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West Kentucky Workforce

Hopkins County Expungement Event



It was another successful expungement event in Hopkins County on April 25th, thanks to community partners and West Kentucky Workforce Board staff coming together to make it happen. Individuals once again lined the halls of the Ballard Convention Center in Madisonville, two hours prior to the start of the event, for a chance to speak to an attorney and a chance to change their life's trajectory. Stories were told of how finding housing was nearly impossible with a background, buying a car was difficult, and of course employment opportunities were limited in such cases.

The whole reason behind this community event is to change people's lives for the better. This goal not only includes linking individuals to employment, but also making sure that they receive information regarding housing, transportation, health insurance, etc. to improve their quality of life. Second chance employers and community resources were on-site to discuss these topics, in addition to the local attorneys giving

their time and the KY Department of Corrections providing free background checks. Around 135 individuals attended the event (100 people in the first hour), and 70 of those individuals were eligible for expungement.

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Hopkins County Law Library, these 70 individuals will not have to pay the \$40 fee associated with obtaining the expungement certificate of eligibility.

This event was presented in partnership with: Hopkins County Attorney's Office-Child Support Unit, Madisonville-Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation, Western Kentucky Reentry Council, Division of Reentry Services-KY Department of Corrections, Hopkins County Bar Association, and the West Kentucky Workforce Board."

"Unlock Your Future" Job Fair

The West Kentucky Workforce Board was pleased to partner with Crittenden County Schools and the Lake Barkley Partnership on a job fair on Tuesday, May 2nd. The main goal of this event was to give juniors and seniors an opportunity to see what positions local and regional employers had available, in the hopes that jobs could be secured upon graduation. This event was also opened up to the public for a short time period, so individuals could network with participating employers.



Fort Campbell Activities



Screaming Eagle Blvd. in Fort Campbell, KY. Employers from

A Monthly Manufacturing Seminar is held the last Tuesday of each month at the Fort Campbell Transition Assistance Program center, located at 5661

the SWK EDC region spend two hours speaking to transitioning service members about the companies' local and global impact, career opportunities, and additional employee benefits. It also provides an opportunity for the service members to expand their professional networks, offers a risk-free, low stress engagement with the plant leader or HR professionals, who can offer advice on their resumes as well as navigating the employment process. Last month representation from Wabash, White Drive Products, and Ascend Elements were present, as seen below. The next event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30. Contact Derek Poor at derek.poor@ky.gov for more information.



Welcome to the team!

David Leix started as an Accounting Clerk with PeADD on April 7th, 2023. Originally from Owensboro, KY, he currently lives in Clarksville, TN with his family. As a graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College, David worked a number of different jobs, accounting or otherwise, with the latest of which being a call center employee assisting health insurance beneficiaries with benefit inquiries, claims, etc. David is excited to return to the field of accounting and begin this next chapter supporting the administrative duties of the PeADD agency.

Please help us welcome David to the PeADD team!



Community & Economic Development

Two Pennyrile Cities Selected to Improve Parks

Gov. Andy Beshear announced his selection of 37 projects that will enhance accessibility and upgrade parks and recreation spaces throughout the commonwealth, two of which are located in the Pennyrile.

The federally funded Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has allotted \$3.9 million to communities across Kentucky for a wide variety of outdoor, health-related improvements, including the renovation or replacement of playground equipment, construction of walking and paths and bringing recreational facilities into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines.

- Mortons Gap (Hopkins County) - Mortons Gap will use \$30,000 to purchase and install accessible playground equipment for the city park. The project also includes rubber surfacing and the burial of one utility line.
- Princeton (Caldwell County) - Princeton will use \$250,000 to revitalize two baseball/softball fields at the City-County Park. Fencing needs to be replaced, as well as the dugout structures, bleachers and utility poles for lighting.



Funds Available to Help Communities Recover from 2021 Natural Disasters

Gov. Andy Beshear announced that beginning May 1, more than \$123 million will be available to communities impacted by the 2021 tornadoes in the West and flooding in the East to build homes, rental properties and multifamily rental properties.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated Kentucky funds from the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery appropriation. Under the Disaster Recovery program, the four counties most impacted and distressed by the 2021 weather events – Graves, Warren, Hopkins and Breathitt – will receive 80% of the funds. The other 20% of funding will help an additional 36 counties also impacted by 2021 weather events including Caldwell, Christian, Lyon, and Muhlenberg in the Pennyrile.



Gov. Beshear was joined by Mayor Kathy O’Nan of Mayfield, Mayor Laura Thomas of Jackson, and Hopkins County Judge/Executive Jack Whitfield for the announcement.

“It is overwhelming the events and destruction we have seen across Kentucky. This funding is going to be used to keep bringing us forward and to continue the great economic developments years that we have had,” said Judge Whitfield. “This is going to make sure we continue that growth, and that Kentucky will be better than it’s ever been because of events like this.”

The program will be administered by the Department for Local Government and the applications will be available on their website starting May 1. Questions about the program can be sent to Amy Frogue at amy.frogue@ky.gov or call (270) 886-9484.

Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living

May is Older Americans Month

Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads the nation's observance of Older American's Month. The 2023 theme is Aging Unbound, which offers an opportunity to explore diverse experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes. Join the Pennyriple Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living in promoting flexible thinking about aging- and how we all benefit when older adults remain engaged, independent and included.

Our local Senior Centers are celebrating Older Americans Month with activities throughout the month. Visit our website for details on a center in your county.



Are You Missing Out on Benefits?

Kentucky Medicaid provides partial financial assistance with Medicare premiums, deductibles, or coinsurance - through the Medicare Savings Program (i.e., Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries, and Qualifying Individuals) - to certain low income Medicare beneficiaries who are not entitled to the full Medicaid benefit package.

If you are currently are having \$164.90 taken out of your Social Security check each month for your Part B monthly premium, and you are low income, there is a program that may be able to assist you with that premium cost! If your income is under \$1,660/single or \$2,239/married and your resources/assets are under \$9,090/single or \$13,630/married then you may qualify to receive assistance through the state through one of the Medicare Savings Programs.

These programs may help pay for your Part B premiums and potentially assist in also paying for Part A premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments, depending on your income level. To see if

you are eligible and apply for these programs, contact Ali Jones with the Pennyriple Area

Development District in Hopkinsville, KY at (866) 844-4396 or (270) 886-9484.



2023 Annual Meeting



54TH ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Monday, June 12, 2023

Reception at 5:30 PM
Dinner Meeting at 6:00 PM

The Bruce Convention Center
303 Conference Center Dr.
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

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RSVP by
May 26, 2023
via reply card or
the QR Code below.



Scan here

Email questions to melissal.thompson@ky.gov

2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

Event Name	Date	Time (CT)	Location
PeADD Board of Directors Meeting	May 8, 2023	12 pm	PeADD Office & Streamed on YouTube
Pennyriple West Park Committee Meeting	May 8, 2023	1 pm (or after PeADD Board Meeting)	PeADD Office
Alzheimer's Support Group	May 9, 2023	10 am	PeADD Office & Zoom
Pennyriple Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living Advisory Council, Staff & Volunteer Training	May 10, 2023	9 am	Lake Barkley Convention Center Cadiz, KY
Pennyriple Grandparent Support Group	May 17, 2023	10 am	PeADD Office & Zoom
Tri-County Elder Abuse Council Meeting	May 17, 2023	12 pm	PeADD Office & Zoom
Pennyriple Elder Abuse Board of Director's Meeting	May 17, 2023	1 pm	PeADD Office & Zoom
Muhlenberg County Job Fair	May 23, 2023	9 am – 2 pm	Sue & Brown Badgett Center - Greenville, KY
West Kentucky Workforce Board Meeting	May 24, 2023	10 am	Lake Barkley Convention Center - Cadiz, KY
It's Time for a Job Fair	May 31, 2023	9 am – 1pm	Boys & Girls Club - Hopkinsville, KY
PeADD Board of Directors Annual Dinner Meeting	June 12, 2023	6 pm	The Bruce Convention Center - Hopkinsville, KY

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