



Golden Triangle Planning & Development District, Inc.

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From the Director. . .

It's for everyone!!!!

ANYONE residing in our 7-County service area is eligible for our prescription delivery service. This service is available to any age group. The "closed door" pharmacy is set up to fill prescriptions and deliver them to your home every 28 days. Medication may be contained in cellophane strips (as seen), one strip for each day's dosage.



To begin this 28-day rotation, a Technician will need to discuss with you (at your home) a list of your medications, doctors, other health professionals and insurance providers.

After your initial interview, the Technician will confer with your doctors and then will leave a week's supply of medication for you in a pillbox. The remainder of the prescription will be prepackaged in daily doses for delivery on the 28-day schedule.

Co-pays are accepted in the form of cash, personal check, money order, or most credit cards; payment is due at the time of delivery.

Currently the GT Pharmacy is serving close to 500 clients within the GTPDD 7-County area. For more information about the Pharmacy, you may call 662-320-2011, or email at pharmhit@gtppdd.com.



2018 County Advisory Meetings



Rupert L. "Rudy" Johnson
Executive Director

COUNTY	DATE	TIME	PLACE
CHOCTAW	July 2	10:30 a.m.	Choctaw Co. Library
CLAY	July 5	10:30 a.m.	Courthouse Crtroom 2 nd floor
LOWNDES	July 10	9:00 a.m.	Gardner Blvd Bldg
NOXUBEE	July 10	3:00 p.m.	Civic Center
OKTIBBEHA	July 2	8:30 a.m.	Courthouse Sup. Bdroom
WEBSTER	July 16	8:30 a.m.	Justice Courtroom
WINSTON	July 2	1:00 p.m.	2 nd floor Crtroom in Courthouse



Mississippi to Host ARC Fall Conference

The State of Mississippi is hosting this year's Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) fall conference, *Appalachia Works: Expanding Opportunities for Our Region*, on September 12-14, 2018 in Tupelo. The summit will highlight best practices, emerging ideas and lasting strategies for economic development across Appalachia. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited and onsite registration at the summit will not be accepted. An early registration fee of \$175 is available to summit registrants through Friday, July 27. After that date the fee is \$225. The registration fee includes all meals and events. Please visit www.arc.gov for more information and to register on-line.

Town of Maben Sewer Improvements Nearing Completion

Utilizing a \$450,000 Mississippi Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Town of Maben has been able to alleviate its most imperative wastewater problems with the replacement and repair of failing sewer lines in order to alleviate unsanitary conditions which pose a threat to the health and safety of the area's citizens. The project has also addressed the wastewater treatment problems of a failing sand filter, lagoon levee and pumps. Additionally, two (2) households not currently being served were added to the municipality's sewer system.





New ARC Federal Co-Chair Tours GTPDD District

Tim Thomas was sworn in as the Appalachian Regional Commission's 12th federal co-chair on April 3, 2018. In this newly appointed role, he will work directly with ARC's 13 member governors, their state alternates and program managers, and a network of local development districts to continue creating economic opportunities for the region. His first official visit to Mississippi included a tour of the East Mississippi Community College's Communiversity 2.0 construction site.



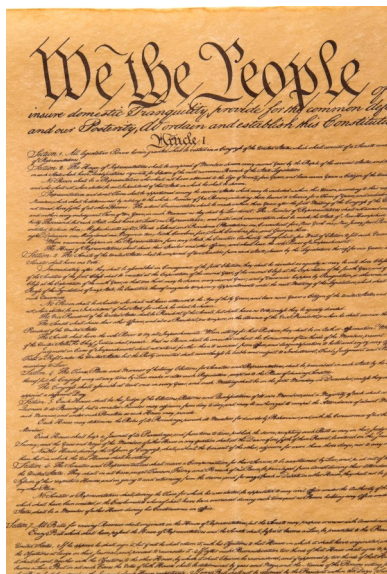
The Town of Artesia is progressing with its efforts to provide quality sewer services to residents:

The Town received a Community Development Block Grant from the Mississippi Development Authority for sewer system improvements.

These activities include: (1) sewer lines will be inspected by camera to locate points of entry of surface water and broken lines, and (2) the pump station on Front Street will be rehabilitated to handle the larger flows contributing to sewage overflow. The proposed improvements will also include extending service to four (4) new customers.

Sewage Lagoon Improvements include:

(1) Lagoon dike damage will be stopped with the best practices for erosion control put into place, (2) a floating rotating biological contactor (RBC) and aerator will be installed at the lagoon to treat the wastewater to the new permitted limits, and (3) the wetland will be upgraded with new plants and clean gravel. (Pictured is the contractor, Perma Corporation of Columbus, Mississippi as work on the lagoon wetland proceeds.)



July 4th, what is it?

The Fourth of July is the most patriotic national holiday in the United States. It celebrates the Declaration of Independence, adopted on July 4, 1776. The Thirteen Colonies of America declared themselves to be states and no longer part of the British Empire, though the revolutionary war continued for some time after.



APRIL

Catherine Dyson	06 Years
Sherri Fowler	13 Years
Rupert L. "Rudy" Johnson	28 Years
Janet Macon	16 Years
Wendy Mann	13 Years
Keisha Warren	14 Years

MAY

Courtney Carr	07 Years
Queenzella Gibson	13 Years
Latoya Harris	06 Years
Earnestine Robinson	17 Years
Toby Sanford	14 Years
Latasha Tallie	06 Years
Teshia Taylor	11 Years
Clara Tippet	09 Years
Lesa Wilson	14 Years

JUNE

Lena Davis	12 Years
Sharon Duke	12 Years
Phyllis Flake	12 Years
Tina Gill	07 Years
Minnie Lindsay	14 Years
Tina McWhorter	18 Years
Kenny Orr	16 Years
Debra Prishmont	09 Years
Audie Strain	05 Years
Yvonne Weaver	07 Years
Sheila Winters	07 Years

Staff Anniversaries

Staff members that have served at least 5 years at the GTPDD.

Farmers Market Nutrition Program

Seniors, 60 years of age and older, with certain income qualifications, are eligible to receive a one-time benefit in the form of vouchers from the Golden Triangle Area Agency on Aging to shop at authorized local farmers markets. The vouchers are used to buy fresh fruits and vegetables grown by local farmers.

The purpose of the project is to increase the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetable by senior adults and increase the awareness of farmers markets. When buying local produce, you are supporting the local economy and your local farmer.

Local authorized farmers markets are located in Columbus, Starkville and West Point. Program participants will be able to redeem vouchers at an authorized farmers market through November.

For more information please call at 662-324-1173. Vouchers are available now!



About the Medicaid Waiver Program

The Elderly and Disabled Waiver program provides home and community-based services to individuals over the age of 21 who, but for the provision of such services, would require the level of care provided in a nursing home facility. Beneficiaries of this waiver must qualify for Medicaid as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries or meet the income and resource eligibility requirements for income level up to 300% of the SSI Federal Benefit Rate, and meet medical criteria of the program, with a score of 50.

The Elderly and Disabled Waiver program is administered directly by the Home and Community Based Services Division (HCBS). Case Management services are provided by the Planning and Development Districts. The case management team is composed of a registered nurse and a licensed social worker who are responsible for identifying, screening and completing an assessment on individuals in need of at-home services. Upon approval of the HCBS, the case managers can refer qualified individuals to the following services: adult day care, home-delivered meals, personal care services, in-home respite, and expanded home health visits.

The Golden Triangle Planning and Development District's Case Management Services are provided to all counties in our district, including: Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster and Winston County.

Michelle Harris is the RN Supervisor for the Medicaid Waiver Program. Current Case Management team members are:

Choctaw

Tina Gill, RN
Rachel Embry, LSW

Clay

Mitzi Phelps, RN
Lesa Wilson, LSW

Lowndes #1

Brandy Clark, RN
Audie Strain, LSW

Lowndes #2

Cindy Reese, RN
Tennie Simpson, LSW

Lowndes #3

Lindsey Marsh, RN
Angelia Sansing, LSW

Lowndes #4

Jamie Hubbard, RN
Lynn Herndon, LSW

Noxubee #1

Kristen Makamson, RN
Cathy Tennant, LSW

Noxubee #2

Tammy Castle, RN
Jennifer Bridges, LSW

Oktibbeha #1

Tina McWhorter, RN
Tonia Davis, LSW

Oktibbeha #2

Stacy Elkins, RN
Jennifer Grantham, LSW

Oktibbeha #3

Ella Pogue, RN
Beverly Baker, LSW

Oktibbeha #4

Kristy Taylor, RN

Webster

Blair Gerrish, RN
Lisa Woods, LSW

Winston

Kim Mills, RN
Lauren Smith, LSW

Anyone interested in this program, or simply needing additional information, should call the GTPDD Medicaid Waiver office at 662-320-2000, select **Option #3**.

S-U-C-C-E-S-S HERE'S HOW WE SPELL SUCCESS

Can you think of a good way to spend **\$95,000** plus?

This is the total salary earned by WIOA students in Choctaw, Oktibbeha, Webster, and Winston counties August 2017- June 2018. *Keep in mind that the students live in this area, so this money went back into the local economy, either by expenditures or in savings accounts.* Of the seventy-five (75) participants certified into the current WIOA Counseling to Career program, seventy-two (72) completed work ethics training. Seventy (70) of the completers participated in a paid internship, while two completers were able to find jobs on their own, without intervention of WIOA staff. Student commitment, WIOA staff diligence, and cooperation of businesses are certainly worthy of praise.

Not only did the participants have an opportunity to take skills learned during work ethics training into actual job situations, but local businesses received free labor, as student salaries were paid through WIOA funds administered by Golden Triangle PDD. In addition, the eighty participants, which are part of the follow-up program, continue to make positive strides toward their future goals. According to the last quarterly outcome reports, 83%, or 66 out of 80, are either in post-secondary education, employed, or in the active military. That is **SUCCESS** no matter how you spell it!!

By now you are probably wondering “Exactly what **is** the WIOA Out-of-School Youth Program?” Simply stated, it is an individualized work training program that: teaches necessary skills for job success, offers paid internship, and provides services for the following twelve months to ensure students’ success in the real world of employment.

Golden Triangle PDD has received continued WIOA funding of the Program for the 2018-2019 program year and now the WIOA program needs your help!! If you know youth who are out-of-school, 16 – 24 years of age, motivated, dependable, and looking for employment or career guidance, tell them about this wonderful opportunity so that they too can learn skills for job success, earn money, and receive the counseling and support needed to pursue their desired goals.

For more information on the WIOA Youth Program call Mitzi Lawrence at 662-324-7860 ext. 1128.

Golden Triangle Planning & Development District is an Equal Opportunity Organization. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. (MS Relay and TCC Number: 202-693-3515)

Eligible participants in Clay, Lowndes, and Noxubee counties may receive WIOA services through East MS Community College.

MML/PDD

Annual Meeting
August 22nd
11:30 a.m.
Golden Triangle
PDD
Boardroom

Golden Triangle
Planning & Development District

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Open Enrollment for Prescription Drug Coverage

Wow! How time flies. It seems like 2018 was beginning just a few weeks ago and here we are almost to that time of year; "Open Enrollment" for prescription drug coverage. The new 2019 Prescription Drug Plans will be posted on medicare.gov beginning October 1, 2018. Enrollment will begin October 15, 2018 for the new plan year beginning January 1, 2019.

Things to remember about Medicare prescription drug coverage – All plans change each year:

- Premiums
- Copays
- Deductibles
- Preferred pharmacies

Formularies (list of medications the plan covers), etc.

Be sure you understand how your plan's changes will affect you.

We will again this year make appointments for anyone who wishes to get a quick review of his/her coverage and/or change plans. **For an appointment please call the office 662-324-7860 Extension 0 or email information to ship@gtpdd.com. You may also fax your information to 662-324-1911 attention SHIP Office or drop information off at the GTPDD office at 106 Miley Drive. Be sure to include all information requested below and specify your preferred method of contact.**

At least two weeks before your appointment time we must have the following information:

Name – as it appears on your Medicare Card.

Address – current mailing including zip code

Working phone number

Date of Birth

Medicare Number including the effective date of Part A or a copy of your NEW Medicare Card

NEW LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS

This information allows us to compare your current coverage with what is available for the new year and have it ready when you arrive for your appointment. Due to the number of individuals requesting assistance, we will not be able to see anyone in the office who does not provide information prior to his/her appointment time.

A group of retired gentlemen utilizing Sr. Enrichment Center at the GTPDD, discussing vintage vehicles.

