH PRICE - \$100

May 14, 2024
10AM-3PM
Ballard Convention Center

SCAN TO REGISTER





The Hopkins County Job Expo will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at the Ballard Convention Center in Madisonville, KY. Registration is now open for employers who would like to take advantage of this hiring event.

SUCCESSFUL TRAINING LEADS TO EXCITING CAREER

Shericka Burgess was a low-income adult raising her children when she decided to go back to school to train for a career in the healthcare field. She visited the Kentucky Career Center in Hopkinsville and met with a Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Career Coach. Shericka was determined to become a nurse. With tuition assistance from the West Kentucky Workforce Board, she enrolled at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology, in May 2022. She completed her degree in August 2023, and in the following months became a licensed practical nurse (LPN). In January 2024, Shericka became employed at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville, KY working as an LPN in the hospital's Emergency Room.



CURRENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
Program provides federal grant funds to protect important natural areas, acquire land for outdoor recreation and to develop or renovate public outdoor recreation facilities such as campgrounds, picnic areas, sports and playfields, swimming facilities, boating facilities, fishing facilities, trails, natural areas, and passive parks.
Application deadline: May 31, 2024
Match: 50% matching reimbursement (cash or in-kind)
Application Minimum: \$25,000; Maximum: \$250,000

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
Program provides federal grant funds for assistance in acquisition of easements, development and/or maintenance of recreational trails and trailhead facilities for both non-motorized and motorized use.
Application deadline: May 31, 2024
Match: 20% matching reimbursement (cash or in-kind)
Application Minimum: \$25,000; Maximum \$250,000

Crumb Rubber Grant Program
Program allows local communities to apply for projects that utilize recycled waste tires for projects such as benches, picnic tables, landscaping mulch, poured-in-place surfacing (walking trails, playgrounds), and tree wells.
Application deadline: April 1, 2024
Match: 25% (cash or in-kind)

Recycling/Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program
Program allows for the development of integrated recycling infrastructure, manage household hazardous waste and provide recycling and HHW public education.
Application deadline: April 1, 2024
Match: 25% (cash or in-kind)

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant
Provides funding to local first responder agencies aimed at meeting the firefighting and emergency response needs (equipment and training) of volunteer fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations.
Application deadline: March 8, 2024
Match: 25% (cash)

Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives Local Records Program
Program assists local governments with records management, including digitization, security microfilming, supplies/equipment, salary support, and records conservation.
Application deadline: March 15, 2024
Match: none

Kentucky 911 Services Board Grant Program
Program provides funding for PSAP E911 equipment supporting Next Generation 911 guidelines, including geospatial and mapping projects, new/improved 911 PSAP support equipment, and host/remote projects. Projects must be consistent with the NG911 Road Map and enhanced NG911 Mapping Guide standards.
Application deadline: March 15, 2024 (soft deadline); April 1, 2024 (final deadline)
Match: not required, but encouraged

Delta Regional Authority Strategic Planning Program
Program will give public entities access to strategic planning funds to address long-standing issues and develop a roadmap for economic growth and opportunity. Applicants for this program have the autonomy to apply for a plan that fits the unique needs and challenges in their community. Eligible plans include, but are not limited to, economic development plans, utility rate studies, transportation plans, workforce development plans, and broadband deployment plans.
Application deadline: applications accepted on a rolling basis
Application Minimum: \$25,000; Maximum \$150,000
Match: not required

Economic Development Administration – Economic Adjustment Assistance Program
Program provides investments that support a wide range of non-construction and construction activities in regions experiencing severe economic dislocations. EDA supports bottom-up strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic growth and resiliency.
Application deadline: applications accepted on a rolling basis
Match: 20% (cash)

For more information or assistance in applying for any of these programs, please contact the PeADD Community & Economic Development staff at 270-886-9484 or via email:

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- JaredNelson.....jared.nelson@ky.gov
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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME (CT)	LOCATION
Hopkins/Muhlenberg Elder Abuse Council Meeting	February 7, 2024	9 am	The Paragon of Madisonville – Madisonville, KY
Pennyriple Area Development District Board of Directors Meeting	February 12, 2024	12 noon	PeADD Office
ADD Day 2024 Lunch in the Capitol Annex	February 15, 2024	11 am ET	Capitol Annex Cafeteria - Frankfort, KY
West Kentucky Thank You Night	February 15, 2024	5 - 7 pm ET	Frankfort Country Club - Frankfort, KY
Pennyriple Grandparent Support Group	February 20, 2024	10 am	PeADD Office & Zoom
Alzheimer's Support Group	February 20, 2024	11 am	PeADD Office & Zoom
Pennyriple AAAIL Bylaws Committee Meeting	February 20, 2024	11 am	PeADD Office
West Kentucky Workforce Board Youth Committee Meeting	February 21, 2024	10 am	Virtual via Zoom
Pennyriple Area Development District Board of Directors Meeting	March 11, 2024	-----	CANCELED
West Kentucky Workforce Board Meeting	March 20, 2024	10 am	Lake Barkley State Resort Park – Cadiz, KY

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