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Director Presents Overview of Agency to All Staff

ACE Director Charisse Childers held a full agency meeting Monday, July 13, to cover divisional responsibilities and goals. While central Arkansas staff met in the auditorium at the Central Office, the outlying offices were able to tune in via Go-To Meeting. Dr. Childers compared duties and mission statements of **ARS, CTE, Adult Education** and the new division, **Office of Skills Development**. She then shared that we are all working toward a similar and mutually beneficial objective of meaningful employment for our students, clients and customers.

To view this presentation, please contact Mark Apolinar in Communications at mark.apolinar@arkansas.gov for the link and directions to access the program.



Calendar of Events

- July 20 - 24** Agricultural Science and Technology/Chapter Presidents' Conference *Camp Couchdale, Hot Springs*
STEM/New QTL CET Instructor and Moodle Training *Northeast AR Technical Center, 1727 S. Main St., Jonesboro*
- July 21 - 24** FACS/w/ise Financial Literacy *AR 4-H Center, Ferndale, Arkansas*
- July 22 - 24** FACS/FCCLA Adviser Academy *Bill & Margaret Clark Room, River Market, Little Rock, Arkansas*
STEM/QTL CET Moodle Training *Northeast AR Technical Center, 1727 S. Main St., Jonesboro*
- July 26 - 28** ACE/CTE Summer Conference *Hot Springs Convention Center*
Skilled and Technical Science/STS Summer Inservice-CJ and HSTE (Criminal Justice and Health Science)
Hot Springs Convention Center. Sunday, July 26th - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 27th - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 28th - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- July 28** STEM/Moodle Refresher Course Training AR ACTE Conference *Hot Springs Convention Center*
- July 28 - 31** Agricultural Science and Technology/Agricultural Education Summer Teacher Inservice *Camp Couchdale*
- July 29 - 31** Skilled and Technical Sciences/NCCER ICTP Certification Training *13000 Interstate 30, Little Rock, AR 72210*
- July 30 - 31** FACS/Food, Fitness, & Fun *Bill & Margaret Clark Room, River Market, Little Rock, AR*
- August 3** Arkansas Rehabilitation Association Board Meeting *ARS Central Office, Room 210, Little Rock*
- Coming up:**
August 5 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 25th Anniversary Celebration (see below). Speaker: Leonard Boyle, Executive Director, Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities. *Arkansas Tech University, Russellville*

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS



July 26

At the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990, President George H. W. Bush stated:

"With today's signing of the landmark Americans for Disabilities Act, every man, woman, and child with a disability can now pass through once-closed doors into a bright new era of equality, independence, and freedom."

The ADA has a major impact on our daily lives, and everything ARS does (AT@Work, RAVE, RTW, ICAN) has a basis in the ADA. It has a major impact on the lives and livelihood of people who live with disabilities and their families.

Learn more about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\) Basics](#)
- [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\) Timeline](#)
- [Rep. Jim Langevin Reflects on the ADA's 25th Anniversary](#)

ON THE SCENE: Please submit calendar entries, agency or employee news/announcements by NOON every other Wednesday to ACECommunications@arkansas.gov.

Please note that all new hires, retirements and birthdays are submitted monthly to Communications by the Human Resources Department.

Birthdays

July 21	Sean McIntosh
July 22	Kathy Boggs Erica Backus Angela Williams
July 23	Otis Dixon
July 24	Ray Henson Latasha Tatum
July 25	Robbie Jones Jim Quinn
July 26	Rick Ward-Harder
July 29	Aseelah Harrison Cheryl Sugg
July 31	Johnny Davis Laura Parker
August 1	Marcie Flowers Karlyn Jay Tom Kennedy Cheryl O'Dell
August 2	Paul Algee Don Belcock Gerald Clayton
August 3	Chelsea Grizzelle Lisa Murphy Ellice Scales



Youth Leadership Forum Held at University of Central Arkansas

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LITTLE ROCK, AR - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services and the Governor's Commission for People with Disabilities held its 17th Annual Youth Leadership Forum, or YLF, program, and welcomed more than twenty participants. This program is offered to 11th and 12th grade students with disabilities to teach them skills that they will use in the future. The weeklong program took place at the University of Central Arkansas.

The students learned how to network, live independently, and manage time. In addition to hearing presenters discuss meaningful topics, the delegates toured the State Capitol and the Governor's Mansion. Participants in the program came from all over the state of Arkansas.

Jin Toone, a peer counselor and a former delegate of YLF, said, "It was nice to see the students develop and experience what I got to do two years ago. I now see that a lot of my excuses are invalid."

Program mentors and speakers encouraged the students to look beyond high school. **Kourtney Junior**, a participant of the program, has already begun to make plans for the future. She wants to go to the University of Arkansas or the University of Central Arkansas and major in psychology.

Rohan Murphy, a Paralympian and wrestler, served as this year's keynote speaker at the Mentors' Luncheon. Murphy is a highly-sought speaker as he has traveled

across the country. He delivered powerful, encouraging words to the delegates by sharing his own experiences of living a life without legs. He told the group: "Do things and do them well. I wanted to prove people wrong and show them I could do everything they told me I couldn't do."

Participants learned valuable lessons that they can carry with them for many years to come. Junior said, "I learned that everyone is equal. Just because you have disabilities doesn't mean you can't succeed in life."



(above) YLF delegates and staff pose with Governor Hutchinson during their tour of the Capitol; (below, left) Luncheon speaker Rohan Murphy with (standing, l-r): ARS Commissioner Alan McClain, YLF Chair Darlene Owens and Rev. Nathaniel Palmer, Sr., who gave the luncheon invocation and benediction; (center) while touring the Capitol, delegates got a chance to handle some Treasury money; (right) ACE Career Coach Josh Hayes spoke to the students about "Dressing for Success."



Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference

Over 1,800 of the best and brightest college students from across the United States, Canada, and China traveled to beautiful Chicago, Illinois, to compete and showcase their talents as future business leaders.

Arkansas had **118 competitors from 13 different colleges and universities in attendance**. Arkansas Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) brought home **39-Top 10 individual and team awards** across 58 business and business-related competitive events including **four-tenth place, six-ninth place, five-eighth place, four-seventh place, four-sixth place, two-fourth place, four-third place, five-national runner-ups**, and an amazing **five National Champions!**

Arkansas holds **National Champions in Community Service Project, Cost Accounting, Forensic Accounting, Mobile Application Development, and Website Design**.

PBL State Adviser, **Sandon Williams** said, "Arkansas was well represented in Chicago and I could not be more proud of the accomplishments of Arkansas Phi Beta Lambda. These students worked so hard to prepare for their competitions and their hard work definitely paid off. I am most proud of the Community Service Project teams who not only took 1st place, but also took 2nd place in the Nation. Our organization is all about Education, Service, and Progress and we are living that motto. Arkansas definitely left our imprint in the windy city at this year's National Leadership Conference."



Arkansas Phi Beta Lambda State Officers in attendance included (L to R) **Phillip Jenkins**, Secretary/Treasurer from the University of the Ozarks, **Taylor Galloway**, Director of Communications from Williams Baptist College, **Andrea Wolfe**, President from University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, and **David Qualls**, Director of Marketing and Public Relations from Arkansas State University at Mountain Home.

Adult Education Staff Strategizes

Arkansas Adult Education Division staff members held a staff training and strategic planning meeting on July 7-9 at Winthrop Rockefeller Institute at Petit Jean.



Seated (L-R): Randy Morris, Janice Hanlon, Jennifer DeSilva-Guidotti, Bridget Bullard, Sarah Yager. Standing (L-R): Claritta Stinson, Regina Kimbrough, Tambra Nicholson, Trenia Miles, William (Todd) Hunter, Joey Walter, and Jim Smith

Though the atmosphere was casual, the full workdays were packed with productivity.

Each staff member led the team in department discussions or project management activities. Expertise in the group ranged from **Jim Smith** (who officially retired the day after the meeting) to **Sarah Yager** (ESL specialist and program manager hired the day before the meeting). The group followed a carefully planned schedule to give all subjects and areas the undivided attention needed. Agenda topics included **federal funding formula review, WAGE™ program update, professional development, 2015-16 calendar items, program review/site visit processes, English as a Second Language and literacy programs assessment** and more.

The team returned to the office with plans firmly in place, ready to take on the new program year with unity in their approach to managing the state's Adult Education centers, literacy councils, and GED® test centers.

Farewell to a Constant Friend

Cornelious “Shed” Hollinshed

On July 7, ACTI Admissions Director Cornelious Hollinshed lost his battle with cancer, but he will remain in the hearts of so many. Everyone who knew “Shed” knew *you only had to ask* and he’d be right there to help.

Shed was a long-time “rehabber,” first as a counselor in the Hot Springs field office from 1989 to 2004. He then became Rehab Facility Manager from 2004-2009 at ACTI (formerly the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center) and ACTI Rehab Program Manager from 2009 until his passing.

Many of his colleagues expressed their feelings of loss on his passing, and these are but a few:

Jonathan Bibb, ACTI Administrator:

It is with a heavy heart that I try to wrap my mind around the reality that I do not have Cornelious to lean on. He was much more than a colleague and friend, he was one of the rare people I have had the blessed opportunity to know that balanced character, love, and a tireless heart of service to others in an incredible way. Cornelious was one of the first people I met from ACTI, and my friendship with him and reliance on his ability as a leader occurred almost instantaneously. He loved everything about and everyone at ACTI and it showed. He tirelessly advocated for ACTI, and spent countless hours traveling to the corners of the state telling teachers, counselors, and potential students about what we do in Hot Springs and as an Agency. He also could eat more than any person I have ever met. I often wondered why he never gained weight, and I suspect it took a lot of calories to feed his heart and spirit. In those areas, my friend was a giant.

He and I would often talk about a day in the distant future when we would walk the campus of ACTI together after years of retirement to see how the efforts of so many folks had been rewarded with the countless success of the people that we serve on the hill in Hot Springs. I know that physically, he and I will not be able to make that walk, but I also know the spirit of my friend Shed lives on and the rewards of his work will continue to flourish.

Mona Henderson, ACTI Job Placement Specialist: The first day I came to work for Shed in January of 2013, he took me around the ACTI campus and introduced

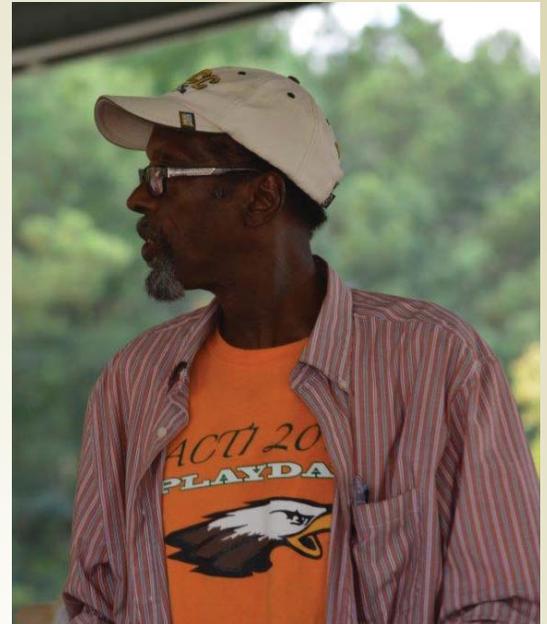
me to other staff members. Every single person that I met that day told me the same thing, “You are going to love working for this man.” Within only a few weeks I discovered how true all those folks were. Shed was an excellent boss – he was encouraging and supportive offering help whenever needed. But he was never a micromanager. He displayed a tremendous amount of trust in the people that worked for him. Shed was a man of great faith but he was never pushy or preachy – he just showed kindness and compassion to all he met – he didn’t just “talk the talk” but he lived out his faith daily by his actions. To say he will be missed is the ultimate understatement. I am a better human being for having known him and the world will be a little less bright now that he’s gone.

Jane Campbell, ACTI Dietary Services Director:

On behalf of the ACTI Dietary Department and each one of us individually, we want to extend our sincerest condolences to his wife and family. Shed had a wonderful smile and he was able to make each person serving on the line smile and often they would laugh because of something Cornelious had said to them. He had a personal relationship with each and every person who worked at ACTI both present and past. He knew every employee’s and nearly every student’s name. He was impressive and very classy. I always teased him about being the biggest eater on campus. He thoroughly enjoyed his food. He was always quick to compliment and never complained. When we were told of Cornelious’ passing, and I announced it to the staff, many tears were cried but in my mind, I pictured Cornelious telling each of us in his most sincere voice to be happy for him because he’s where he has worked his entire life to be. I know I speak for each and every dietary employee when I say Mr. Hollinshed will be missed today, tomorrow and forever.

Judy Wynn, ACTI Administrative Specialist:

Shed was not just my boss, he was my very dear friend. He always let me be me and he understood me. We had many talks, cries and laughs over the years and I think just knowing him made me want to be a better person. Shed was the real deal and it showed in his everyday life. He always introduced me as the boss, now Shed you really are the boss. Carry on!!! I miss ya buddy. Love ya.



Billy Robinson, ACTI Rehab Program Manager submitted this picture from ACTI’s 2014 annual Play Day, writing, “he was our fabulous Play Day cook for 7 years. Our dear friend/co-worker will be missed dearly.”

Rick Ward-Harder, ACTI TEAM

Student Life Director: Cornelious was the very first SLT member to welcome me when I arrived at ACTI. I have found over the years of working with him that he was a man of purpose, passion, integrity, honesty, and always was focused on “doing the right thing”.

His department with Admissions and the Professional Career Performance Plan worked daily, hand-in-hand with the Team Student Life Department. In the years we worked together, we never once had any issues or concerns that were not easily resolved. He was impassioned about his work and beliefs but always worked towards suitable compromises. I was honored to share many personal moments of reflection with him that held meaning for both of us, a friendship that went far beyond the intricacies of just doing a paid job, moments that truly reflected the greater mission we are called to complete.

Shed was and always will be a shining light of professionalism, duty, and honor for those of us who were blessed to know him and have had our lives impacted in such a positive manner by him.

Jeannette Brewer, ACTI Assistant

Personnel Manager: My deepest sympathy and condolences for Mr. Cornelious Hollinshed’s family; he was a great friend, co-worker, counselor, spiritual leader and mentor to the students with disabilities in the state

AHELP Corner



Due to a large volume of calls and requests we have received lately, we are opening our special for state employees of no joining fee to an online offering this summer. We have worked with various departments and offices during the past year but we didn't want anyone to miss out on this special offering before time ran out. Please forward this to all in your department.

Follow the instructions below to have the joining fee waived at 10 Fitness between now and the end of the month (July 31, 2015). This promotion can also be sent via email to any family members or friends that you as a state employee might think would appreciate the offer.

This **NO JOINING FEE** offer is only available through this link and code, and not at any 10 Fitness location.

1. Follow this [link](#).
2. At the top of the screen, find the blank box and enter the promo code AR10 then click the "go" button
3. Within the pop up box, find the level of membership that is best for you and click select.
4. Fill in the appropriate blanks and read all terms and conditions before accepting.
5. Once you receive your confirmation email, go into any 10 Fitness location and tell them you signed up online. There you will receive your scan card, tour of the facility and schedule your complementary fitness assessment.
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The Youth MOVE Conference

was held on June 19th and 20th at Arkansas State University. The purpose of Youth MOVE is to help youth to become advocates for themselves.

Attending the conference from the Jonesboro Field Office were **Kimberly Clayborn**, District Manager (top picture, far left), **Sharon Rowe**, Counselor (far right) with students; and (bottom picture) **Rowe** (left) and **Jamie Barrett**, Support Staff (right).



of Arkansas. Mr. Hollinshed would lighten up a room when he entered it, he always kept a smile and a positive attitude. He was a great asset to ACTI and such a joy to be around, He will truly be missed.

J'auan Gaylyn Flint-Lake, ACTI Admissions Administrative Specialist: In honor of Rev. Cornelious L. Hollinshed -- a great man of God! He was a father figure, a mentor and a friend. I thank you for all your love and encouragement and will cherish and share the great legacy you leave behind. I'll miss you, Shed.

Vivian Grant, ACTI Admissions Rehab Program Coordinator: I cried when you passed away. I still cry today. Although I loved you dearly, I couldn't make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, Hard Working hands at rest. God broke my heart to prove To me he only takes the Best.

Cornelious' brother, **Nolan**, ARS Quality Assurance Coordinator out of the Monticello field office, wished to thank all those who have expressed condolences:



I want to thank the ARS family for your support during the loss of my brother Cornelious "Shed" Hollinshed. It was not only a loss to me and family, but also to the ARS family which he was a part of for 26 years. Thanks for all the phone calls, cards, visits and most of all your prayers. I am blessed to work with such wonderful people. I ask that all of you keep my family in your prayers.



What's News?

Congratulations!

Wedding vows were exchanged Saturday, June 20, between Administrative Specialist (for ACE's Director's office), **Chelsea Perdue** and **Aaron Grizzelle**, former ACE staffer and also son of former staffer **Cindy Grizzelle** and **Ted Grizzelle**. Chelsea's parents are **Dana McKamey-Gray** and **Scott Gray**, both of Cabot. The ceremony took place at Sunset Ridge Event Center in Judsonia, Rev. Marc Bateman officiating. Chelsea and Aaron reside in Cabot. Many good wishes from their ACE family!



Birthday Surprise

ARS District X/Monticello field office: Counselor **Maria Rose** (pictured right, whose birthday was 7/11) received a re-decorated office for her "24th" birthday. Maria's co-workers feted her with breakfast and an ice cream birthday cake.



Serving His Community

Mr. Leifel Jackson, ARS Inventory Control Manager, was honored to have the privilege of speaking at the end-of-the-year celebration at Lakewood Middle School (pictured top left). He spoke about bullying, drugs, gangs, gang violence, and the importance of education. His audience consisted of 40 youth ranging from ages 12-14. He had a captive audience that was very eager to hear what he had to say.



Jackson also had the privilege to speak at the Watershed Human & Community Development Center where the attendees consisted of 70 youth (ages 6-17) from around the area (see photo, bottom left). Jackson presented literature at both locations regarding the services provided by Arkansas Rehabilitation Services around Arkansas.

Good Times!

On June 26th **District X (Sterling Hughes**, District Manager) hosted their **Annual Family Day Picnic**. It was held at Cane Creek State Park in Star City. Family and friends all shared good food, fun games, and great fellowship together. They even enjoyed some entertainment (a dance-off) from **Pierce Stephens**, son of **Meredith Stephens**, Administrative Specialist in the Monticello Office, and **Braylon Alexander**, son of **Chaketa Alexander**, counselor in the Pine Bluff Office (pictured right, middle).



Special thanks to **Ronald Neal**, the "GRILL MASTER"..... **Hats off to the Cook!** (pictured top right), for all the tasty chicken, pork chops, burgers, links, hot dogs, etc. Thanks to everyone in District X for participating. The food was delicious, desserts were "sweet," and the fellowship was great!



District X presented **Sterling Hughes** with a framed fishing poem (below, left, written by Bobby Johnson of the Pine Bluff Office) and a basket of all his favorite snacks that he enjoys eating while out in his boat, waiting on the "Big One" to tug on his fishing line!.....We Love our BOSS!

Way to go District X!!

