

## The PLACE Behavioral Health Services



Navigating life can be a daily challenge for anyone. When you have other barriers like a diagnosed mental health condition and an intellectual disability, it may require additional supports to help. Our behavioral health program has seen great success in assisting participants acquire skills and find balance in their lives. You will get an understanding of our services by watching our [video](#) or visiting the [website](#).

You can contact Tomika Barbour at 731.343.8213 to find out how to enroll. We want to help people find the light in their life.



## Congratulations Naomi Griffin!



Kawanna Stewart, Naomi Griffin & Amy Melton

Amy Melton of Tarrytown Expocare Pharmacy presented Bolivar Direct Support Professional (DSP), Naomi Griffin with an award for her outstanding contribution to her profession and service to those she supports in her position.

“Naomi’s relationship with those she supports mirrors the love she has for her own family,” shared Bolivar Site Director, Kawanna Stewart. “She consistently goes above and beyond to make sure everyone gets the highest quality of service.”

See her remarkable story [here!](#)  
Proud to have you on our Team!

## Getting Ready for Christmas!

Our friends at Golden Circle Harley Owners Group have started raising funds to host our Christmas Party with the help of many other sponsors!



## New 2026 Holiday

We gave staff a choice of a new holiday and they have chosen:

Good Friday	54%
Juneteenth	26.7%
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19.3%

## Need To Know

- October 3 – Golf Tournament – Humboldt Country Club - [flyer](#)
- November 27-28 – Thanksgiving
- December 25-26 – Christmas

Full Calendar on [website](#).

## CEO Corner



William D. Brewer, Jr.  
Chief Executive  
Officer

It may seem hard to believe with the weather we've been having . . . But . . . Fall is right around the corner! School is back in session and Football has started!

There are always so many things happening at MHDS but one of the biggest is Direct Support Professional (DSP) Week which we just celebrated from September 7-13. While we are appreciative of our over 450 DSP's every week of the year, this is the week that they are nationally recognized. Approximately 85% of our 450+ MHDS Staff are DSP's including full and part-time.

I'd like to share some statistical data about our Staff collected during June/July of 2025. Of the 477 employed during that time, 82% were female and 18% male. The breakdown by age is as follows: Age 21-35 is 26%; Age 36-50 is 35%; Age 51 & Over is 39% with 14% of those being over 66! The largest percentage of tenure range is less than 6 months at 14.3% followed by 5-7 years at 12.2% and 7-10 years at 10.3%. Employees with 20 years of service is 7.3%

So, while we are thankful for the work and dedication of ALL Employees, the MHDS Board and Management would like to recognize and say THANKS to all our DSP's /Direct Support Professionals! You can see the photo gallery of our celebration activities on the next page!

Thank you for all you do for OUR Agency!

## October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

MHDS  
Mental Health & Developmental Services

We Put Our Skills To Work!  
October 2025

**Celebrating Value and Talent**  
National Disability Employment Awareness Month

www.mhds.org  
Find us on Facebook

#NDEAM  
80th Anniversary  
dol.gov/odep

# OUR DSP's ROCK!



# Thank You for Summer Fun!

McNairy County participants enjoyed summer events because two special groups made the effort to provide! We are grateful!



ABB  
Cookout  
May

Bethel Baptist Church  
Cookout  
July



United Way  
of West Tennessee

# We're Getting That Fall Feeling!



Mail:  
P O Box 11205  
Jackson TN 38308  
www.mhds.org

Admin/Program Centers:  
27 Conrad Drive  
Jackson TN 38305  
731.664.0855

Program Center:  
615 Moss Lane  
Bolivar TN 38008  
731.658.4404

Program Center:  
1431 Peach Street  
Selmer TN 38375  
731.645.7730

Proudly serving Madison, Hardeman, McNairy, Haywood and other area counties.