

WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE

MUHLENBERG JOB CORP PRESENTS AT WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE BOARD MEETING



Gavin Gorham, Muhlenberg Job Corps Center Director, was the guest speaker at the West Kentucky Workforce Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 23 at the Pennyriple Area Development District Office.

Did you know that:

- Job Corps is 100% free for youth ages 16-24 who are from low-income households that meet eligibility requirements?
- Kentucky is tied with California with the most campuses in a state? Kentucky has 7 campuses!
- Muhlenberg Job Corps recruits for all Western Kentucky and offers training in Welding, CDL, Material Distribution, Heavy Equipment Operations/Mechanics, Certified Nursing Assistant, Clinical Medical Assistant and Pharmacy Technician.
- Muhlenberg County is celebrating their 50th year in business?

For more information about Job Corps or to begin the enrollment process, visit jobcorps.gov or call 800-733-JOBS(5627).



KENTUCKY WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD HOLDS STATE PLANNING FORUM AT PeADD

The Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (KWIB) led by Executive Director Alisher Burikhanov held a State Planning forum on August 23 at the Pennyriple Area Development District Office. The Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) State plan outlines Kentucky's approach to workforce development and is conducted every four years and includes strategic and operational goals.

West Kentucky Workforce Board members, Educators, Local Officials, Businesses Partners, and Customers were invited to the meeting to discuss goals, best practices, along with challenges and opportunities in the workforce development system. Breakout sessions were held to discuss the current system and how the workforce system should look in the future. The forum was one of ten that was being held across the state.



MUHLENBERG COUNTY HOLDS EXPUNGEMENT EVENT

Individuals who have a criminal background face many barriers to securing stable employment, housing, and other basic needs. On August 23, an Expungement Event was held at the Sue & Brown Badgett Center in Greenville to assist those individuals. The West Kentucky Workforce Board collaborated with Muhlenberg Economic Growth Alliance, Department of Corrections, Division of Re-Entry Services, two Muhlenberg County Attorneys, and multiple partners and second chance employers from the area to assist individuals. Of the 35 individuals served, 19 of those were eligible for expungement and 6 individuals were hired for employment. The Felix E. Martin, Jr. Foundation covered the \$40 application fee for each individual who was eligible.



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BREMEN RECEIVES \$1M CDBG GRANT FOR SEWER SYSTEM PROJECT

On August 11, Governor Andy Beshear announced an award of \$1 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the City of Bremen. These CDBG funds, through the Public Facilities program, will be used to create a gravity sewer system in the City of Bremen by extending 8” PVC gravity sewer lines to connect into an existing 4” PVC force main owned and operated by the Central City Water and Sewer Department. The collection system will gravity feed into an existing lift station located near the Bremen Elementary School and will be pumped eastward to the Central City WWTP. On December 10, 2021, a tornado destroyed dozens of homes just North of Bremen. Since that time, the sewer force main has been extended to serve the tornado ravaged area with sewer grinder pumps as new homes are being built. The ability to have sewer to hook up to is vital for small communities to survive by giving the residents a reason to build new homes, ultimately allowing the city to grow. Congratulations to the City of Bremen on your award!

GOVERNOR BESHEAR ANNOUNCES \$386 MILLION INVESTMENT IN HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICE

On September 5, Governor Beshear announced a record \$386 million investment to expand access to high-speed internet in 46 counties across the Commonwealth, serving more than 42,600 homes and businesses. This announcement comes as part of his commitment to connect every home and business in Kentucky to affordable, reliable high-speed internet through the Better Internet Program.

These awards are a result of a bipartisan agreement signed into law by Gov. Beshear in April 2021 that allocated \$300 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars to the Kentucky Broadband Deployment Fund. The following awards were made in the Pennyriple region:

Applicant	County	Total Project Budget	Award Amount	Total No. Served
Pennyriple Rural Electric Cooperative	Caldwell	\$660,780	\$330,390	32
Pennyriple Rural Electric Cooperative	Christian	\$2,553,189	\$1,276,595	270
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Hopkins	\$10,464,326	\$4,945,826	817
Pennyriple Rural Electric Cooperative	Lyon	\$797,292	\$398,646	70
Pennyriple Rural Electric Cooperative	Muhlenberg	\$5,513,009	\$2,756,505	902
Broadlinc	Muhlenberg	\$990,067	\$594,040	225
Pennyriple Rural Electric Cooperative	Todd	\$4,737,252	\$2,368,626	634
Pennyriple Rural Electric Cooperative	Trigg	\$4,690,009	\$2,345,005	659

HOUSE BILL 9 - GOVERNMENT RESOURCES ACCELERATING NEEDED TRANSFORMATION (G.R.A.N.T.) PROGRAM APPLICATION NOW OPEN

During the 2023 Regular Session, the Kentucky General Assembly enacted House Bill 9 (HB 9) and was signed by the Governor April 7, 2023. Chapter 186 (HB 9) is an act relating to economic relief and support for priority communities in the Commonwealth designated by the Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization established by Presidential Executive Order 14008, issued on January 27, 2021. In enacting HB 9, with collaboration between the General Assembly and Governor’s Office, it established the G.R.A.N.T. Program within the Department for Local Government (DLG) to enable priority communities to access federal funding for projects that are in the public interest and for a public purpose.

The G.R.A.N.T. Program is to be used for eligible recipients to support a local government’s non-federal match requirement when applying for a federal government grant program. Eligible recipients include a public agency (as defined in KRS 61.805) or nonprofit entity engaged in public benefit improvements to priority communities, who have or intend to apply for a federal program that requires a non-federal match.

For more information regarding the G.R.A.N.T. Program, contact Amy Frogue at amy.frogue@ky.gov or 270-886-9484.

KYEM HOST’S JIS/JIC OPERATIONS & STRATEGY WORKSHOP



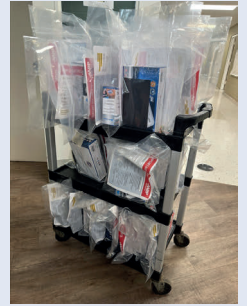
PeADD Communications Director, Melissa Thompson, recently attended a two day JIS/ JIC Operations and Strategy Workshop hosted by KYEM held at Kentucky Emergency Management on the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort, KY. The course was offered by: Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP); Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM); and PAST Fusion Academy at Argonne National Laboratory. The interactive workshop prepared participants to build relationships and work alongside government, non-government, private, non-profit and emergency/ disaster aid organizations, with a common goal of communicating with one voice to multiple stakeholders as part of a Joint Information System/Center (JIS/JIC).

This course was open to all Public Information Officers (PIO) and other individuals within an organization responsible for communicating with the public, press and media, and/or coordinating with other agencies PIOs and leadership, as necessary, with incident related information requirements.

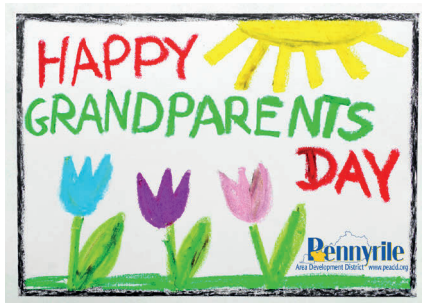
SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH: 2023 FOCUS IS ON OLDER ADULTS



September marks National Preparedness Month, the annual recognition set to remind everyone in America how important it is for individuals, families and communities to prepare for disasters and emergencies that can happen at any time. The 2023 National Preparedness Month Campaign focuses on preparing older adults for disaster, specifically older adults from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the all-hazard events, which continue to threaten the nation. Disaster Preparedness Trainings were conducted at the Senior Centers throughout the months of August and September to prepare elder adults in the Pennyriple for severe weather and home fires. Speakers included representatives from AARP Kentucky, American Red Cross, Emergency Management, Congressman James Comer's Office, and Pennyriple Area Development District. Participants left the trainings with weather radios and document bags to secure and make easily accessible important information in the event of an emergency.



GRANDPARENTS DAY



Sunday, September 10, 2023 was Grandparents Day and PeADD wants to say "THANK YOU" to all grandparents for the role you play in the lives of your grandchildren. Kentucky has one of the highest rates of grandparents raising

grandchildren across the United States. When parents are absent or unable to raise their children, grandparents are often the ones who step in.

PeADD is working hard to support grandparents raising grandchildren and related individuals in the Pennyriple region. The Area Agency on Aging provides both the National Caregiver Program and the Kentucky Caregiver Program to help serve and support grandparents raising grandchildren. Grandparents are provided with connections to community resources, educational opportunities, monthly support group meetings, and needed supplemental items for their grandchildren, such as clothing, hygiene items and bedding.

For more information on services for grandparents, please contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 270-886-9484 or 866-844-4396.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Pennyriple Area Development District staff are excited to once again partner with the Alzheimer's Association for their annual Walk to End Alzheimer's event. The event will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023 in downtown Hopkinsville. The Walk to End Alzheimer's is the biggest fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association. The funds raised by this event will support research into Alzheimer's disease and support to Alzheimer's patients and their families. Locally, they have provided numerous training events for families and direct care staff.



The National Family Caregiver Program recently partnered with the Office for Dementia Services to provide a 4 hour in-person training to support caregivers of individuals

living with dementia. The training, Dealing with Dementia, is an evidence-based informed program that covers the topics of Understanding Dementia, General Caregiving, Dealing with Dementia Behaviors and Taking Better Care of the Caregiver. The training was well attended and provided caregivers with very valuable information to help better care for their loved one and themselves.

If you are interested in dementia related services or further information regarding the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's, please contact Miranda White, National Family Caregiver Coordinator, at 270-886-9484 or by email at miranda.white@ky.gov.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Christi Combs joined our agency on August 21, 2023 as the new Kentucky Caregiver Program Assistant Coordinator. Christi holds a Bachelor of Social Work degree from the University of Louisville and is currently enrolled in the Advanced Standing MSW program. She lives in Christian County with her husband and two children. In her spare time she enjoys gardening and spending time with their animals.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME (CT)	LOCATION
PeADD Board of Directors Meeting	September 11, 2023	12 noon	PeADD Office & Streamed on YouTube
Pennyrile West Park Board Meeting	September 11, 2023	1pm (or after PeADD Bd Mtg)	PeADD Office
Regional Transportation Committee Meeting	September 12, 2023	10 am	PeADD Office
Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living Advisory Council Meeting	September 13, 2023	10 am	PeADD Office
Long Term Care Ombudsman Advisory Council Meeting	September 13, 2023	11:30 am	PeADD Office
Alzheimer's Support Group	September 19, 2023	11 am	PeADD Office & Zoom
Pennyrile Grandparent Support Group	September 21, 2023	10 am	PeADD Office & Zoom
Pride of the Pennyrile	September 28, 2023	8 am	Lake Barkley State Resort Park - Cadiz, KY

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 LAKE BARKLEY STATE RESORT PARK

To register click on the link below.

<https://www.peadd.org/pride-of-the-pennyrile>



PRIDE OF THE PENNYRILE

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