

Taking the Bus to Greater Independence!



Jennifer has been steadily gaining independence for several years. She has a job she is successful at and now lives in a home on her own with minimal supports.

Her latest achievement in furthering her ability to navigate life on her own is utilizing Jackson's public transportation system. Jennifer has completed the SMART Community Travel Training program offered by the MAPs service of Tennessee Department of Disability and Aging (DDA).

DDA in partnership with AbleLink Technologies, provides access for participants enrolled in the MAPs service access to WayFinder. The Wayfinder app helps people with intellectual disabilities to travel safely, whether by bus or on foot.

Travel Training through the MAPs service is available for anyone with an intellectual and/or developmental disability who is not currently receiving services through ECF.

For more information about services through MAPs visit our [website](#).

To view the video of Jennifer's experience, [click here](#).



Elizabeth Merriwether, JTA; Melinda Clark, JTA; Jessica Kapp, MHDS Home Coordinator; Jennifer Storey, MHDS Person Supported; Brandon Scarmardo, MHDS MAPs Manager; Travis Franklin, JTA Hub Manager.

Our Fabulous DSP's

Always representing our agency with flair and enthusiasm!



Timeka & Britteny - Jackson



Nadasha & Kimberly - Nurses

Need to Know

Aug 30 – Lunch & Learn
 Sept 2 – Labor Day
 Sept 27 – Golf Tournament
 Nov 28-29 – Thanksgiving
 Dec 24-25 – Christmas

[Click here](#) for full calendar.



William D. Brewer, Jr.
Chief Executive
Officer

CEO Corner

Summer is almost gone (except for some hot weather) and Fall is right around the corner. School has started back, and we need to exercise caution not only when driving in the school zones but in all areas as there is more activity in the streets. I'm sure you've also noticed that drivers are just not following traffic laws and traffic signals. Be a defensive driver! Just because you have the Right of Way does not mean things won't happen. Just a quick reminder, always report any type of incident that happens with a vehicle or if there are any issues with the vehicle you drive.

MHDS is continuing to grow in new directions. Having been approved as a Technology Provider, we are renovating Building #47 on our Conrad Complex to house a model technology home among other tech related things!

Hopefully the Fall weather will be here soon and your favorite football team will be winning!

Thanks for all you do for OUR Agency!



Helping Employers Find Quality Workers!

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Access to Good Jobs for All

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October 2024



OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR



Friday, 8/30/24 — 11 am—2pm
MHDS—27 Conrad Drive — Jackson TN
Light Lunch — Door Prizes every 30 minutes

Open to All West TN Counties
Special Education Students, Family & Teachers!

Flyer and complete details at mhds.org
or get a PDF by clicking [here](#).



19th Annual Bob Brown
Memorial Golf Scramble
Friday, September 27, 2024

Woodland Hills Golf/Country Club
2 Club House Drive
Pinson TN 38366
731.988.5311
www.woodlandhillsgolfcourse.com



Brochure and registration details at mhds.org
or PDF [here](#).

Summer Flew By!



Martha Sue, Renee & Paul - Jackson



Kizzie, Kawanna, Mary, Kebrina - Bolivar



Janet, Melissa & Kay - Selmer





Direct Support Professional
RECOGNITION WEEK
September 8 - 14, 2024



Jackson



Brownsville



Bolivar



Selmer

Any time is a good time to recognize our hard-working and dedicated DSP's but during the National Recognition Week of September 8-14, please share your gratitude to those that are the heartbeat of our agency. They have the most personal relationships with those we are privileged to support and we couldn't be successful without them!

We Enjoyed a Fun 4th!



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of West Tennessee



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