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KENTUCKY COUNCIL OF AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS' LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PRIORITY ISSUES FOR THE 2002 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. *Elderly* - Address the needs of 5,000 seniors on waiting lists and 5,000 who are underserved in Aging programs; primarily in Homecare and Meals' programs.
2. *Joint Funding Administration (JFA)* - JFA funding provides staff support and technical assistance for all local units of government. JFA state appropriations are only \$25,000 higher today than in 1987.
3. *Smart Growth* - Support the Governor's program and the philosophy of local control of the decision-making process.
4. *Water* - Support the Governor's 2020 Water Initiatives.
5. *Area Development Fund (ADF)* - Support a continuation of funding levels in this capital improvement program.
6. *Encourage District participation in the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.*
7. *Remove limitations that Job Development Assessment Fees be based only on manufacturing or technical development. Allow eligibility for other economic sectors.*

KCADD Legislative Committee members from the LTADD Board of Directors are LaRue County Judge/Executive Tommy Turner and Meade County Judge/Executive Mark Brown.

SECRETARY OF LABOR ATTENDS KACO CONFERENCE



KACo President-Elect & Breckinridge County Judge/Executive **Tom Moorman** and **Wendell Lawrence**, Lincoln Trail ADD Executive Director, visited with Secretary of Labor, **Elaine Chao**, during the Kentucky Association of Counties' Conference in Owensboro in November. Secretary Chao was commended for her support of Workforce Investment Act



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MARION COUNTY RECEIVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Historic Maker's Mark Distillery, located in Loretto (Marion County), Kentucky, has begun expansion of its distillery capacity to meet an ever growing customer demand. Currently, the distillery is operating at its rated capacity of approximately 700,000 cases per year. In order to meet new production demands, the distillery's capacity will be increased to 1,400,000 cases per year at an estimated cost of \$8,000,000. An additional 18 employees will be hired as a result of this expansion.

In order to accommodate the Maker's Mark expansion project, the Marion County Water District will upgrade approximately three (3) miles of 4-inch water lines with 6-inch PVC water lines, and construct a 100,000 gallon water storage tank to offset capacity needs for the impacted area. Total estimated cost of water lines, storage tank and appurtenances is \$351,823. The Lincoln Trail Area Development District assisted the Marion County Fiscal Court with a successful CDBG-ED application for \$340,000. The Marion County Water District provided the balance of \$11,823.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD DEVELOPS NEW INDUSTRIAL PARK

The City of Springfield and the Springfield-Washington County Industrial Development Authority have begun infrastructure development of their 414-acre industrial park located on Highway 555 approximately one mile north of Springfield. The Clearview Commerce Complex has become the new home of Akebono Corporation, a Japanese-owned automotive parts manufacturer expected to create a minimum of 75 new employment opportunities for the area.

The City secured \$500,000 of CDBG-ED funds to offset the construction of approximately 4,800 linear feet of 12-inch water line; 6,800 linear feet of 8 and 10-inch sewer line and a sewage pump station. The Lincoln Trail Area Development District will be providing administrative and compliance assistance with the CDBG portion of the project.

GOVERNOR PATTON ANNOUNCES KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY WATER PROJECTS

Governor Paul Patton recently announced that the Board of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority has approved funding for the 2020/Infrastructure Revolving Fund (Fund B) Water Projects. Projects within the Lincoln Trail ADD included:

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Funding Amount & Source</u>
City of Hardinsburg	\$225,000 KIA 2020
City of Caneyville	\$186,000 (Fund B) \$175,000 (2020)
Grayson County Water District	\$1,000,000 Fund B
Hardin County Regional Water Group	\$32,000 KIA 2020
Hardin County Water District	\$1,115,000 KIA 2020
City of Hodgenville	\$70,000 KIA 2020
LaRue County Water District	\$175,000 KIA 2020
LaRue County Water District	\$150,000 KIA 2020
Marion County Water District	\$130,000 KIA 2020
Meade County Water District	\$175,000 KIA 2020
City of Springfield	\$400,000 KIA 2020

BOARD OF DIRECTOR NEWS:



Breckinridge County Judge/Executive **Tom Moorman** was named President-Elect of the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO) at the 27th Annual KACO meeting on November 14.

Judge/Executive Moorman was also elected President of the Kentucky County Judge/Executives Association (KCJEA).

LaRue County Judge/Executive **Tommy Turner** was elected as third vice-president to the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO) at the 27th Annual KACO meeting on November 14.



IN MEMORY

LINCOLN TRAIL MOURNS THE LOSS OF TWO REGIONAL LEADERS

In September 2001, founding Board member **Mr. T.J. Patterson** (right) passed away. Mr. Patterson had been on the Board of Directors since its inception in 1968. He was the first Chairman of the Board of Directors from January 1968 to June 1969. Over the years, Mr. Patterson served on many committees including the Executive Committee, Building Committee, Budget Committee, and many others. Mr. Patterson was also very involved in Hardin County and had a new Elizabethtown industrial park named after him in 1999. Mr. Patterson was a valuable asset to the Lincoln Trail ADD and he will be missed.



In December 2001, Lincoln Trail also lost a long term Board member **Mr. Joe Goodman** (left). Joe had been on the Lincoln Trail ADD Board since 1986. He served on the Audit Selection Committee, Budget Committee, and the Building Committee. Mr. Goodman also ran a travel agency in Elizabethtown called Travel Service. Joe was very valuable in assisting Lincoln Trail with its travel plans for staff as well as board members.

GLOBAL ASSETS: OUR AGING POPULATION

A new AARP report entitled, *Global Aging: Achieving Its Potential*, says that as the world ages, countries need to look at older people as a resource rather than a burden on society. Much has been discussed about how the growing number of elderly will drain resources from nations worldwide and tip the balance of workers versus retirees. As addressed in the report, "dependent" is often an inappropriate way to characterize older adults.

There are many older people in the paid workforce and "often overlooked are the many positive contributions made by older men and women who are not in the paid labor force." Many retirees volunteer their time and expertise in hospitals, museums, churches and other nonprofit organizations, and the number is expected to grow due to the increased vitality of the older population.

Other seniors care for grandchildren, assist sick relatives and provide informal long-term care to family members. This is also true in less-developed areas of the world. In AIDS-afflicted Africa, grandparents have played a significant role in caring for their dying children and surviving grandchildren.

"Older people also buy goods and services that result in job creation. The vast expansion of the leisure industry--including travel--has been fueled, in part, by a healthy older population with money and time to spend it in." Of course, an aging population stimulates growth in the health-care industry, as well.

The report urges leaders to enact policies to encourage older adults to remain healthy and productive citizens through training, incentives, education, recognition and support.

GRANDPARENTS ARE AT IT AGAIN. . .

At a time when most grandparents have finished their child-rearing responsibilities, some have become primary caregivers of their grandchildren. Currently, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that there are more than four million U.S. children living in homes in which a grandparent is the primary caregiver. In nearly a third of these homes, there is no parent present.

The number of grandparents caring for grandchildren continues to rise because of the absence of one or both of the parents due to AIDS, alcohol and substance abuse, incarceration, death, divorce, poverty and the increase in teen pregnancies. One of the major concerns of these grandparents is the financial support of the grandchildren in their care. Some must return to the work place because of the added financial responsibilities of raising their grandchildren. Others are forced to leave their jobs because of lack of affordable child care. Still others spend their savings or suffer a reduction in their fixed incomes due to regulations which penalize them because they have assumed the care of their grandchildren.

Unfortunately, many grandparent and relative caregivers are overwhelmed by the complex financial, emotional and legal concerns associated with being substitute parents. And many of the children in their care have special needs. In order to keep families together, many relatives willingly assume the parenting role, but find that support and assistance are often lacking.

Support groups provide a place to openly express feelings, gain a positive focus, and share information on community resources and social activities. In a confidential small group setting, relative caregivers can give and receive emotional support and learn from one another. Contact Cathy Callahan at (270) 769-2393 for additional information.



Employment & Training News

KENTUCKY AGENCY FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY (KY-ASAP)

KY-ASAP was created in the 2000 session of the Kentucky General Assembly. The KY-ASAP is comprised of several state, regional, and local representatives. KY-ASAP has a dual mission: 1) to coordinate substance abuse prevention and treatment efforts at the state level; and 2) to foster the creation of local level KY-ASAP boards to develop a long-term community strategy that is designed to reduce the incidence of youth and adult smoking and tobacco addiction, promote resistance to smoking, reduce the incidence of substance abuse, and promote effective treatment of substance abuse. The KY-ASAP Board also has several responsibilities in overseeing the administrative function of the effort. The KY-ASAP has contracted with LTADD and several of the other ADDs to house a Local Board Coordinator to aid in the development of and lend technical assistance to local KY-ASAP Boards.

The goal of the KY-ASAP effort is to have every county represented by a single or multi-county board by 2003. In the past, the LTADD has been working with two tri-county boards and one single county board. The following is the composition of those three boards and the funds received by each board in December 2001. KY-ASAP Heartland Trail Board comprised of Marion, Nelson and Washington counties received \$175,000; Central KY-ASAP Local Board serving Taylor County received \$50,000; KY-ASAP Local Board comprised of Grayson, Meade and Hardin counties received \$175,000. In the upcoming 2002 year, the LTADD will be working with several new local boards yet to be announced.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVANTAGE PROGRAM (ITAP)

The Lincoln Trail ADD's contract with Kentuckiana Works in Louisville ended December 31, 2001. During the fourteen months of this contract, we were able to provide high-level Information Technology (IT) training to residents of the eight county area.

In the individual recruitment phase, thirty-eight Lincoln Trail residents were assessed for ITAP. Thirty-two, or 84%, met the required scores to be considered for IT training. Twenty-six enrolled in approved schools and have either completed or are still attending classes such as Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE), Cisco Certification, A+, Net+, Certified Internet Webmaster (CIW) and Server Plus. These students came from Grayson, Hardin, Marion, Meade, Nelson and Washington counties.

In the employer recruitment phase, seventeen agreements with sixteen employers from Hardin, Nelson and Washington counties were completed. Thirty currently employed IT staff either attend or have completed training to upgrade their skills, becoming more valuable employees to their company. By the time all the employees have finished their training, they will have received over \$208,000 worth of training. ITAP will reimburse over \$62,000 to the participating companies. Companies whose staff attended a Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) facility were eligible for additional funding through the Kentucky Workforce Investment Network System (KY WINS) reducing their training costs even further.

In September 2001, Kentuckiana Works submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor on behalf of Barren River, Lincoln Trail, Louisville/Jefferson County, North Central Kentucky and TENCO Workforce Investment Boards a grant proposal, Kentucky's IT Advantage, to continue to assist our business communities in expanding information technology skills. If this grant is approved, we will be partnering with KCTCS and KY WINS.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Lincoln Trail Area Youth Council met twice during the quarter. The main activity during the meetings was resource mapping. All members were asked to share their knowledge and expertise of area resources and needs so that the council could determine what to require in this year's request for proposal. Three guest speakers attended the October meeting. Sharon Brittan from the Department for Training and ReEmployment spoke to the Council about the Workforce Investment Act and the important role our council members have in developing a program that will meet the needs of area youth. Susan Asher from the United Way presented information on youth programs supported by the United Way and changes that will be occurring in the program this upcoming year. Lanny Walls presented information regarding the Bluegrass Challenge Academy. The presentations and question/answer periods following were helpful and interesting to the Council. Anyone wanting to learn more about the Workforce Investment Act services, present information regarding other youth services within the district, or wanting to volunteer to serve on the council, needs to contact Melanie Staderman at (270) 234-1647.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS FOR CHILDREN

The Community Collaborations for Children Regional Network sponsored a community lunch meeting in November for network members, community members, and anyone involved with services to children. Trey Berlin with Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky was the speaker for the meeting. The Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky program assists organizations in programs aimed at reducing child abuse in the state. The organization has many items that can be obtained (some free, some for a low fee) by organizations to spread the message of child abuse and how it can be prevented.

The proposal process for next year's grants will begin January 15, 2002, when the state releases their request for proposal to Area Development Districts. A meeting will be held at the Lincoln Trail ADD by the Cabinet for Families and Children to issue the proposal and answer any initial questions. Local Network members are hoping to plan a grant writing seminar to assist local agencies that may be interested in submitting proposals in this area. For more information on the network, the proposals, or the seminar, please contact Melanie Staderman at (270) 234-1647.

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY & MARKETING COMMITTEE

The Business/Industry & Marketing Committee of the LTADD Workforce Investment Board met three times during the last quarter. Members had the task of finding contractors to conduct a labor market needs assessment and to develop a marketing and public relations campaign for the Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Area.

The needs assessment was awarded to The Pathfinders which has completed several labor market surveys for other WIB areas in Kentucky. They will provide important information on a regional basis for the eight county area, as well as specific information for each county.

The marketing campaign for workforce development and the one-stop system was awarded to Resources & Results Advantage (RRA, Inc.) of Lexington. The purpose of this campaign is to increase awareness of the general public, employers and potential customers of the training services available through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs and the array of one-stop services and information available to employers and job seekers.

Staff News



Congratulations to Nicole Banks on her marriage to Lenny Banks on November 17, 2001. Nicole is a Community Development Specialist at the ADD. She and her husband live in Flaherty.

The following staff marked another milestone as they celebrated their anniversary dates with Lincoln Trail ADD:



Rhonda Cundiff
9 years



Rhonda Chesser
6 years



Sherry Johnson
16 years



Vivian Heath
7 years



Karen Strong
1 year



Kay Shaw
7 years



Nancy Addington
16 years



Lynn Skaggs
7 years



Jan.	21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Office Closed
	23	Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association
	24	Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting
		KCADD Legislative Committee
	30	WIA Youth Council
Feb.	1	County Budget Workshop
	5	LTADD Transportation Planners
	6	Statewide Transportation Planners
	15	Vision Meeting
	18	President's Day - LTADD Office Closed
	20	LTADD Board of Directors Meeting
		Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Board-Executive Committee
	26-27	KCJEA Winter Conference
	26-27	KCADD Legislative Conference
	27	Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association
	28	Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting
Mar.	20	LTADD Board of Directors Meeting
		LTADD Aging Council
	27	Lincoln Trail Municipal Clerks Association
	28	Lincoln Trail Aging Service Providers Meeting
	25	Good Friday - LTADD Office Closed 1/2 Day
	27	Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Board

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.

LTADD ANNUAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD AT
MEADE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
FARM BUREAU BUILDING
APRIL 17, 2002

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