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# AUDRAIN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES (ADDS)

*CREATING A BETTER LIFE FOR AUDRAIN COUNTY CITIZENS*

## Audrain Developmental Disability Services (ADDS)

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## Welcome to Audrain Developmental Disability Services!

Tim Crews,  
Executive Director

I want to thank everyone who has played a role in helping us get through the pandemic to this point. We are still working hard to keep everyone safe and happy here at ADDS and we appreciate the help of each and everyone of you in the Mexico area that helps make that possible! Some activities are resuming such as Special Olympics bowling, JIG, and outings to restaurants and shopping while taking appropriate precautions. I have been so appreciative of the ADDS staff who have worked long and hard hours at times to help keep everyone healthy and happy and as content as possible! We hope everyone receiving this newsletter is feeling that some of the hardships are now behind us. We hope you are able to enjoy some Spring and Summer sunshine and take in the beauty of your surroundings and see a year of endless possibilities ahead.

As always, Tim

## MARCH WAS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH!

March is a significant month for our disabled friends, family and neighbors. This year marks the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Developmental Disability Awareness Month. This month was set aside by President Reagan in 1987 to bring attention to the needs and potential of developmentally disabled Americans.

Go to our website,  
[www.audraindds.org](http://www.audraindds.org) and click  
on the link on the home page to  
access the “Stakeholder  
Satisfaction Survey”  
Thanks so much!

Please check out our website [www.audraindds.org](http://www.audraindds.org) for updated reports including the 2020 Outcomes Report, and 2020 Annual Report as well as a link to our 2021 Stakeholder Survey – Thanks!

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## Awareness Month

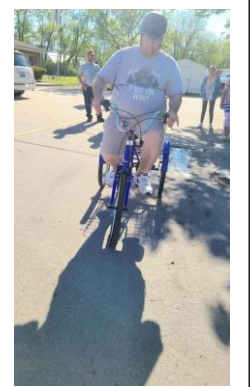


Get involved by sharing  
your #MOAbility!



SEVERAL OF THE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES AT ADDS, ONCE AGAIN, PARTICIPATED IN PAINTING EVENTS AT COLOR ME BLEU IN DOWNTOWN MEXICO. THE PICTURE TO THE LEFT IS DEPICTING SOME OF THE FUN FOLKS HAVE HAD WITH THIS EVENT.

Having some fun outside in the nice weather!



Lisa Harrison is organizing Special Olympics Bowling again this year!

Contact Lisa at 573-581-8210 with any questions! Thanks!

Nearly all of the ADDS consumers received their Covid-19 vaccinations in February!

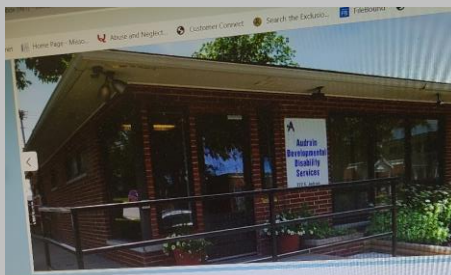


I am April Campbell and am the new Administrative Coordinator for ADDS. I joined the ADDS team in April of 2021 and have been diving head first into the ins and outs of our organization. I am finishing my bachelors of Public Administration at Columbia College, and will graduate in May of 2022. You can find me in the main office at 222 E. Jackson, as oftentimes I am the first face most people see when they open the door. I look forward to a long and bright future with the organization and finding the best ways to serve our consumers and our community.



*ADDS sponsors a monthly social/advocacy group that meets at 4 p.m. on the last Monday of each month. Please contact Bev at 581-8210 with any questions*

*The worst thing about a disability is that people see it before they see you. — Easter Seals*  
*I am different but not less. — Temple Grandin*



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We are sad to share that we have lost 3 consumers in the past 6 months. In their honor we have established a small memorial garden with a bench and rose bush.



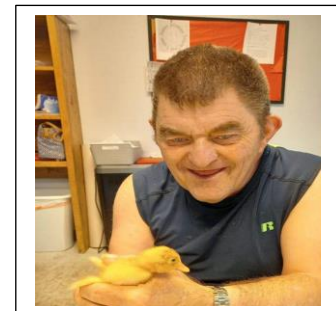
**DID YOU KNOW?** For the 4th year in a row, ADDS has included information about a Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey link in this newsletter in order to obtain feedback about our services. We will also be mailing out a different Satisfaction Survey to individuals served by ADDS or their guardian in the near future. We really appreciate the time everyone gives in completing either of these surveys. We really want to provide services in a manner that is satisfactory and beyond! (see pic to the right)

ADDS is a **Tiered Supports Agency!**

**Agency Motto: S-M-I-L-E (Support, Motivate, Integrity, Lead, Engage)**

**Agency Mission Statement: "Creating a Better Life for Audrain County Citizens."**

*The ADDS Tiered Support Team meets monthly to discuss incentives to improve both the morale and work ethic within the agency. We focus on rewarding positive behaviors, the implementation of positive behavior supports' training, and reducing negative behaviors and avoidable errors. The agency is continuing to work on planning incentives for actions that exceed employee expectations, scheduling upcoming food trucks as well as the ice cream truck, providing meals at the staff meetings, and planning Summer/Fall events.*



The Developmental Training Center hatched chickens this Spring – what a fun activity enjoyed by participants! DTC also had a fun barbeque with Karaoke recently! (See pic on the left!)

**WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A VERY SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER !**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS PLEASE CALL US OR EMAIL US AT  
INFO@AUDRAINDDDS.COM**

***JIG Bingo is scheduled for Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church – call Bev if interested in more info – 573-473-7645!***

ADDS sponsored it's 5<sup>th</sup> children's book give away in April and visits from the Ice Cream Truck during summer months are both activities offered as part of ADDS' ongoing efforts to let our staff members know how much they are appreciated! Other activities include visits from food trucks and provision of Agency t-shirts and sweatshirts!

Residents from C. T. Loyd Apartments are very proud of a flower garden area they have created in front of them building – it looks great! Feel free to come by and see it as well as the comfortable seating areas you will find!



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