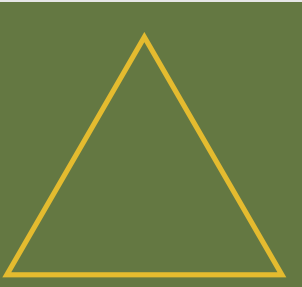


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## Director's Message

*Mississippi Municipal League*

The Golden Triangle Planning and Development District hosted the Mississippi Municipal League for a discussion on municipalities and legislature in August.

A private non-profit representing the cities and towns of Mississippi, the league updates the municipalities on upcoming legislature as well addressing other matters.

This year, U.S. Senator Roger Wicker made a surprise visit as opening speaker. He asked for comments and questions regarding issues of concern.



*Pictured left to right: Mississippi State Senator Bart Williams, GTPDD Director Rupert L. "Rudy" Johnson and U.S. Senator Roger Wicker*

Sen. Wicker said he would be taking the concerns back to the state level to try and give relief to towns and cities.

Mississippi State Senator Bart Williams of District 15 attended the discussion as well. The GTPDD appreciates everything the MML does and hopes to host them again.

## WIOA Gateway Program: Success Story



*Shaniya  
Snell*

The GTPDD Gateway In-School Workforce Program continues to create success stories by teaching and providing job skills and experiences to high school students in local communities.

Shaniya Snell, a former senior at Noxubee County Career and Technology Center, joined the program in the spring of 2023. Living in the poverty-stricken county of Noxubee with her mother, she had no prior work experience.

During orientation, Snell said she wanted to participate in the program to gain job experience and earn her own money. After successfully completing essential job skills classes, she interned with Noxubee Regional Medical Center in a clerical capacity.

Snell excelled in all aspects of her job. She received excellent evaluations from her immediate supervisor, as well as from the Human Resources director. She was punctual, dependable and hard-working. Because of her work ethic, her supervisor said that she would like to have more interns from the program.

Through the Gateway Program, Snell gained meaningful work experience and learned through job skills classes and working a job what employers expect from employees. After graduating in May, she is continuing her education at East Mississippi Community College.

The Gateway In-School Workforce Program is available to juniors and seniors enrolled in local high schools in Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster and Winston counties. To learn more and/or participate, contact WIOA Director Mitzi Lawrence at 662-324-5007.

## New Employees



Trey Hamby  
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Mandee Lewis  
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The GTPDD is happy to welcome its two newest employees: Trey Hamby and Mandee Lewis. Both joining the planning department, Hamby and Lewis are already getting to work on improving our seven counties and the lives of the people within them.

## HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED ELDERLY AND DISABLED WAIVER PROGRAM

### What is it?

The Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver is a statewide program designed to offer assistance to qualified Medicaid beneficiaries. The program allows qualified individuals to remain in a home or community-based setting as an alternative to nursing facility care or other institutional care.

### What are the qualifications?

1. Beneficiaries must be 21 years of age or older;
2. Medicaid eligible;
3. Require the same level of care as someone applying for admission to a nursing facility.

Contact our Medicaid Waiver Office:  
**662-320-2003.**

### What services are offered under this waiver?

- **Case Management:** Everyone who participates in the waiver is assigned to a local case management team. This team consists of a Registered Nurse and Licensed Social Worker. They are responsible for managing and coordinating the services for each participant.
- **Personal Care Services (PCS):** These are supportive services provided in the home of the participant. They include assistance with light housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation, bathing, dressing, personal hygiene and activities of daily living.
- **Adult Day Services:** This is a structured program that focuses on the strengths and abilities of the participant. This service allows participants to contact connections with their community and/or use all of their retained skills. Depending on the specific facility, the following services are provided: supervision and/or assistance with ADLs, group activities, nutritious meals and medication monitoring.
- **Home Delivered Meals:** A well-balanced meal is delivered to the home of the person who is unable to leave their home without assistance and/or is unable to prepare their own meals.
- **Institutional Respite and/or In-Home Respite:** This is provided to participants on a short-term basis because of the absence of or need for relief for the primary care giver. This can be provided in the home or other licensed respite care centers.

**Medicaid Waiver RNs and LSWs:**

**Choctaw:**

Tina Gill, RN  
Kaylee Tisdale, LSW

**Lowndes #3:**

Lindsey Livingston, RN  
Angelia Sansing, LSW

**Oktibbeha #2:**

Stacy Elkins, RN  
Jennifer Grantham, LSW

**Winston:**

Kim Mills, RN  
Lauren Smith, LSW

**Clay:**

Mitzi Phelps, RN  
Lesa Wilson, LSW

**Noxubee #1:**

Rachael Unruh, RN  
Jennifer Bridges, LSW

**Oktibbeha #3:**

Paige Winfield, RN  
Christina Bland, LSW

**Lowndes #1:**

Angie Whitaker, RN  
Jessica Rodgers, LSW

**Noxubee #2:**

Tammy Castle, RN  
Kallie Hubbard, LSW

**Oktibbeha #4:**

Krystal Taylor, RN  
Megan Aucoin, LSW

**Lowndes #2:**

Cindy Reese, RN  
Tennie Simpson, LSW

**Oktibbeha #1**

Tina McWhorter, RN  
Andrea Wright, LSW

**Webster:**

Sydney Thompson, RN  
Lisa Woods, LSW

*Staff Anniversaries: 5+ Years*

**July**

Mitzi Phelps 24  
Kim Mills 23  
Tammy Castle 23  
Regina Rambus 16  
Diana Granger 10  
Myra Halford 06  
Tammy Castle 23  
Keith Jeffries 05  
Jon Coker 05

**August**

Mitzi Lawrence 23  
Queen Kidd 21  
Spencer Broocks 20  
Angel Coggins 19  
Angelia Sansing 17  
Anna Lancaster 10  
Robbie Harris 10  
Janice Prude 09  
Susan Vaughn 05  
Shameka Miller 05

**September**

Ruthie Colter 21  
Timothy Heard 30  
Santreena Triplett 20  
Amy Sanford 12  
Tiffany Gilliland 10

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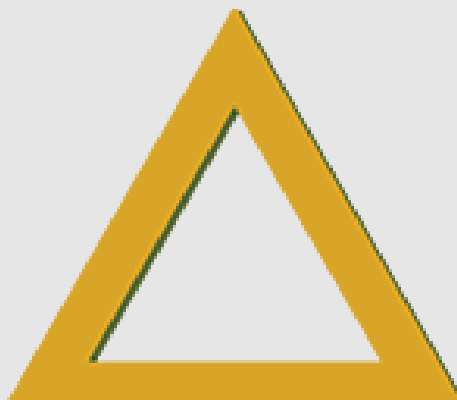
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**The GTPDD is online at [www.gtpdd.com](http://www.gtpdd.com).**



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