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8th Annual DDS Fall Food & Craft Fair

DHS Developmental Disabilities Services held its 8th Annual Fall Food & Craft Fair on Friday, October 4th. There were 24 vendors, 7 food trucks, a DJ, live performances by pianist Darnell Paul, face painting, and games. The new DDS Director, Jennifer Brezée, opened the festival with a welcome to all of our artisans and guests. There was lots of shopping, eating, dancing, and networking going on throughout the festival. A great time was had by all! Special thanks to LRPD, Little Rock Traffic Engineering, and Delta Traffic Control for their continued support. We also thank Brown Roofing LA, a new partner, for sending volunteers to help artisans set up and provide assistance where needed.

Thank you for making year 8...Great!

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October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

National Spina Bifida Awareness Month

National Crime Prevention Month

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

10/11 JHDC 50th Anniversary Celebration

10/11-10/20 Arkansas State Fair

10/16 National Boss's Day











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DDS staff at work in the community

Danielle Kimbrough, Children's Special Services Title V Program Coordinator and Sabrena Harris, DDS HCBS Program Manager were the community resource providers for the Benton Farmer's Market on Saturday, September 14th. Several people stopped by to get information for themselves or someone they knew. There were a variety of vendor items such as jellies, salsas, kitchen crafts, seasonings, vegetables, and yard crafts.





National Down Syndrome Awareness Month Activities

Arkansas Down Syndrome Association (ADSA)

Arkansas Buddy Walk 10/26 9 am – 12 noon War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock

*walk starts at 10:30 am

Down Syndrome Connection NWA

Step Up for Down Syndrome Fundraiser

Ticketed event

10/26 1 pm - 4 pm

The Jones Center in Springdale

Conway HDC's Pink Out

In support of October Breast Cancer Awareness Month, CHDC held it's 42nd Annual Walk-A-Thon "Pink Out" Run/Walk 5K on Saturday, October 5th at the CHDC Park. The Volunteer Council put on a fabulous event that was heavily supported by the community! Great job CHDC!



















KARK, KATV, and THV11 feature artisans from across the state to promote the 8th Annual DDS Fall Food & Craft Fair









Save the Date

October

JHDC 50th Anniversary

10/11

1 pm

November

Let's Talk DDS

11/14

Zoom meeting

11 am – 12 noon

Comments, Suggestions, Q &A

Please let us know what you would like to see featured. Please send all inquiries to Yvette.swift@dhs.arkansas.gov.

