

AREA AGENCY ON AGING & INDEPENDENT LIVING

ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS WITH MEDICARE

If you're low-income and paying \$164.90 per month for your Medicare Part B premium, there's a program that can help. The Medicare Savings Program (MSP) may pay for some or all of your Part B premium, as well as deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments. To qualify, your income must be under \$1,660/month if you're single or \$2,239/month if you're married, and your assets must be under \$9,090/individual or \$13,630/couple.

To see if you're eligible and to apply, contact Ali Jones at the Pennyriple Area Development District in Hopkinsville, KY at (866) 844-4396 or (270) 886-9484.



FORGOTTEN ANGELS



Guess what time it is?? It's time for enjoyment, FUN and the gift giving season!! The Forgotten Angels Project is kicking off its 17th year. We serve residents that live in "Personal Care Homes". They are usually younger and sometimes suffer with severe mental illness rather than physical limitations. We focus on this group of residents because they seem to be most forgotten by friends, family and society.

You may be asking "How does this work?" We ask residents for one wish, (\$25.00 and under) that they want. We place the anonymous Forgotten Angel on the tree and people from the community come to the PADD office and obtain a Forgotten Angel (or several) off the tree. You can also call or email us and we can send angels to you.

The Stocking Stuffer list is on the back of this letter. Most of our residents love snacks.

Stocking Stuffers are generally all sorts of snacks, stationary, socks, gloves and personal hygiene items. Many people load a large Christmas bag full of these extra goodies along with the personal wish requested and return it to the PADD office where all the gifts are bagged by PADD staff and volunteers. Some people choose to bring in donations from the list or make monetary donations. We ask that all gifts be returned, unwrapped, to the PADD office, no later than **Friday, December 15th, 2023.**

As the holiday season approaches, we hope that you will help us provide a touch of joy to those in need. It is truly amazing to see how our community gets involved in giving so much to these Forgotten Angels. Each year, as the donations begin to pour in, I am blessed at your generosity. I am very proud to be a part of this community and look forward to serving our Forgotten Angels in 2023 with your help. To adopt an angel or if you have any questions please contact:

Cindy Tabor at Pennyriple District Ombudsman located at 300 Hammond Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240. Call (270) 886-9484, fax (27) 886-3211, or email cindy.tabor@ky.gov.



MEET THE NEW FACES OF PEADD



The AAAIL department has grown by three new staff including Destiny Ash (pictured far left), a Social Services Case Manager providing case management services to clients enrolled in the Homecare and Older Americans Act programs in Todd and Muhlenberg counties. Lorrin Washington (pictured middle), a Social Services Case Manager providing case management to clients enrolled in the Home and Community Based Waiver Program. Megan Moenig-Young (pictured right), a Social Services Case Manager/Special Projects Assistant, provides case management services to clients enrolled in the Homecare and Older Americans Act programs.

WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE

HONORING OUR VETERANS



spouses. Mr. Poor works with business and industry to assist them in hiring former military who have great skills and work ethic.

On October 31, a Manufacturing Seminar was held where transitioning service members met with manufacturing representatives including Ascend Elements, Toyota Boshoku and White Drive Products.



Mr. Poor also participates in weekly job fairs at Fort Campbell as well as the 2-day Jumbo Job Fair which was held on October 17-18. On average over 350 transition out of the military each month. Mr. Poor assists those individuals in finding employment with hopes of them staying in the local area.

OCTOBER JOB FAIRS

October has been a busy month for Job Fairs across West Kentucky. Along with the weekly job fairs at the Paducah and Hopkinsville Career Centers, West Kentucky Workforce staff participated in the annual Job Expo in Madisonville on October 24, the Muhlenberg County and Crittenden County Job Fairs on October 25.



Over 170 jobseekers attended the Job Expo. There were 38 employers on site and 8 agencies represented.



YOUTH SUCCESSES

Haley Worley visited Youth Workforce Connections (YWC) program at Hopkinsville Community College determined to make positive changes. At the time, she was unemployed and living with her son at Grace and Mercy, a safe home and caring support system for women in crisis. She had heard about YWC from another resident who had utilized YWC's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act services through the West Kentucky Workforce Board.

Haley had experience working in construction, but no postsecondary training. After discussing her future goals, she was determined eligible for Out-of-School Youth Services. YWC staff assisted Haley to map out a plan that included enrolling in Hopkinsville Community & Technical College to study Residential Construction. She began classes in January 10, 2023 and completed in April 27, 2023. She also began a paid-work experience with Frank Dudas Builders on February 22, 2023 and gained experience in home construction. She completed that experience on June 6, 2023.

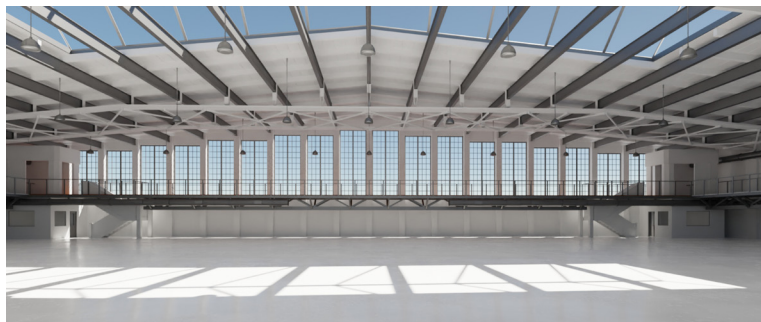
Haley decided not to complete occupational skills training; instead she chose to go work. She has become employed at Comefri, Inc., a manufacturing facility in Hopkinsville. There she works as a forklift driver earning \$18.13 an hour.



Haley with her HCC residential construction instructor.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

OVER \$750K AWARDED TO MUHLENBERG COUNTY AIRPORT HANGAR EXPANSION



Delta Regional Authority (DRA) is awarding over \$1.5 million in investments to three projects in Western Kentucky through the States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP), with Muhlenberg County being one of them.

Funding for this program was made available, in part, by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law signed by President Biden, a key part of his Investing in America agenda to grow local economies from the middle out and bottom up and create more resilient and healthier communities across the country.

The Muhlenberg County Airport Hangar Expansion project in Greenville has been awarded more than \$759,000 as part of a multi-phase airport expansion that will support the Madisonville Community College Fixed Wing Aviation Program.

As one of DRA's main investment tools, SEDAP provides direct investments for basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, business development with an emphasis on entrepreneurship, and workforce development. DRA coordinates directly with the Office of the Governor for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the state's Local Development Districts for program funding implementation.

RESOURCES FOR CYBERSECURITY

Are you prepared to communicate during a crisis? Natural disasters, biohazards, cyber-attacks, and even human error can pose major risks to our drinking water and wastewater services. With such an essential role in our day-to-day lives, the ability to communicate vital information is paramount. Don't be caught unprepared when a crisis happens. Priority Services provides three priority telecommunications services to ensure uninterrupted communication, especially when your network may be degraded or congested. DOW recently notified water systems of some resources provided by Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). As a reminder, to find out about all resources CISA offers, visit this website: [CISA.gov/water](https://www.cisa.gov/water). CISA also offers Priority Telecommunication Services to assist water utilities for communication during a crisis. To find out more, review CISA's Priority Telecommunications Services flyer, or visit: [cisa.gov/priority-telecommunications-services](https://www.cisa.gov/priority-telecommunications-services).



DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) CALL FOR PROJECTS



Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for projects submitted during the Call for Projects. The CWSRF and DWSRF Call for Projects Will Be Open from September 26, 2023 to December 15, 2023. If you have a drinking water or clean water project and are seeking funding during the 2025 state fiscal year (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025), this is the time to submit for funding consideration. These are competitive programs. To qualify for a low interest loan, your project must be ranked and listed on the 2025 Project Priority List developed collaboratively through the Division of Water (DOW).

Fall is here and marks the beginning of the annual Call for Projects. Over \$144 million is anticipated to be available from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State

CEDS DRAFT UPDATE

The Pennyryle Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is the result of a local planning process designed to guide the economic growth in the Pennyryle region. The CEDS process helps create jobs, foster more stable and diversified economies, and improve living conditions. It provides a mechanism for coordinating the efforts of individuals, organizations, local governments, and private industries concerned with economic development.

The Pennyryle CEDS is required to be updated annually in order for local governments to qualify for Economic Development Administration (EDA) assistance under its public works, economic adjustment, and other planning programs. The CEDS is also a prerequisite for designation by EDA as an Economic Development District (EDD).

The draft 2023 Pennyryle CEDS update is available for review at <https://www.peadd.org/blog/2023/10/06/2023-ceds-public-comment>. If you have any revisions or comments on the draft document, please contact Angela Herndon at angelas.herndon@ky.gov.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME (CT)	LOCATION
Pennyrile Area Development District Board of Directors Meeting	November 13, 2023	1 pm	Virtually via Zoom
Pennyrile Grandparent Support Group	November 16, 2023	10 am	PeADD Office & Zoom
Alzheimer's Support Group	November 21, 2023	10 am	PeADD Office & Zoom

NADO ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

The NADO Annual Conference was a tremendous event that brought together industry leaders, policymakers, and professionals from across the country to explore new ideas, share best practices, and discuss emerging trends in community and economic development. This year's conference was even more exciting as it was held in the heart of Downtown Cleveland from November 7th through 10th. With the opening reception privately exploring the fabulous Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, plentiful learning opportunities were offered throughout the week from the mobile workshops, plenaries, learning labs, best practice sessions, conversation cafés, and much more. In attendance were PeADD Board Chair, Crissy Carter; PeADD Director of Community & Economic Development, Amy Frogue; PeADD Board Treasurer, Mayor Kevin Cotton; PeADD Communications Director, Melissa Thompson; and PeADD Executive Director, Jason Vincent (pictured left to right).



The next NADO conference will be held in Washington D.C. on March 10-13, 2024 in Arlington, VA with sessions focused on regional development, the federal landscape, and the programs and policies that matter most to Regional Development Organizations and their stakeholders. Visit <https://www.nado.org/2024washcon/> for details.

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