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WINTER 2024
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A YVEDDI Quarterly Newsletter Publication for Staff and Volunteers

Thank you for years of dedicated service!

Length of Service

15 Years

Tina Wishon
Shonia Atkins

10 Years

Catherine Adams

5 Years

Anesia Bridges
Carolyn Gentry
Doug Cockerham
Sherman Smith
Antionette Rucker
Timothy Baker
Jennifer Somers

Welcome Back!



Heather Handy,
East Bend Senior
Center Manager



Thank you so much to the Davie County Sheriff's Office for coming out to our Jack Koontz Head Start Center to show and tell all about what you guys do each day to keep us safe!



YVEDDI Resource Center new location:
401 Technology Lane
Mount Airy, NC 27030



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Head Start

It's never too early to look forward to the End of Year Celebration! Check out a few picks from this summer's celebrations.



November 2023
Yadkin Valley Senior Center
Santa's helpers are sewing like crazy.

Sept. 26, 2023
Pilot Mountain Senior Center
Master Gardening Class with Robin Portis & Carol Ford



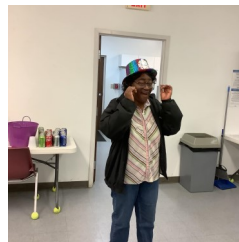
November 27, 2023
Yadkin Valley Senior Center
Fellowship Meal/Birthday Supper



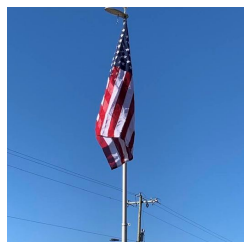
Jonesville Head Start is ready for fall. They have decorated their entry beautifully!



Jones 2 Head Start is learning new things! Great job Morgan and Shelia for teaching your children stop drop and roll! They look like they are having a lot of fun while learning.



November 2023
Yadkin County Senior Center
New flag in honor of all veterans donation by an anonymous donor



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Donna Rutledge
Communications Specialist



January	
Crystil Minor	1-1
Wendy Cunningham	1-3
Anesia Bridges	1-5
Maynard Quesinberry	1-6
Temeka Marsh	1-7
Aileen Davis-Cockerham	1-8
Sandra Johnson	1-10
Regina Chappell	1-12
Donna Rutledge	1-12
Jerry Goad	1-17
Darlene Nelums	1-21
Geraldine Hall	1-22
Bernadine Greer	1-25
Maribel Martinez	1-25
Doug Cockerham	1-27
Annetta Dalton	1-30

February	
Kathy Chilton	2-1
Deborah Rawley	2-7
Jessicca Smith	2-9
Vasilikie Iliopoulos	2-9
Mary Osborne	2-10
Maria Galicia	2-11
Kathy Kicks	2-12
Reginald Nichols	2-15
Susan Lawrence	2-17
Morgan Harrison	2-20
Jan Zachary	2-20
Heather Handy	2-22
Dwayne Parks	2-22
Teresa Mullis	2-25
Catherine Adams	2-27

March	
Kitty martin	3-1
Denise Bradford	3-4
Sharon Branch	3-4
Emma Carter	3-6
Donna Flippen	3-6
Abdier Echevarria-Soto	3-13
Dawn Cheek	3-15
Jessica Mabe	3-15
Grayson Boles	3-19
Melissa Graham	3-22
Kathleen Heinrich	3-23
LaShonda Griffith	3-24
Shirley Harris	3-28
Tonya Martin	3-31

May your Birthday and every day be filled with smiles, laughter, love and cheer.



Celebration...



Open House

Please join us as we celebrate the relocation of the YVEDDI Resource Center.

January 19, 2024
1:00 to 3:00 PM

Refreshments • Entertainment • Door Prizes

YVEDDI Resource Center
401 Technology Lane • Mount Airy, NC 27030



Welcome Aboard!

- Jason Akers Driver
- Marguerite Barnett Driver
- Cynthia Bushaw Driver
- Zoe Davis-Roberts Head Start Assistant Teacher
- Debra Ferguson Driver
- Adriane Foster Head Start Sub-Teacher
- Heather Handy EBSC Manager
- Crystal Harris Driver
- Crystil Minor Driver
- Charlie Mendenhall Driver
- Whitney Ravit-Mendez Head Start Assistant Teacher
- Ashlyn Triplett Head Start Sub-Teacher

Holiday Schedule

January 1st
New Years Day

January 15th
MLK Jr. Day

March 29th
Good Friday

Mission Statement

Dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families in Davie, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin Counties through a variety of programs and partnerships to build stronger communities.



Resource Reminder:

For your convenience, employees may access YVEDDI's Facebook page for news and events or policies and procedures at www.yveddi.com.

Please consult your supervisor if you need a password for the website staff page.

YVEDDI documents and forms can be downloaded from the P: drive. Reminder: Please do not leave your information on the forms.

November 2023 Yadkin Valley Senior Center

Busy as bees! Our quilting group is always working on something. Beautiful work ladies!



Surry County Senior Center

Thank you to the Surry County Extension Master Gardeners for sharing your talents and knowledge with us at the YVEDDI Surry Senior Centers!



Volunteer Opportunities Available Call YVEDDI R.S.V.P at (336) 415-4247

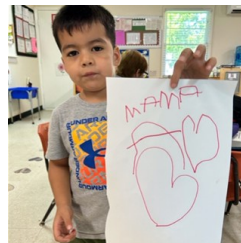


Surry County Senior Center Halloween Crafts



Head Start

Max wrote Mama all on his own today and with hearts.



Mt. Olive Head Start is doing a great job helping children explore materials outside the classroom.



December 2023 Surry County Senior Center

Thank you, Sheila Jones at Care Concierges, LLC! The bow making class was a lot of fun!

Remembering in Prayer

Board

Larry Johnson's wife, recovering from surgery

Mickey Cartner's wife Kathy, continuing with treatment

Pam Crouse, father is in the hospital

Staff

Kathleen Heinrich, Driver, injured

Belinda Stillwagon, Teacher, recovering from surgery

Tina Arbgast, Assistant Teacher, recovering from brain surgery

Era Vestal, former HS employee passed away on 11-25-23

Kathy's grandson and husband, cancer

Other things to pray for:

The Agency, Board, Staff, and their families

The people we serve

Our government

The Housekeeping area is not just for girls. Paynetown Head Start boys enjoy buying groceries and cooking food.



East Bend Senior Center Celebrating Thanksgiving



Christmas Prayer

Dear God, we give thanks for this time when we can all be together. We give thanks for this food which is bountiful and delicious. We give thanks for this joyful holiday when we can celebrate our Savior and his love for us.

With joy we pray, Amen!

Surry County Senior Center December 2023

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www.NC211.org

Need Help, But Don't Know Where To Turn?

DIAL 2-1-1

Free ▪ Confidential ▪ 24 Hours a Day ▪ Any Language

Your connection to:

- Basic Needs (food, clothing, shelter)
- Child Care Services
- Consumer Help
- Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Health Care
- Housing
- Senior Services
- Support Groups
- Volunteer Opportunities

Paynetown Head Start having fun on the first day of school!



Head Start programs provide services to more than a million children yearly in every U.S. state and territory. Learn how to enroll your child in a Head Start program by calling us at (336) 367-4993 ext. 246

#GetaHeadStart



In Head Start programs, we partner with you to create the best experience for your child and family.

#GetaHeadStart



A Boonville Head Start parent during our last Beautification week helps to make the tables sparkle and shine!



Paynetown Head Start kiddos are working on their cutting skills



Shout out to...
David Smith and staff for raising \$4,450.00 with the Dine Out for Domestic Violence event

Yadkin Valley Senior Center
Halloween Celebration

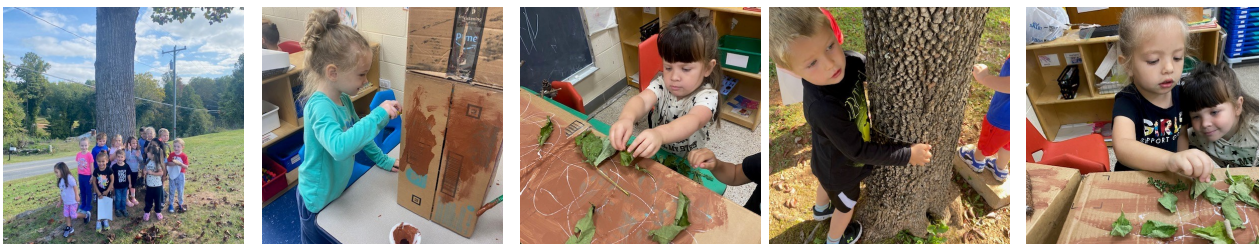


Surry County Senior Center
December 2023

The NC State Extension Master Gardener Volunteers, Surry County were spreading the Christmas cheer today at the new location for YVEDDI Surry Senior Centers. Everyone made some beautiful creations!



Check out Jones 2 Head Start . They made a tree, measured a tree and did a tree rubbing. How cool is that!



Pilot Mountain Senior Center
Line Dancing



Surry County Senior Center
We are so grateful for all the hard work that Home Instead puts into the Santa to a Senior program for our seniors!



London Head Start children learn to line up, enjoy playing on the slides, play with play dough, build tall buildings and dress up in uniform!



MAY YOU BE PROUD OF THE WORK YOU DO THE PERSON YOU ARE AND THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE

Inequity Statement

YVEDDI is deeply disturbed by the recent racial injustice and violence. We have always stood for equal treatment, inclusion, mutual respect, and strive to empower people to lead more successful lives. We are committed to doing our part to reduce inequality in our communities.

Shout out to...Tommy Eads and staff for receiving a ZERO FINDINGS monitoring in November

December 1, 20223

Surry County Senior Center

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the senior center Reindeer Hop!

Thank you to Reeves Community Center for the lovely poinsettias! Everyone loved the door prizes!

Thank you to Dianne Hooker and her crew for decorating!

Thank you to Brack Llewellyn for serving as our DJ for the night!

We have been blessed with a great group of seniors who rolled up their sleeves and helped pull this off! Some even stayed afterward and helped put things away and set up for the next event!



On November 22nd, YVEDDI Head Start sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive at the YVEDDI District Office.



The Head Start program partners with the Red Cross to have these blood drives every 3-4 months, when scheduling allows.

At this blood drive, 17 participants attempted to donate and 15 useable units were collected.

If you would like to donate at the next blood drive, be on the lookout for the emails, flyers and Facebook post that will be sent out closer to the drive date.



I WONDER WHAT THE PART OF MY BRAIN THAT USED TO STORE PEOPLE'S PHONE NUMBERS IS DOING NOWADAYS.



WE NEED CONTRACTORS

YVEDDI Weatherization Assistance Program is seeking HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing Contractors for the Heating Appliance Repair & Replacement Program (HARRP).

Minority and women-owned contractor businesses are encouraged to apply.

**For more information, call
(336) 367-3535**

Mail Bids to: YVEDDI
Attention: Weatherization Program (BID)
P. O. Box 309 • Boonville, NC 27011

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A Prayer for Poverty

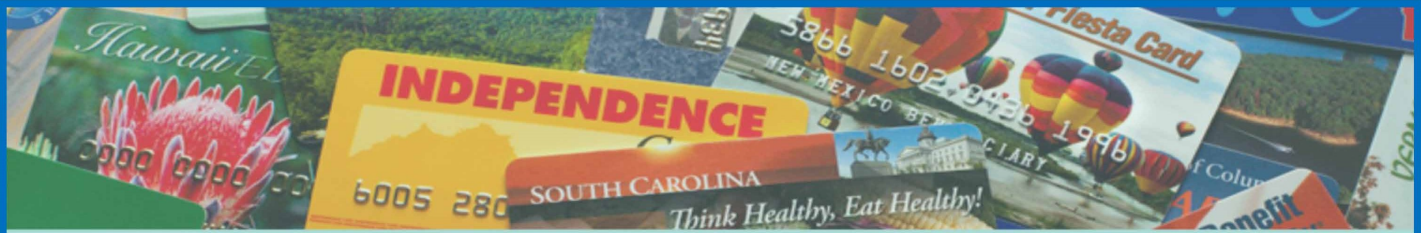
Dear God, So many people are suffering from poverty. God, I pray for those today who are experiencing financial needs. I pray for those who don't have enough food to feed themselves or their families. I pray for those who don't have enough money for healthcare or medicine. I pray for those who don't have a home, or who have recently just lost their home. God, I pray that you will provide for these needs. Provide for their physical needs, as well as their spiritual needs. Let them know that you are there.

In Jesus' name, Amen.
(Read: Proverbs 29:7)

Please submit your news-worthy articles and pictures to drutledge@yveddi.com

- Outstanding Achievements of an Employee
- Employee/Volunteer of the Month or Year
- Engagements/Weddings/Births
- Special Events
- Favorite Recipes
- Quotes/Jokes

Bids Accepted Year Round



Do you qualify for food assistance?

If yes, your child qualifies for Head Start!



YVEDDI Head Start

Do you or someone you know have a child that will be 3 or 4 years old on or before August 31, 2023?

If so, you can complete an application for your child NOW for the 2023-2024 school year. Scan the QR code below with your camera to contact us!

SERVICES OFFERED

- NO COST Preschool Program
- Qualified Nurturing Teachers
- Fun Educational Activities
- Family Services and goal setting
- Healthy meals and snacks
- Ensure delivery of Health and Dental Services



SCAN ME

NEEDED FROM PARENTS

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Shot Record
- Proof of income for each parent/caregiver
- Insurance/Medicaid Card



Call Today to Enroll!

Save Time – Application available Online!
Visit our website: www.yveddi.com and click Head Start

Davie County Office
(336) 284-2374

Surry County Office
(336) 786-6155
Ext. 506/507/508

Stokes County Offices
Sandy Ridge (336) 871-5022
King (336) 983-2344

Yadkin County Offices
Boonville (336) 367-7175
Yadkinville (336) 367-4993 Ext. 239



*Head Start is following all required state health guidelines regarding COVID-19 to ensure the health of our staff and the families we serve. We may potentially offer remote services, depending on the status of the pandemic.





Willing and able to work?

We can help YOU expand your opportunities

CSBG is a **self-sufficiency** program based on low income criteria provided by the federal poverty guidelines. If **eligible** we coach and mentor **under-resourced individuals** and families desiring to increase their knowledge, skills, and income necessary to become self-sufficient. We offer **various** services to the **customers enrolled** in our program to assist them in removing barriers that prevent them from breaking out of **poverty**.

Number in Family	Federal Poverty Guide Effective July 1, 2023 125% Annual
1	\$18,225
2	\$24,650
3	\$31,075
4	\$37,500
Up to 8 in family additional \$8,840	

We can assist qualifying families with:

- Education training and tuition
- Employment skill enhancement
- Nutrition
- Transportation
- Childcare
- Health care referrals
- Utilities (electric, phone, water, etc.)

Applications available online at www.yveddi.com or call and speak to a Success Coach

Call today for more information!

YVEDDI Community Service Program

Davie County (336) 753-8205

Yadkin County (336) 677-1033

Stokes County (336) 593-2371

Surry County (336) 786-6155

Office Locations:

1413 W. Main Street ▪ Yadkinville, NC 27055

401 Technology Lane ▪ Mount Airy, NC 27030

CSBG Program **does NOT** provide Emergency Services

*Poverty Guidelines apply



11-30-2023

YVEDDI...your local Community Action Agency serving Davie, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties