



## *April*

*Autism Awareness Month*

*National Child Abuse*

*Prevention Month*

*National Volunteer Month*

*Sexual Assault Awareness  
Month*

*Stress Awareness Month*

4/20 Easter

4/23 Administrative  
Professionals Day

4/24 Take Our Sons  
and Daughters to Work  
Day

## *DDS celebrates Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month*

DDS celebrated Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March. Activities kicked off with a proclamation at the capitol with the Governor. Other activities included unveiling of client banners along the DHS Administrative building in downtown Little Rock, Arkansas.



*DDAM continued*



*The Blue Umbrella celebrates its 6th Birthday!*



# 2025 Gala for JHDC

Superintendent Diane Keith shared details on the 2025 Gala supporting the Jonesboro Human Development Center held on March 14th at St. Bernard's Auditorium. It was a huge success! A fantastic meal was provided for all. The models on the runway showed off their beautiful outfits provided by Dillard's located in Jonesboro. Sponsors included:

Dillard's	Adams and Cooper Plumbing Co.
St. Bernard's Auditorium	Empower Healthcare Solutions
Jack Ladyman	Oldham Law Firm, PLLC
Holden Appraisal	Summit Community Care
Al Heringer	Network of Community Options
Dan Sullivan	Jonesboro University Rotary Club
Woodspring Pharmacy	City Water and Light Benevolence Fund



# 12th Annual Family Bistro & Disability Resource Expo

Saturday, April 12th

8:15am-4:00pm

Veterans Park Event Center

508 N Lincoln St. Cabot, AR



8:15am- Registration opens

9:00am-9:20am- Opening

9:25am-10:05am- Title V- Stacey Schratz

10:05-10:20am-Camp Aldersgate- Luke Nipper

10:25am-11:15am-A: Learns & Leads Act- Christin Harper

10:25am - 11:15 am - B: Let's Talk Transition - Programs &  
Services for Adulthood - Cindy Roach

11:20am-12:00pm- Parent Panel

12:00pm-12:40pm- Lunch & Vendor Parade

12:45pm-1:25pm-A: Autism Resources- Renee Holmes

12:45pm-1:25pm - B: Care Planning- Kimberly Brown

1:30pm-2:15pm-A: Anti-Bullying- Jennifer Edwards

1:30pm-2:15pm-B: Guardianship & Special Needs Trust- Chip Cross

2:20pm-3:40pm-DD Network Listening Session- Johnathan Taylor & Karen Barnett

3:40pm-4:00pm-Door Prizes & Closing



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## Commencement Ceremony

Congratulations are in order for DDS Program Manager Terion Clark! He graduated from Western Governors University with a Master of Science, Information Technology Management. The ceremony was held Saturday, March 8th. Well done!



## Comments, Suggestions, Q&A

Let us know what you'd like to see featured in upcoming editions and also, if you'd like to be a guest writer! Send all comments, suggestions, and Q&A to: [yvette.swift@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:yvette.swift@dhs.arkansas.gov) by the 15th of the month.