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Major Changes Announced for the Community Development Block Grant Program

The 2000 Kentucky Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provides major capital funding for Kentucky's cities and counties. The CDBG program provides eligible applicants with funding for public facility (water or wastewater systems), housing, economic development, and community projects (i.e., senior centers).

Historically application deadlines were once per year. New CDBG guidelines will allow public facility, housing, economic development, and community project applications to be submitted between April 17, 2000 and February 1, 2001. Applications for micro-enterprise development must be submitted on or before September 1, 2000.

Another new CDBG guideline involves pre-submission requirements for public facilities, housing, community, and Renaissance projects. Eligible applicants must meet and document all pre-submission requirements before an actual application can be submitted. The pre-submission requirements include, but are not limited to, the following: completion of the State Clearinghouse review and project endorsement; amendment of planning documents to include proposed public facility projects; written approval from the Division of Water; verification of citizen participation; clearance from SHPO (housing projects); completion of engineering and architectural design; approval of proposed septic system compliance (housing projects); identification of all owners of property to be acquired (housing projects); and provision of an average of four customers per mile on water line extensions (public facilities projects).

The following table provides a listing of all programmatic areas and grant ceilings:

Grant Program	Individual	Multi-Jurisdictional
Economic Development		
Traditional	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Non-Traditional	\$ 250,000	\$ 500,000
Public Facilities	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Self-Help	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Housing	\$1,000,000	
Community Projects	\$ 500,000	
Micro-Enterprise Development	\$ 50,000	
Community Emergency Relief Fund	\$ 250,000	
Renaissance Kentucky	\$ 250,000	

For more information or copies of the new CDBG guidelines, please contact LTADD at (270) 769-2393.



DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY



FY 2000 City Budget Workshop

On March 22, Bob Leonard, Betty King, and Rick Sanborn, Cities Branch of Department for Local Government, conducted the FY 2000 City Budget Workshop at the LTADD offices. The workshop provided beneficial information on the municipal budgetary process and statutory requirements. Twenty City Clerk/Treasurers, City Council members, and LTADD staff attended the workshop.

Bardstown

Project Complete

Early last month, construction of the last house to be built, or rehabilitated as part of the Bardstown HOME project was completed. The project assisted five families of limited means. Under normal circumstances these families would remain living in unsafe conditions. Of the five homes, one was a manufactured house, three involved demolition of the existing structure, reconstruction, and the last involved rehabilitation of the existing structure.

Funding for the project came from the Kentucky Housing Corporation in the form of a \$214,303 fifteen-year forgivable loan. The **City of Bardstown** also contributed \$31,726 of in-kind and construction funding. Lincoln Trail Area Development District prepared the application and administered the project.

LTADD Board of Directors Approves ADF Projects

The Area Development Fund is a capital improvements grant program established by the General Assembly in 1976, and is funded by the state's coal severance tax. In 1998, the Kentucky General Assembly allocated \$1 million statewide for the Area Development Fund, and this allocation was distributed among the fifteen ADDs by formula. The ADF monies must be used by cities and counties for capital projects contributing to community or industrial development. The ADF program is administered by Commissioner Bob Arnold and the Department for Local Government through the Lincoln Trail ADD. Each city or county submits a project proposal to the LTADD. In turn, the Board reviews and approves each project and then submits to DLG for final approval and processing.

Since January 2000, the LTADD Board has approved the following projects: **City of Lebanon**, \$1,814.10, Graham Memorial Park batting cages; **City of Cloverport**, \$1,380.08, Community Building roof replacement; **City of Willisburg**, \$4,775.06, acquisition of park property; **Hardin County Fiscal Court**, \$14,684.00, ambulance purchase; **Grayson County Fiscal Court**, \$1,514.98, Arnett Building A/C installation; **City of Caneyville**, \$1,524.98, water leak detector purchase; **City of Muldraugh**, \$1,621.58, fire truck debt retirement; **City of Bloomfield**, \$7,203.99, police equipment; **Meade County Fiscal Court**, \$1,621.58, Buttermilk Falls trailside facility; **City of Irvington**, police computer purchase, \$1,380.07; **Breckinridge County Fiscal Court**, \$1,380.08, library shelving purchase; and **City of Hardinsburg**, \$1,380.08, computer software and equipment purchase.

Preservation, Recreation, and Tourism Committee Meeting Update

The Preservation, Recreation, and Tourism (PRT) Committee met on February 8 at the LTADD offices. The PRT Committee was established by the LTADD Board of Directors last year to plan, coordinate, and develop regional programs, activities, and projects in the areas of preservation, recreation, and tourism. The PRT Committee approved **Pat Bowen** as interim chair and formed a nominating committee to identify officers. The PRT Committee also discussed potential projects, including an update to the 1974 Open Space and Recreation Plan, development of the Lincoln Trail Heritage Corridor, and development of a historic markers publication. The PRT Committee will meet again on May 25 at 1:30 p.m. at the LTADD offices.

Lincoln Trail ADD Transportation Committee Completes Transportation Concept Plan

After several months of transportation committee and community meetings, the Lincoln Trail ADD has completed its Regional Transportation Concept Plan. The plan is a part of the ADD's annual contract with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The purpose for developing this plan is as follows:

- *To identify key issues facing the transportation system in the Lincoln Trail area;*
- *To establish a vision and goals and objectives to address the key issues; and*
- *To develop action strategies for developing a transportation system that will support the vision and goals while maintaining the quality of life of all citizens in the entire Lincoln Trail area.*

The concept plan will serve as a guide for the Regional Transportation Committee to make decisions when setting priorities for all highway projects on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's unscheduled needs list. It will also serve as a guide for addressing the needs of other modes of transportation including: public transit, water transportation, rail transportation, air transportation, and bicycle and pedestrian transportation. The concept plan also provides an overview of the planning process; an overview of the District's demographic make-up; an overview of the existing transportation system; and the vision and mission statements, goals, and action strategies that address the transportation needs of the district.

Regional Planning Council

The Regional Planning Council held a meeting on February 16th to elect officers and discuss upcoming activities. **Mr. Ed Poppe**, Director of Elizabethtown Planning and Zoning, was elected as Chairman of the Regional Planning Council. **Mr. Michael Hershman**, Land of Lincoln Planning and Zoning, was elected as Vice-Chairman. The Regional Planning Council consists of one representative from each planning unit within the Lincoln Trail ADD region. The RPC is responsible for approving comprehensive plans and providing education to planning commission members.

EARTH DAY 2000

Earth Day 2000 is a day to show how much we care about protecting our environment and our health. What you do at home, work and in your community all affect the environment. Everyone can participate in events, activities, and projects to restore, clean up and preserve the environment in which we live.

Celebration Earth Day will take place Saturday, April 29, at the Pritchard Community Center in Elizabethtown. The celebration will kick off at 9:00 am with speakers discussing the challenges and progress of governmental and non-governmental organizations protecting and improving the earth, water and environment of Kentucky. All citizens are welcome to attend this celebration; there is a \$5.00 registration fee. Be sure to practice what you learn so that you can make every day Earth Day. For more information call (270) 422-3944 or (270) 737-3009.

LTADD Presents National Register Nomination for Lebanon Junior High & High Schools

On January 26, Janet Johnston presented the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Lebanon Junior High and High Schools to the Kentucky Architectural Review Board. The Review Board unanimously approved the nomination. The nomination will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Interior for approval and listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Lebanon Junior High and High Schools are historically significant for their contributions to the education of thousands of students in **Lebanon and Marion County**. The schools are also significant as excellent examples of public school architecture in the early 20th century.

Community Development Staff Training:

EDFS Annual Revolving Loan Fund Training Conference

Mike Burress attended the Annual Revolving Loan Fund Training Conference held by the Economic Development Finance Service in San Antonio, Texas between December 1 and 3, 1999.

2000 KIDC Winter Meeting

Mike Burress attended the 2000 Kentucky Industrial Development Council Winter Meeting (February 3-4) in Louisville.

ArcInfo 8 Training

Rachel Phillips and Jann Oellien attend ArcInfo 8 (GIS mapping software) training on February 17 in Louisville.

Microsoft Windows 2000 Training

Russell Mays attended training on the Windows 2000 software on February 22 in Louisville.

Kentucky Council of Area Development District Conference

Wendell Lawrence, Mike Burress, and Janet Johnston attended the KCADD Conference in Lexington on March 8-10, 2000 in Lexington. Becky Proctor and Mike Skaggs attended the conference on March 9.

FY 2000 CDBG Guidelines Training

Mike Burress, Janet Johnston, Becky Proctor, and Mike Skaggs attended FY 2000 CDBG Guidelines Training conducted by the Department for Local Government in Louisville, Kentucky on March 13 and 14, 2000.

HELP: Homebuyer Education and Learning Program

Becky Proctor attended the HELP training conducted by HUD in Louisville on March 2, 2000.

Renaissance KY Training and Main Street Managers Workshops

Becky Proctor attended the Renaissance Kentucky training and Main Street Managers workshops held at Murray State University on January 26-28, 2000.

Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Workshop

Patrick Haggerty attended the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Workshop conducted by the Kentucky Division of Water, Drinking Water Branch on February 22 at BlueGrass ADD in Lexington.

LTADD Businesses Expand

Expanding Manufacturing Firms:

County	City	Company	Employees	Investments	Product
Washington	Springfield	Bluegrass Dairy & Food	35	1,000,000	Dairy & Food Products

Expanding Supportive/Service Firms:

County	City	Company	Employees	Investments	Product
Hardin	Elizabethtown	Ft. Knox NationalCo.	82	640,000	Call Center

KENTUCKY'S BUSINESS CLIMATE

Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development Cabinet

From 1996 to 1998, as reported in Site Selection magazine, Kentucky competed extremely well with much more populous states, ranking thirteenth in new manufacturing facilities, seventh in manufacturing expansions, eighteenth in other facilities, and twelfth overall. On a per capita basis, Kentucky was third in new jobs, fourth in new facilities and expansions, and tied for ninth in investment.

*Reprinted from the Kentucky Standard
Editorial Column*

Housing project is case of government-in-action at its best

Since it's often fashionable to complain about the shortcomings of government at all levels, people should also be quick to give credit where it is due when government does its job the way you'd expect.

A case of city, state and federal governments acting at their best was wrapped up recently when the last of five homes to be built or renovated here was completed.

It was a project by the city of Bardstown's Housing Advisory Committee and The Lincoln Trail Area Development District.

Three years ago the city put up \$20,000 to secure a \$200,000 federal block grant from the Kentucky Housing Corporation for the project.

Applications from local homeowners were approved based on income and need.

This was no shotgun approach to spending money to fight problems.

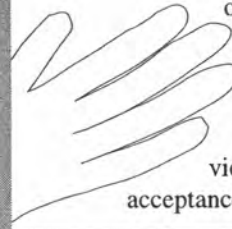
It targeted specific needs and successfully addressed them.

That's when government acts at its best.

To date, 29 of the Fortune 100 largest U.S. corporations have production facilities in Kentucky — many have multiple plants in the state. Included are industrial giants such as General Motors, Ford Motor Company, IBM, General Electric Company, Du Pont, International Paper Company, Atlantic Richfield, Allied Signal, and Procter & Gamble. In addition, 23 of the top 100 global corporations also have operations in Kentucky, and foreign manufacturers have invested approximately \$11.5 billion in some 309 manufacturing facilities in Kentucky. Included are international leaders such as Toyota, Hitachi, Unilever, Siemens, Mitsubishi, Elf Aquitaine, Royal Philips, BASF, Hoechst, and Matsushita.

THE CUSTOM OF SHAKING HANDS

The first written record of the practice of shaking hands dates back to 2800 B.C. in ancient Egypt, but historians believe the custom could be older than that. They speculate that extending an open outreached right hand demonstrated that a person was not holding a sword; over time, the gesture came to be viewed as a greeting of peace and acceptance.



“CAPITOL DAY FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS AND ADDs” SUCCESSFUL!

Legislators, local officials in attendance and ADDs termed the February 9 “Capitol Day for Local Officials and ADDs” in Frankfort as successful.

The purpose of the day was to bring attention to the needs at the local level for an increase in funding of the Area Development Fund (ADF). Over 70 contacts were made to legislators and LRC Committee Support Staff with information about how ADF is used and the success of the 15-year program.

Keynote speaker, President of the Senate David Williams, expressed appreciation for the group coming to Frankfort and for their interest in the legislative process. He spoke extensively about the changes in the legislature this session and for the future and the role of the new Republican leadership. KCADD First Vice Chairman Bill Welty presented a book of letters supporting ADF from local leaders to President Williams and asked him to support an increase up to \$10 million this session.

Letters from over 100 past recipients of ADF funds including local officials, fire department, ambulance services, parks and recreation departments, and other community leaders were presented to House Speaker Jody Richards, Senate President David Williams and Governor Paul Patton.

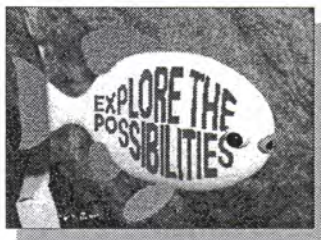
Bill Welty represented KCADD in the opening session and at the meeting with the Governor.

House Speaker Jody Richards said, “I am honored to have all of you in Frankfort today and I will support ADF at a level of increase, which we are working on even as you are here today. Your visit is really quite timely; your leadership and representation here with the General Assembly are doing a good job of keeping us reminded of the needs in our communities to support ADF funding.”

A list of projects funded in the 15 successful years of the program have been made available to several legislators during the session, including the House and Senate Leadership, according to James Everett, Information Director, Kentucky ADDs Frankfort Office. “Bob Babbage has added a new dimension to our lobbying efforts, and combined with the support of the KCADD Legislative Committee, and ADD Directors, the message of how ADF is used as well as the level of need is getting to the General Assembly every day.”

Interesting Facts and Tips:

- Recycled glass uses only 2/3 the energy needed to manufacture glass from scratch. That means for every soft drink bottle you recycle, you save enough energy to run a television for an hour and a half.
- Tune it up! Keeping your car tuned up is an easy way to help the environment. A well-tuned car uses up to 9% less gasoline than a poorly tuned car.
- In one year, we generate enough hazardous waste to fill the New Orleans Superdome 1,500 times over.
- Installing the most efficient tire available on the market today would improve the fuel economy of most cars by 1 to 3 miles per gallon.
- We're talkin' trash: In 1987, Americans generated almost enough trash to fill a 24-lane highway one foot deep from Boston to Los Angeles. Disposable diapers alone make up enough trash to fill a barge half a city block long, every six hours, every day!



Employment & Training News

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FOR CHILDREN CHANGES

Community Connections for Children has undergone some changes both throughout the state and locally. Within the state, the program has changed its name, its focus, and its required composition of local participants. The name has changed to the Community Collaborations for Children with local committees now being referred to as Regional Networks. In the past, the focus was on family preservation and the local committee had the responsibility of assessing area needs and procuring family support services for residents of the Lincoln Trail area. Today, the focus is on the Safety, Well-being, and Permanency of children. The Regional Network is faced with the challenge of pulling area agencies together in an effort to collaborate with each other and pool resources in an effort to achieve the required goals in the new Adoption and Safe Families Act. They are further required to work hand in hand with representatives from the Department for Community Based Services in their plan to provide for safe permanent home environments for the children who live in our eight counties. Services contracted under the funding provided for this program will need to answer the needs identified by the Network and which fit into the service strategy of the DCBS Service Region Administrator.

Locally, changes also involve the change of chair person for our Regional Network. **Ms. Ann Borders**, who served as chair of the Community Connections for Children recently resigned. Ms. Borders has worked with various programs within the Lincoln Trail ADD for several years. Her expertise, willingness to work, and knowledge of the Lincoln Trail area will be missed.

We would also like to welcome our new chair person for the Regional Network. **Mr. Tommy Furlong** has been an active consumer/parent member of the committee for 2-3 years. He has contributed a lot of time, energy, and expert information to the committee during his membership. Members of the regional network applaud his willingness to serve as chair and look forward to working with him on current and future programs.

RAPID RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

While no one likes to see someone lose a job for any reason, the Employment/Training section has taken on the responsibility of providing Rapid Response services to area employees who have lost a job due to companies closing, jobs terminating, or other reasons beyond their control. Information may be delivered to employees through the use of information packets being delivered to the employer or mailed to the employees home, or through an informational presentation given to employees often at the work site. These presentations are usually presented by employees of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District, the Department for Employment Services, and the Office for Training and ReEmployment working as a team. Other area agencies may also be invited as needed. There were six businesses in the Lincoln Trail area requiring some form of Rapid Response services during the past three months. Information packets were left for employees of three businesses and informational presentations were given to employees of the other three businesses.

Visits From Frankfort

Marti Welch, with the Office of Training and ReEmployment, presented information to the Workforce Investment Board Accountability Committee on February 17, 2000. Information presented was on the twelve program performance measures that each Workforce Investment Area will be expected to meet. Included in the presentation was information on how the performance rates will be calculated. The UI Wage Records will serve as the primary data for calculating area performance. Using this data, the performance rates for a program year will not be known until the next year. Committee members and staff members are working together to find activities that will enhance performance in the Lincoln Trail Area.

Reecie Stagnolia, with Adult Education and Literacy and **Roger Cravens** with the Office of Training and ReEmployment attended the March 22, 2000 Workforce Investment Board Meeting. Both men presented information on the new Employ Kentucky Operating System (EKOS). This system is being developed as a means to collecting, recording, and sharing information between partners in the Workforce Investment Act. A demonstration will be given for One-Stop partners and Workforce Investment Board Members at the One-Stop Committee meeting to be held on April 11, 2000 at 10:00 am (EDT) at 916 N. Mulberry Street, Elizabethtown.



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270-769-2393 and be a part of the Information
Highway!*

Training News

The Southeastern Employment Training Association held their annual spring conference in Asheville, North Carolina. Staff members attending from the Lincoln Trail area were **Angela Nance**, **Vivian Heath**, **Chris Hodge**, **Mike Karnes**, and **Melanie Staderman**. There were a variety of training seminars available that included fiscal, contractual, customer, monitoring, and even stress issues. Lincoln Trail Staff members made an effort to attend a variety of the programs in hopes of bringing back ideas to enhance our services to the local community.

Chris Hodge, Client Service Manager and **Angela Nance**, Employment and Training Fiscal Officer attended the Ohio Management Training Institute on February 22nd and February 23rd. Seminar topics were entitled, "Satisfying Your WIA Customers" and "Making Businesses Your Customers". These sessions focused on the participants and employers as customers under WIA Title I and the One-Stop Centers.

Moving...

In the last issue of the Rail Splitter, it was announced that the MIS and Client Services Managers of the Employment/Training department would be moving. That move occurred on February 18, 2000. The five staff members making the move now occupy four offices at the Lincoln Trail Area Career Center. While adjustments are still being made, relationships between partner agency staff members at the Career Center are developing. This has been a learning experience for everyone involved. Anyone needing to contact staff members at the new center may do so by dialing 270-234-1647 or 1-800-455-5587.

AGING PROGRAM UPDATE

Extreme Longevity Study



The Lincoln Trail Home Care Assessment and Case Management Team is participating in the Harvard Medical School, Children's Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center's Extreme Longevity Study. Case Managers are contacting clients and their family members who meet the study's focus to encourage their participation.

The Harvard researchers are conducting genetic studies on aging. They are looking for genes that enable some people to delay or escape diseases that so commonly afflict older people. By identifying these genes, they hope to provide a better understanding of diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, certain forms of cancer and heart disease. They are recruiting the following persons:

- 1) Individual centenarians (people age 100 and older), who do not have living brothers or sisters aged 90 or older.
- 2) Individuals age 98 and older and their living brothers or sisters who are at least 90 years old.

They will collect health and family history information. They will also collect a small blood specimen in order to look for genes that may be important in understanding longevity. People from anywhere in the United States can participate and travel is not necessary. Participation is free of charge and all information is kept strictly confidential. If you or someone you know would like to discuss the studies in further detail, please contact LTADD for additional information.

Benefits Counselors Attend Training

The Lincoln Trail ADD Benefits Counselor along with five volunteers attended training in Lexington, February 24-25th. **Maureen Miracle**, LTADD Benefits Counselor provides services across the eight county district through the use of local volunteers. Each volunteer is trained and is requested to provide at least 8 hrs. of service each month. If you are interested in this wonderful volunteer opportunity, please call Maureen at Lincoln Trail ADD.

The Growth of America's Older Population

Administration on Aging-US Dept. of Health and Human Services-
Administration on Aging-Washington, DC 20201-<http://www.aoa.gov>

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, America's population age 65 or older grew by 74% between 1970 and 1999, from 20 million to almost 35 million people. The median age of the population has increased significantly from 28 in 1970 to almost 36 in 1999. But the growth of the older population in recent decades will pale in comparison to the burgeoning of older Americans that will take place, beginning in 2010, with the aging of the baby boomers.


The 76 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964 constitute the baby boom generation. In 1999, baby boomers represented almost 30% of the U.S. population. Over the next 12 to 30 years, the boomers will join the ranks of the population 65 years and older. While one in eight Americans was 65+ in 1999, this will rise to about one in five in 2030.

The phenomenon of longevity in the 21st century magnifies the importance of life course planning. The opportunity to live a long life carries a new responsibility. Daily decisions can be made to stay active and healthy. As important, we can save and invest wisely, commit to work or activities that are satisfying and engaging, form and sustain lasting ties with family and friends, and take steps to fulfill our spiritual needs.

The U.S. Administration on Aging encourages individuals and families, planners and policymakers alike to recognize the value of life course planning. America's people and its families can prepare now for the longevity that they are likely to enjoy in the new millennium.

The "oldest-old" are those who are at least 85 years of age. This group comprises the fastest-growing segment of America's older population. Since 1970, the number of people aged 85 and older has more than tripled. The number of centenarians—people at least 100 years old—almost doubled in the past decade. Although 4.2 million persons age 85+ constitute less than two percent of the total population, the rate of growth of this segment will continue to have a major impact on the nation's health care and social service delivery systems. While America's oldest old are healthier than ever before, their families continue to provide the bulk of assistance to those who are frail and vulnerable.

 **MARK
YOUR CALENDARS**

 **SENIOR
CELEBRATION
MAY 18TH!!**

**This year's theme is :
"In the New Century
The Future is Aging"**

Aging PROGRAM UPDATE

Help Fight Medicare and Medicaid Waste, Fraud and Abuse

Administration on Aging-US Dept. of Health and Human Services- Administration on Aging-Washington, DC 20201-<http://www.aoa.gov>

Because You Care

As part of a growing number of retired persons in society today, you take comfort in knowing that medical services will be there when you need them. So it should concern you to know that due to the unscrupulous practices of a small proportion of health care providers, Medicare and Medicaid are being drained of valuable resources that you rely on when it comes to your health and the health of your loved ones.

Many people just like you are unaware of the contributions they can make to help curb and even prevent this drain on our medical system. By volunteering for Operation Restore Trust (ORT), you can become an integral member of the growing effort to help fight Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse and the wasting of taxpayer dollars.

What Is Operation Restore Trust?

Announced by President Clinton at the 1995 White House Conference on Aging, ORT is a government-led effort which uses innovative, proactive partnerships across the federal, state, and community levels to identify and report health care waste, fraud and abuse. Heading the operation at the federal level are three agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services: The Administration on Aging, the Office of Inspector General, and the Health Care Financing Administration, which work together with the Department of Justice to combat and prevent this serious national problem.

The Role of AoA

The Administration on Aging (AoA), the only federal agency dedicated to planning and delivering services exclusively to older Americans, cares about the quality of health care provided to older adults and is committed to reducing waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. AoA is also awarding grants to states and communities to develop public information campaigns and to train retired professionals, such as doctors, nurses, teachers, accountants, lawyers and others to work with older Americans in their communities to review their benefit statements to identify and report potential waste, fraud and abuse. There has never been a greater need for volunteers than there is now. Medicare and Medicaid waste, fraud and abuse are costing our society billions of dollars. That's why we need your help. To ensure quality health care tomorrow, we have to fix the problem today.

How Widespread Is Health Care Waste, Fraud and Abuse?

In 1998 alone, Medicare lost nearly \$13 billion to fraudulent or unnecessary claims. This problem affects all Americans. It affects those who depend on Medicare and Medicaid by diminishing the quality of the treatment they receive. It affects caregivers by decreasing the funding available for important programs. And it affects everyone who pays taxes by wasting billions of tax dollars.

What Are Fraud and Abuse?

Most health care professionals are honest, trustworthy, and responsible. The goal of ORT is to weed out those few health care providers who operate with the intention of using Medicare and Medicaid as a pipeline to personal profit. Fraud occurs when an individual or organization deliberately deceives others in order to gain some sort of unauthorized benefit. Medicare and Medicaid fraud generally involves billing for services that were never rendered or billing for a service at a higher rate than is actually justified. Health care abuse occurs when providers supply services or products that are medically unnecessary or that do not meet professional standards.

What you can do to help?

First: Treat your Medicare number as you would your credit card number.

Second: Read your explanation of benefits statement carefully. Call your provider or Medicare insurance company for an explanation or clarification of unusual or questionable Medicare charges.

Third: If you have called your provider and your Medicare insurance carrier and continue to have questions, call the Medicare Fraud Hotline at 1-800-447-8477.

It's Not Too Late
The Census

SENIORS COUNT!!!!
Don't forget to fill out your
census!
Don't be left out of the count!!!

Founding Board Member Resigns

At the March 15, 2000, Board of Directors meeting, **Mr. Wathen Claycomb** submitted his resignation due to a family illness. Mr. Claycomb of LaRue County has faithfully served the Lincoln Trail Area Development District as a founding Board member since 1968. Wathen Claycomb has been a very active and avid supporter of the Area Development District for the past thirty-two years. He helped guide Lincoln Trail through its formative years and was instrumental in establishing our viability as a multi-faceted agency.



His knowledge and expertise have greatly influenced the direction of the Area Development District, as well as, the six active committees to which he also devoted time. His character and honesty have helped shape the Area Development District, its staff, its board members and its citizens. He has touched many people and the Lincoln Trail Area Development District would like to thank Wathen Claycomb for his many years of service and dedication to our agency. Wathen and his wife, **Margie** have been very important members of the Lincoln Trail Area Development District family and will be missed. Their faces have become familiar around our office and we thank them for their contributions, leadership and most of all, their friendship to all of us at the Area Development District.

Memorial Day (originally called "Decoration Day") began as a way to honor the Civil War dead. It started

Memorial Day

when individuals, and then cities and towns, placed flowers on the graves of Confederate and Union soldiers - whether buried in the North or the South. The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868, in Arlington National Cemetery. Today, Memorial Day has become a way to honor all those who died in service to the nation in all wars and conflicts, from the Revolutionary War to the present. In 1968, the official holiday was moved to the last Monday in May.



Lincoln Trail Area Development District

Revolving Loan Fund

SCOPE

The LTADD Revolving Loan Fund program has been established, through a grant from the Economic Development Administration, in order to further job creation and investment in the Lincoln Trail region. The primary program objective is private sector job creation and expansion in industrial, commercial, service, and tourism ventures.

AREA

Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and Washington Counties.

USES

Land, Buildings, Equipment, Working Capital.

LIMITATIONS

No speculative activities, debt re-consolidation, or re-lending. Loan limit of \$10,000 per job.

MAXIMUM LOAN

Not to exceed twenty-five (25) percent of project cost or \$100,000.

MAXIMUM TERM

Fixed Assets - 15 years; Working Capital - 5 years.

RATE

Four (4) Percentage Points below the current U.S. Prime Interest Rate as quoted in the Wall Street Journal.

SOURCE

LTADD Revolving Loan Fund.

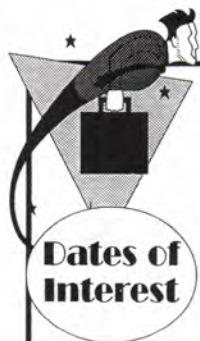
Big Brothers/Big Sisters 2000 Beach Bowl for Kids Sake

Lincoln Trail ADD employees put their bowling shoes on for the annual Bowl for Kids Sake, sponsored by Big Brothers/ Big Sisters. Dix-E-Town Lanes hosted the event on Saturday, March 11, 2000 in Elizabethtown, KY. Big Brothers/Big Sisters invited everyone out to bowl and eat for free, with a chance at winning door prizes and a trophy for best decorated lane. This years theme was a "Beach Bowl". Lincoln Trail ADD brought home a trophy for "Best Decorated Lane-11am session".

The goal for the event was to raise \$50,000 in pledges. All donations received will help recruit and screen volunteers for the Big Brother/Big Sisters program. Currently there are fifty children waiting to be matched with a Big Brother/Big Sister. A volunteer recruitment will be held at PNC Bank, Main Office, on May 1st. For more information on becoming a volunteer, please call the Big Brothers/Big Sisters at (270) 769-5225 and remember "Give time for Kids Sake".



LTADD Bowlers with winning prize, a trophy for " Best Decorated Lane". Left Becky Proctor, center Rachel Phillips, right Mike and "Little" Emma Skaggs.



- May 4-5 Water Supply Workshop, Kentucky Division of Water, Rough River State Park*
- 17 LTADD Board of Directors Meeting*
- 17-20 KY Chapter, American Planning Association Spring Conference, Barkley Lake State Park*
- 18-19 Kentucky Industrial Development Council (KIDC) Spring Meeting*
- 18 Senior Celebration, Pritchard Community Center, Elizabethtown*
- 18-20 "Planning to Preserve" Statewide Preservation Conference, Brown Hotel, Louisville*
- 21-23 Southeast Regional Directors Institute (SERDI) Conference, Lexington*
- 24 Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee, Elizabethtown*
- 29 Memorial Day, LTADD offices closed*
- June 3 Hardin County Repair Affair*
- 7 Statewide Transportation Planning Meeting, LTADD, Elizabethtown*
- 17-20 National Association of Regional Councils Conference, St. Petersburg, FL*
- 21 LTADD Board of Directors Meeting*
- Lincoln Trail Aging Council Meeting*
- 22 Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting*
- 28 Municipal Clerks Association Meeting*
- Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Board Meeting*
- July 4 Independence Day - LTADD offices closed*
- 19 LTADD Board of Directors Meeting*
- 27 Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting*
- Aug. 16 LTADD Board of Directors Meeting*
- 23 Municipal Clerks Association Meeting*
- 24 Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting*
- 30 Senior Crime College, Towne Mall, Elizabethtown*
- Sept. 4 Labor Day - LTADD offices closed*
- 20 LTADD Board of Directors Meeting*
- 21-24 Kentucky Senior Games*
- 27 Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Board Meeting*
- 28 Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting*

Since most dates are tentative, please refer to meeting notices or call the LTADD office for correct dates, times and locations prior to traveling to attend.

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