



First Tennessee Human Resource Agency

August 2011 Newsletter

Enhancing the Employability and Well-Being of Low-Income Older



Holly Hudson, Director of the Senior Community Service Employment Program, was a panelist in forum that discussed low income older workers. Older Americans have been particularly hard hit by the current economic downturn, with their unemployment rate reaching the highest level in 30 years. Adding to the problem, many safety net program budgets have been cut severely. To serve more low-income older adults with fewer resources, government programs and private-sector organizations are collaborating, including the federal Senior Community Service Employment Program, area agencies on aging, the workforce development system, community action agencies, and postsecondary educational institutions.

This forum examined how cross-system partnerships, policies, and practices can improve low-income older Americans' employment, civic engagement, well-being, and self-sufficiency. Andrew Sum presented new data to set the stage for understanding the employment and self-sufficiency challenges faced by low-income older adults. Joe Angelelli, Holly Hudson, and Donna Smith discussed examples of collaborative efforts to increase the employability and well-being of these older adults.

Discussants Ray Uhalde and Sara Rix offered national perspectives on collaborative strategies serving older adults and joined moderator Demetra Nightingale and the panelists in an in-depth discussion with the audience at the event and those participating via the webcast.

To view this webcast, please visit <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/urban-institute-events>

Riders Wanted

NET Trans is providing transportation to and from the Bristol Motor Speedway and your hotel in Johnson City for the August race weekend. Call 1-800-528-7776 for information or visit www.nettrans.org



The van pictured is one of the comfortable, clean vans that will bring you straight from your hotel to the Bristol Motor Speedway and back.

FTHRA Company Family Picnic



Saturday, August 13, 2011 at
Warriors Path State Park,
Pavilion 5 on Duck Island

11 am - 3 pm

Join us for great food, fellowship,
games, activities for everyone, prizes &
FUN!!



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Olé! Fiesta at Adult Day Services!



Big thanks to Nokia Siemens Networks volunteers, who provided a Fiesta to the participants at Adult Day Services. They brought a pinata and snacks and assisted with other games.



The support ADS receives from the community is amazing. We can't give enough thanks to the business, church groups and volunteers who spend quality time with the participants.



To find out more about Adult Day Services or learn how you can help, please call 423-928-8855. If you have a loved one who may be interested in participating in the program, please call to schedule a visit.

Dates to Remember

- FTHRA Company Family Picnic - August 13
- United Way Regional Kickoff - August 19
- Salt Council (Carter Co.) Health Fair - August 23
- Greeneville General Sessions Court Judge Bailey will award \$20,000 in grants to non profits - August 25
- United Way of Washington County Kickoff - August 26
- FTHRA United Way Kickoff - September 1

Denim & Diamonds Benefit for Safe Passage - October 6 at The Carnegie (sponsors and raffle items still needed)

You're Never Too Old To Learn

FTHRA's Training Academy, which is currently a series of classes offered to FTHRA employees and new hires, officially started July 1, 2011. Along with in-house training, the Training Academy offers *We the People* training from the *Who We Are Counts™ Institute*. We are proud to have Roberta Bowers as the Program Manager of the Academy. Stay tuned to hear more about this program because we will have offers for other non profit agencies.

First Tennessee Human Resource Agency provides much needed social services in Carter, Johnson, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington Counties. FTHRA administers 18 vital programs to assist the people of Northeast Tennessee. We rely on support from local governments, United Ways, grants, foundations, fundraisers and private donors.

If you would like to contribute to the agency or a specific program, please visit our website at www.fthra.org to donate online with a credit card, via PayPal or by calling our Finance Director, Jason Cody, at 423.461.8283. All donations are tax deductible.

To volunteer or learn more about our programs, call Stephanie Walker at 423.461.7769 or email at swalker@fthra.org.

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