



Tennessee Department of Human Services

Adult Day Services

Newsletter

Greetings from your partners at the Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS), Adult Day Services Team!

Welcome to the Adult Day Services (ADS) Quarterly Newsletter. This newsletter shares information on topics related to your day-to-day operations as a licensed Adult Day Services (ADS) provider.

In this edition of the newsletter, we would like to provide information on upcoming conferences/meetings, spotlight an agency, and give a final update on the rules revision.

Upcoming Conferences

NADSA National Conference

September 1st -3rd

Omni Providence Hotel

Providence, RI

<https://www.nadsa.org/education-events/2026-conference-information/>

TN State Conference on Aging (hosted by Department of Disability & Aging)

September 9th-10th

Embassy Suites Murfreesboro

1200 Conference Center Blvd

Murfreesboro, TN

<https://www.tn.gov/disability-and-aging/news-events/special-events/tn-state-conference-on-aging.html>

2026 Tennessee Federation for the Aging Conference

October 26th-29th

The Park Vista Hotel

Gatlinburg, TN

<http://www.tnfederationfortheaging.org/conference.html>

Program Spotlight

Global Mobile Care, Inc. invites professional caregivers, family caregivers, direct support professionals, adult day centers, HCBS providers, nurses, social workers, and community partners to join our free Community-Based Aging & Wellness (CBAW) ECHO Program.

This virtual learning series delivers practical strategies, expert guidance, and real-world case discussions focused on dementia care, caregiver wellness, behavioral health, care coordination, telehealth, medication safety, and supporting older adults in community settings. Sessions are free and held monthly.

We welcome all professionals and caregivers committed to improving the quality of life for older adults and strengthening community-based care.

Follow this link to register and see session schedule:

<https://iecho.org/public/program/PRGM1759702904839ZCA5PU71XB>

Final Update on the Rules Revision

The new proposed rules have made it through the approval process and will become official on September 22, 2026. We have planned a virtual training on the changes for September 24th from 9:30am-12:30pm central time. All ADS providers are invited to attend. A link to the training will be coming soon.

Fingerprint Fee Reimbursements

The Department will reimburse the cost of criminal background checks for all applicants fingerprinted within an agency's licensure year up to the amount of the agency's paid licensing fee. All requests for reimbursement must be submitted within ninety (90) days of the end of each licensing year.

Reimbursement is not available to agencies that are not required to pay a licensing fee or to agencies that did not have any applicants fingerprinted during the agency's annual licensing year. Required documentation to submit is a photo of the credit/debit card used for payment, receipt(s) for the background check purchases, and a completed Criminal Background Check Reimbursement Form. Items should be submitted to AdultDayServices.DHS@tn.gov.

Grant Opportunity

The Department of Disability and Aging (DDA) will be accepting applications for competitive grant funding for senior centers. This one-time grant funding is intended to support senior centers in providing older adults with access to resources, activities and social connections. Senior centers are invited to apply for grant funding ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000. The grant funding is encouraged to fund the following goals: Capital Projects (including building improvements and equipment), Marketing, Routine Operating Expenses, not including staff salaries, and Programming/Activities. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Central Time on Friday, August 7, 2026. Grant funding must be spent by March 31, 2028. Learn more about the grants at the DDA

website: <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/disability-and-aging/resource-directory/grants.html>

Licensing Violations or Illegal Operations

To report suspected adult day services licensing violations or possible illegal operations call the Child and Adult Care Complaint Hotline at 1-800-462-8261 or email AdultDayServices.DHS@tn.gov.

Reminders

We will feature existing and newly opened ADS agencies in the Program Spotlight section of each issue. If you wish to be featured, have ideas about potential topics or general feedback please reach out to us by email at AdultDayServices.DHS@tn.gov.

Quarterly ADS Newsletters are posted at the ADS webpage of the TDHS website for your reference at, <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/adults/adult-day-services.html>.