

babies, babies & more babies!!!

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO:

Heidi McDaniel, Osceola MHPP, who gave birth to Andon Charles McDaniel.
 Stacey Sanders, Osceola MHPP, who gave birth to Gage Triplett Sanders.
 Bridgette Fielder, Osceola MHPP, who gave birth to Rylan Cade Fielder.
 Lauren Carr, Jonesboro MHPP, who gave birth to Lucy Mae Carr.

Sympathy to:

Paula Medeiros, Osceola MHPP, in the loss of her father.
 Dee Henderson, Osceola MHPP, in the loss of her sister, Dani Lunsford.
 Tracy Jackson, Osceola Therapist, in the loss of her cousin.
 Latasha Delaney, Trumann MHPP, in the loss of her grandmother, Emma Delaney.
 Laura Whitlow, Searcy Therapist, in the loss of her grandfather.

Best Wishes for
Continued Recovery

Joy Davis, CEO
 Jim Thurman, Special Projects
 Gina Anglin, Pocahontas Mental Health Paraprofessional

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

march	april	may
KRISTEN WALLAGE 4-Mar	APRIL STILES 1-Apr	PAUL SWYMN 22-Apr
JAMES SKINNER 10-Mar	DEBBIE BUCK 3-Apr	BRIAN STILES 24-Apr
SHARON TRAVIS 11-Mar	SAMANTHA COSTNER 3-Apr	TORIAN BELL 26-Apr
LANI BEAGLE 17-Mar	KIM CLARK 6-Apr	NEAL HARWELL 26-Apr
KEVIN SKINSON 18-Mar	TOSHIA WEISENBACH 6-Apr	STACEY BURNETT 28-Apr
JENNIFER CLESTER 21-Mar	NAKITHA SCOTT 7-Apr	SHELLY HORTON 30-Apr
ELLEN GANN 21-Mar	LINDSIE SUTTON 7-Apr	MATTIE WARREN 30-Apr
GALE TINSMAN 21-Mar	LAURIE RUPLE 8-Apr	JUDY NICHOLS 30-Apr
AMANDA LEE 22-Mar	CHRISTA ELDRIDGE 12-Apr	BRENDA BARKER 2-May
JON BRADSHAW 23-Mar	GINA ANGLIN 13-Apr	JENNIFER BEGGS 3-May
SARAH HAVERFIELD 24-Mar	DAVID SMITH 16-Apr	STACY MEDLEY 7-May
REGINA JOHNSON 29-Mar	DAWN LAYER 16-Apr	LATASHA DELANEY 8-May
KATHY REYNOLDS 29-Mar	ASHLEY TAYLOR 18-Apr	DR. SHARON CURTIS 9-May
JEREMY TRULL 29-Mar	BELINDA HARRELL 19-Apr	PAULA MEDEIROS 10-May
	JENNIFER PEASTER 19-Apr	ADAM BURNETTE 15-May
	ERNIE MURRY 19-Apr	CHRISTIAN SMILEY 18-May
	TONYA WRIGHT 19-Apr	MARC WILSON 21-May
	MARK CATES 19-Apr	ALICIA WHITLOCK 22-May
	JOLENE BENEDICT 21-Apr	ERIN ARNOLD 22-May
		SALLY LEBLANC 27-May
		CHERYL WEAVER 27-May
		LYNDA NASH 27-May
		JANE BALDWIN 29-May
		JUDY MCDANIEL 29-May
		RON TRIMM 29-May
		BEVERLY WALTERMIRE 29-May
		KIMBERLY SCHMIDT 30-May

Your LINK to Families, Inc.



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I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who attended the Families, Inc., Christmas celebration. As always, it was great to see you and the clinics were so well represented this year! WOW, I was really impressed! Thanks, also, to all of the clinics who came up with some of the nicest and most thoughtful gifts this year. That was a lot of fun for me and I really enjoyed opening all of the presents. What a great group we have working here at Families. It has been 10 years and I'm still overwhelmed with the quality of our staff and how much each of you offer to the success of our company. Thank you so much for all that you do and for the great work ethic that you show in whatever job you may be doing.

Joy

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 5 YEAR STAFF!

Recognized at the Christmas Celebration were: **Jay Spray**, MHPP, Ash Flat; **Melissa Garrett**, MHPP and **Helen Shirron**, Therapist, Jacksonville; **Judy McDaniel**, Administrative Assistant, MHPP's **Lauren Madden**, **Lois Somlar**, and **Brenda Barker**, Therapists **Mandy Smith**, **Amy Harding**, **Lauren Orbison**, **Brooke Weaver**, **Christian Smiley**, and **Lori Hoggard**, Jonesboro; **Nakitha Scott**, MHPP, Osceola; **Roger Barnhill**, Therapist, Paragould; Therapists **Robert Channing** and **Sandra Lewis**, Searcy; **Natasha Byrd**, MHPP and **Lorri Sanders**, Therapist, Trumann; and **Lisa Coggins**, Administrative Assistant, Walnut Ridge.

SHOUT OUTS TO DIFFERENCE MAKERS!



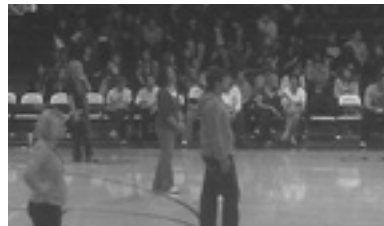
Linda Nash, Jonesboro Therapist, recently presented on “Enabling & Codependency” to the “Out of the Dark - Hour of Power” support group. And, was quoted and photographed by *The Sun* newspaper.

Debbie Mays, Jonesboro Graduate Intern/MHPP, recently presented on “Stress” to Pocahontas Junior High classes. This included the making of stress balls and was enjoyed by all.

Christa Eldridge, Jonesboro MHPP, initiated a “Police Play Day” at ABC Kids Place, after she observed a child terrified of police. It was a terrific event that really seemed to help the children with their comfort level with police officers. The Jonesboro paper *The Sun*, ran a picture of the event. (Picture to the right.)



Jonathan Martin, Jonesboro MHPP, participated in a benefit volleyball game at Bay Schools. The game was to benefit a child in the school who had become ill earlier in the year and was left paralyzed. (Picture to the right, Jonathan in front.)



Shelly Horton, School Based Coordinator, expressed KUDOS to **Brian Stiles** and **Lauren Lawson**, Searcy MHPP’s, and **Marshia Edmundson**, Searcy Therapist, for the hard work and the initiative that it took to land the Pangburn School District contract. A great deal of time and effort, on and off the clock, has gone in to the cultivation of this relationship! We are looking forward to a bright and exciting new future with this school district. Thanks so much!

From Paula Norvell, Osceola Clinical Supervisor: We really appreciate all of the team work getting the testing done for special ed at Osceola Schools - **David Shade**, LPE, **Lesli Elkins**, LCSW (supervised by Dr. Mike Davis), **Carmilya Wilson**, LPE (supervised by Dr. Mark Cates) and **Susan Oldham**, LPE. And, we’re so excited about our new building!

Barbara Tate, NEA Court Liaison, sends a “Shout Out” to the following clinics and their respective clinical supervisors: **Trumann (Jason Turner)**, **Paragould (Joe Branch)**, **Osceola (Paula Norvell)**, and **Jonesboro (Sharon Travis)**, for putting forth the effort to get court reports to me monthly. It has made a difference in court during the reviews of our kids and has given Families, Inc. recognition with the judges. It has shown that we are providing quality care to our children that were referred by the court system and not ignoring requests made by the justice system. Thanks to our Families, Inc. staff for pulling together and doing what needed to be done!

Our Hearts. Our Choice.

Heart disease takes away voices—and choices. Some choices are unimportant and some are life-changing. But what if the choices you thought were small were actually the ones that mattered? By speaking up, building awareness and driving action, we can choose to live, not die.



Make the choice to celebrate Wear Red Day by wearing red on February 5th. Healthy hearts are a matter of choice, and we can turn our personal choices into life-saving actions. Visit www.goredforwomen.org to learn more.

Welcome to NEW STAFF... since November 30, 2009

JONESBORO

Angie Elizandro, LPE
Therapist/Ph.D. Intern
Judy Nichols
Administrative Assistant
Tracy Prince
Billing Clerk
J. Hayden Morrison
Graduate Intern
Ashley Dabbs
Caleigh Catt
Tangella Mensah
Interns

OSCEOLA

Dee Henderson, RN
Angie Gipson
MH Paraprofessional
Tracey Strop, LPN
Clinical Assistant

SEARCY

Judy Smith, LPN
Clinical Assistant
Tim Bearden, LCSW
Therapist
Megan Bell
MHPP-Pangburn Schools
Sarah Smith
Graduate Intern
Candice Doan
Trent Langhofer
Vickie Covington
Nathan Jackson
Sarah Davis
Interns

MOUNTAIN HOME

Pamelia Sullins
Clinical Assistant

TRANSFERS

Alicia Whitlock, Jonesboro Billing Clerk, and **Ashley Taylor**, Pocahontas Clinical Assistant, have both transferred to Mental Health Paraprofessional.

CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!

Kathy Reynolds, Searcy MHPP, **Kerry DeFlorian**, Searcy RN/MHPP, and **Samantha Costner**, Osceola RN/MHPP, are all now Mental Health Professionals.

Tiffany Felty, Paragould Therapist, has passed licensure for LCSW and **Suzi Eudaly**, Searcy Therapist, has passed licensure for LPC.

JACKSONVILLE

Deana Grisham, LPN
Clinical Assistant
Kendra Bailey, LCSW
Therapist

PARAGOULD

Leanne Harris, LMSW
Therapist
Sonya Goode
Graduate Intern

WALNUT RIDGE

Shawna Nicholas, LPN
Clinical Assistant

POCAHONTAS

Toshia Weisenbach, LPN
Clinical Assistant
Erica Dunlap
Intern