

Dear Readers,

As the 4th of July approaches, our community comes alive with the spirit of independence, freedom, and unity. Independence Day is not just a date on the calendar; it is a day that symbolizes the birth of our nation and the enduring values that we hold dear. It is a time to reflect on the bravery and vision of all communities, who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today; From the nations recognized leaders to the unnamed civic leaders.

As we gather with family and friends, let's remember the significance of this day and the importance of coming together as a community. This Independence Day, let us renew our commitment to building a community that reflects the values of liberty, equality, and justice for all. Let's come together to honor our nation's history, celebrate our present, and look forward to a bright and hopeful future. Happy Independence Day!



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**We will not hold a Collaborative meeting for July 2024.**

# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



## ***What are the ADRC Services?***

The ADRC is a one-stop shop for senior services allowing one call to access information and services available. The **Elderly and Disabled Waiver Program (EDWP)** helps people who are elderly and/or functionally impaired to continue to live in their homes and communities by offering an alternative to nursing home placement. **Home & Community Based Services (HCBS)** offer a variety of services to all individuals 60 years and older, at little or no cost. Both EDWP & HCBS operate off of a waiting list. Length of time spent on the waiting list varies with individual level of need and funding available.

## ***What services are available through EDWP?***

### ***Adult Day Health***

- Daytime care & supervision in a community setting
- Assistance with daily living activities, nursing services, physical, speech & occupational therapy
- Transportation
- Therapeutic activities
- Meals, including prescribed diets

### ***Alternative Living Services***

- 24 hour licensed personal care home
- Meals, personal care & supervision

### ***Emergency Response System***

- In home electronic support system providing
- 2 way communication between isolated clients and a central monitoring system.

### ***Home Delivered Meals***

- Lunch prepared outside the home & delivered
- Provides 1/3 of recommended daily nutritional requirements
- Must be eligible to receive another service in addition to home delivered meals

### ***Personal Support Services***

- Personal hygiene, nutrition & assistance to move from place to place in the home
- Meal preparation, Light housekeeping, Shopping
- In-home respite for caregiver(s)

### ***Home Delivered Services***

- Skilled nursing
- Physical, speech & occupational therapy
- Medical social services

- Home health aide

### ***Out-of-Home Respite***

- Overnight care in an approved facility with 24 hour supervision
- Enables caregiver to meet planned needs or to take a rest.

### ***Structured Family Caregiver***

- Provides support, education and oversight on behalf of waiver members whose family caregiver lives in the home with the member.
- Live-in family member works with SFC provider's health coach while supporting the member to maximize the highest level of independence for the member by providing necessary care and support.

### ***Consumer-Directed Personal Support Services Option***

- Consumer hires and supervises worker of choice.
- Clients enrolled are required to choose a Financial Management Services provider that will issue paychecks and adhere to federal and state tax laws on behalf of the client.

## ***Who is eligible for EDWP?***

- Must be Medicaid eligible or potentially eligible
- Eligible for nursing home level of care as determined by the applicant, physician & care coordinator
- Functional impairment caused by physical limitations. NOTE: Alzheimer's and dementia are physical conditions.
- Able to have health needs adequately met in the community within established cost limits
- Applicant must desire the services
- Monthly income for one person can be no more than \$2,829 with any income over \$943 subject to a cost share

## ***How does an individual obtain services?***

- Call the ADRC Office at 706-256-2900 or 800-615-4379.
- The ADRC staff will conduct a telephone screening to determine potential eligibility. If eligible, the applicant is placed on a waiting list until funding becomes available.
- When applicant comes off the waiting list a nurse completes a comprehensive in-home assessment.
- The applicant, assessment nurse & physician determine which services are needed.

# PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

## **Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)**

Every resident in the 16 county areas who is age 60 and over is eligible for HCBS services. Based on the individual's income, client might have to pay a percentage of the cost of the service. There are lengthy waiting lists for many of our services.

### ***What services are available through HCBS?***

#### ***Home Delivered Meals -***

- Lunch prepared outside the home & delivered.
- Provides 1/3 of recommended daily nutritional requirements
- Available in all 16 counties

#### ***Homemaker Services***

- Light housekeeping
- Errands
- Shopping
- Meal preparation
- Laundry
- Available in all 16 counties

#### ***Congregate Meals***

- Hot lunch served daily
- Provides 1/3 of recommended daily nutritional requirements
- Provided at twelve senior centers
- Donations accepted
- Available in Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Randolph, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot & Taylor counties

#### ***Respite***

- Limited in-home assistance for persons with a full time caregiver
- Enables caregivers to meet planned needs or take a rest
- Trained aides assist patient with personal care
- Light housekeeping
- Available in all 16 counties

#### ***Alzheimer Respite***

- Limited in-home assistance for Alzheimer, stroke & related dementia patients.
- Enables caregiver to meet planned needs or take a rest
- Trained aides assist patient with personal care
- Light housekeeping
- Available in all 16 counties

#### ***Personal Care Assistance***

- Provides personal assistance such as:
  - dressing and undressing
  - bathing & grooming

#### ***How does an individual obtain services?***

- Call the ADRC Office at 706-256-2900 or 800-615-4379 with the following information:

Clients Name, Address and phone number  
Social Security Number  
Date of Birth  
Medicare/Medicaid numbers  
Primary Doctors name and number  
All Diagnosis  
Income information with source of income  
Emergency contact name and number



706-256-2900 or 800-615-4379



# LiquiDonate



MINIMIZE WASTE

MAXIMIZE  
IMPACT

## About Us

LiquiDonate is the first and only software tech solution to seamlessly match and move inventory to nonprofits and schools to advance a circular economy. Our powerful matching algorithm connects donations from a variety of brands and retailers to 501c3 organizations across the country.

## LiquiDonate Platform

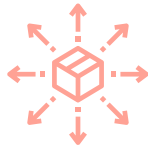
- Free membership** for 501c3 organizations
- Automated** donation receipts **Set up preferences** and change them as your needs change
- Responsive** support team
- No hidden fees**

### Magic Matches



Nonprofits can opt-in to receive a customer-returned item in like-new condition, shipped directly to their organization free of charge. You set the categories of items you would like to receive from.

### Circularity Shop



Brands and retailers around the country list inventory on our online free marketplace where registered nonprofits can shop for the goods they need. Pickup is always free, and shipping or delivery options are available in select markets.

10M+ Items Donated from Retailers like:



**BAGGU** Room&Board

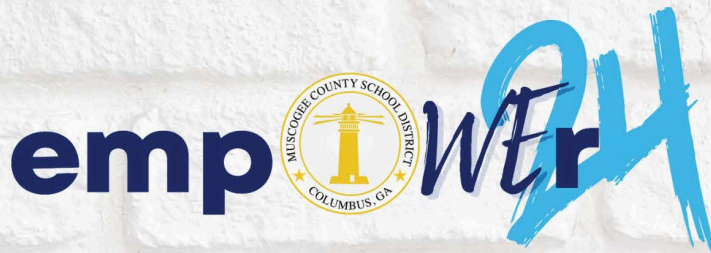


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# **FREE** **New Teacher** **Yard Sale!**

**Introducing the new  
edition to our Yard Sale!**  
**“WE Dress to Impress”**



## **Calling All Teachers!**

### **Teachers Can:**

- a. Donate gently used themed items.**
- b. Donate books and current curriculum resources**
- c. Donate men’s and women’s clothing (all sizes), accessories, and dress shoes.**
- d. Access “School Dude” to order boxes, tape, and pickup.**

**DONATION DEADLINE:**  
**JULY 12TH**  
**LOCATION:**  
**SPENCER HIGH**  
**SCHOOL**

• **CONTACT: [HARTLEY.SHAWNA.R@MUSCOGEE.K12.GA.US](mailto:HARTLEY.SHAWNA.R@MUSCOGEE.K12.GA.US)**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION---THANK YOU!**

# IF YOU WORK WITH CHILDREN, THIS TRAINING IS FOR YOU!



## Interactive Training on Trauma Awareness

by Certified Connections Matter Trainer

Imani Jones

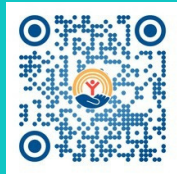
Thursday, July 11th

9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Lunch provided)

**Location: United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley  
1005 Front Ave, Columbus, GA 31901**

- Explore Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) using Georgia data
- Understand how to support children who have experienced trauma
- Approved for 4 hours of CEU credit\*

**Scan &  
Register  
Today!**



### Questions?

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**\*CEUs are \$10 for social workers/therapists to earn credit  
No charge for early childhood educators & law enforcement**



United Way of the  
Chattahoochee Valley



Prevent Child Abuse  
Georgia





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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FREE New Teacher Yard Sale!**

**When: Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: Spencer High School**

**Schools and community partners are invited to donate!**

**Contact: [hartley.shawna.r@muscookee.k12.ga.us](mailto:hartley.shawna.r@muscookee.k12.ga.us)  
for more information**



# TEDDY BEAR CLINIC

*A teddy bear can tell you...*

Visiting the doc doesn't have to be fretful! At this delightful Teddy Bear Clinic, student doctors from **Mercer University School of Medicine** show your children what happens at the doctor's office using our special teddy bear friends as patients. To make a potentially scary experience less intimidating, we'll demonstrate how gently we can check—

 heartbeats    blood pressure    and more!

You are welcome to bring your own stuffed animal for a checkup!

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UNIVERSITY

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**VALLEY**  
HEALTHCARE  
SYSTEM

**Valley Healthcare  
System**



**June 29th**



**Columbus**

**9:00am-12:00pm**



**July 27th**

**Talbotton**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

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West Central Health District

# Community Block Parties 2024

Block Party dates and locations:

**COLUMBUS COMMONS- JUNE 5**

**FARLEY HOMES- JUNE 12**

**WARREN WILLIAMS HOMES- JUNE 26**

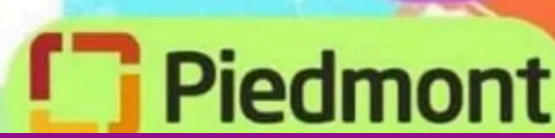
**COLUMBUS VILLAS- JULY 10**

**ARBOR POINTE 1/2 & E.J.KNIGHT- JULY 17**

**ELIZABETH CANTY HOMES- JULY 31**

**1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM**

**Let's Have Some Fun!**





2ND ANNUAL

7.06

DAY

SATURDAY, AT WOODRUFF  
JULY 6TH PARK

02:00PM - 06:00PM



FREE ENTRY



*Events*

Live Performers, Giveaways, Games, Food Trucks  
and much more.

WOODRUFF PARK

1000 BAY AVENUE COLUMBUS GA 31901



# Muscogee County School District



*Coming this  
Fall 2024*

Universal &  
Dyslexia Screening

## 3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DYSLEXIA SCREENING IN MCSD

- Kindergartners and select 1st thru 3rd graders will be screened.
- Students with reading difficulties will be provided support(s).
- Developing important literacy skills is necessary for reading success!

Contact your child's school for more information.

SCAN HERE  
At-Home Reading  
Resource



## DYSLEXIA SCREENING TOWN HALL MEETINGS



Join one of the virtual sessions below to learn how MCSD uses screening to create successful readers.

June 11 Tuesday, 10-11am  
<https://muscogee.zoom.us/j/81368616496>

June 13 Thursday, 6-7pm  
<https://muscogee.zoom.us/j/82501082609>

July 30 Tuesday, 10-11am  
<https://muscogee.zoom.us/j/81368616496>

Aug 1 Thursday, 6-7pm  
<https://muscogee.zoom.us/j/81531397875>

Recordings available on the MCSD  
[Dyslexia webpage](#)



# THANK YOU!



Thank you to the Columbus Parks and Recreation for inviting us to the Community Block Party! We had a blast and look forward to the remaining parties at the Housing Authority communities.

Please see the dates and locations in the above flyer.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the incredible spirit of our community. This holiday is a reminder of the freedoms we cherish and the unity that binds us together. It is also a time to reflect on the contributions of all who have shaped this nation's history.

Our 4th of July celebrations are a testament to our shared values of liberty, equality, and justice. I encourage everyone to take part in the festivities, enjoy the camaraderie, and honor the diverse heritage that makes our community strong.

Thank you for being a part of this vibrant community. Together, let's make this Independence Day a memorable and inclusive celebration for all!

Also, please remember there will be no meeting for the month of July.

Warm regards,

*Zoe' Hightower*