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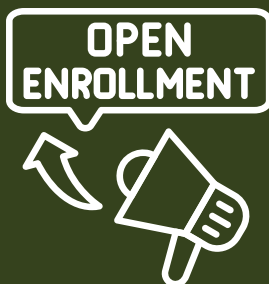
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### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

At the Golden Triangle Planning and Development District, we strive every day to improve the lives of those in our community. We are so appreciative of our staff who help us do this every day. Learn what we've got going on below.

A quick reminder: Medicare Part D Open Enrollment period begins Oct. 15 until Dec. 7. This is a very important time for Medicare recipients to review their prescription drug coverage and find the best plan for them with the help of our SHIP counselor Sharon Duke. Our staff is very happy to help you with all of your needs.

We're very proud to share the success story of Trenton Jefferson, a recent participant of the WIOA Gateway Program. With the help of our staff and his dedication, he was offered a part-time job upon



DIRECTOR RUPERT L. "RUDY" JOHNSON

completing his internship. With the right resources and support, it's possible to achieve your goals and get a head start on a career. We are very proud of Trenton and other program participants who put in the hard work.

Now, we're heading into the 4th quarter with our same goals in mind. Here's to a great rest of the year doing what we love!

# WIOA GATEWAY PROGRAM: A SUCCESS STORY

*Trenton Jefferson*



Each year the GTPDD staff is granted the opportunity to work with youth from seven different counties through the Gateway program. Each of the participants is unique in their own way.

As WIOA career counselors, the goal for each of our students is to achieve success!

Success can be defined and measured in a variety of ways. Merriam-Webster defines success as “the fact of getting or achieving wealth, respect, or fame” and “a favorable or desired outcome.”

Another true definition of success is Trenton Jefferson!

As a 2025 senior at West Lowndes High School, Jefferson joined the Gateway program during the 2024-2025 spring semester.

Trenton, a student in the culinary arts program, shared during the first class meeting that he had passed the ServSafe Examination!

He was extremely proud of himself because passing that examination is no easy task for anyone.

As we worked with him over the next several weeks, we realized that he was focused and determined to reach his goal of becoming a chef and possibly one day owning his own business.

By the time he reached his senior year, he had already overcome many challenges, including some educational hurdles. However, those challenges did not slow him down. He persevered!

Because of his interest in culinary arts, it was decided that his internship placement would be Buffalo Wild Wings. He was ecstatic!

He did an fantastic job and was continuously bragged on by his supervisor for his willingness to take initiative, his respectfulness and overall work ethic.

Once he completed his internship, Trenton was hired as a part-time employee at Buffalo Wild Wings... the desired outcome!

Jefferson is currently enrolled at East Mississippi Community College and is majoring in culinary arts. He is still working at Buffalo Wild Wings as well.

Trenton Jefferson is the definition of success - “the accomplishment of an aim or purpose,” and you can be too.

If you know a dependable young person who is interested in this program, contact Mitzi Lawrence at 662-324-5007.



# Senior Enrichment Centers



Mahjong Group



### Wednesday Hand & Foot Card Group

Notice the table in front with all the bags. This is the amount of cards needed to play 4 tables of 4 players. It takes five decks of jumbo index cards to play one round. There are 4 rounds per game, equaling 20 decks. Normally, they play 3 games, which requires 60 decks! With 4 tables, that adds up to 240 decks of cards used. Some days there are 5 or 6 tables, meaning even more cards are needed. They play two times a week and absolutely love it!

# Staff Anniversaries: 5+ Years

## July

Mitzi Phelps	26
Kim Mills	25
Tammy Castle	24
Regina Rambus	18
Myra Halford	08
Tammy Castle	25
Jon Coker	07

## August

Mitzi Lawrence	25
Queen Kidd	23
Angelia Sansing	19
Anna Lancaster	12
Robbie Harris	12
Angel Coggins	21

## September

Ruthie Colter	23
Timothy Heard	32
Santreena Triplett	22
Amy Sanford	14
Tiffany Gilliland	12

**We appreciate our hard-working  
staff so much!**



Columbus senior center's Tuesday ladies working on knitting, crochet, and stick-on jewel art projects.

**Medicare Part D  
Open Enrollment  
Oct. 15 - Dec. 7**

### What does our pharmacy offer?

- Daily prescription medications and vitamins delivered right to your home
- Medications prepackaged and labeled with contents by date and time to take
- Delivered every 28 days so you never run out

**662-320-2011**

### What insurances are accepted?

- We accept most forms of prescription insurances

**Available to ANYONE in  
Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes,  
Noxubee, Oktibbeha,  
Webster and Winston  
counties**

# GTPDD Closed-Door Pharmacy

### How do I sign up?

- Call the pharmacy at 662-320-2011
- Schedule a home visit with our health information technician
- Our technician will create a list of your medications, doctors and other providers
- A pill planner will be made for the next few days while the rest of your medications are packaged to begin services

### How can I pay?

- Cash
- Personal check
- Money order
- Credit/debit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express)
- Cards will be charged a 2.75% processing fee
- Payment is due at time of delivery
- No extra fees for packaging/delivery

# Elderly and Disabled Waiver

The Division of Medicaid is authorized by state legislation and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to administer the Elderly and Disabled waiver program.

The program provides home and community-based services that assist Medicaid beneficiaries to remain in their homes and avoid institutionalization. Eligibility is determined through a comprehensive preadmission screening process, which encompasses activities of daily living, sensory deficits, cognitive deficits, behaviors and medical conditions.

## Qualifications:

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

# 662-320-2003

## Medicaid Waiver Services

- **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.
- **Medication Management:** This service is for participants with chronic health conditions who are prescribed a daily regimen of at least five prescription medications to receive consultations and follow up visits with a licensed pharmacist.
- **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 service is provided to participants who are unable to care for themselves; furnished on a short-term basis because of the absence or need for relief of those person’s normally providing the care.

### Medicaid Waiver RNs and LSWs:

*Michelle Harris, RN Supervisor*

#### Oktibbeha

- #1: Tina McWhorter, RN  
Andrea Wright, LSW
- #2: Jennifer Grantham, LSW  
Jennifer Bridges, LSW
- #3: Paige Winfield, RN  
Christina Free, LSW
- #4: Megan Aucoin, LSW

#### Choctaw:

- Tina Gill, RN
- Kaylee Tisdale, LSW

#### Lowndes

- #1: Angela Whitaker, RN  
Penny Harrison, RN
- #2: Cindy Reese, RN  
Tennie Simpson, LSW
- #3: Lindsey Livingston, RN  
Angelia Sansing, LSW

#### Webster:

- Sydney Thompson, RN
- Lisa Woods, LSW

#### Winston:

- Kim Mills, RN

#### Noxubee

- #1: Rachael Unruh, RN  
Lauren Smith, LSW
- #2: Tammy Castle, RN  
Kallie Hubbard, LSW

#### Clay:

- Mitzi Phelps, RN
- Lesa Wilson, LSW

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