



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Optimism is a happiness magnet. If you say positive, good things and good people will be drawn to you.

- Mary Lou Retton

Family Support

In 1992, at the urging of disability advocates and families, the Tennessee legislature established the Family Support Program. The program is funded by state dollars and designed to assist individuals with severe disabilities and their families to remain together in their homes and communities.

Statewide funding for this program is determined by our state legislature every year from state tax dollars. The program is administered under an agreement with the state of Tennessee and managed by local agencies throughout the state. These services officially began in 1993.

Pacesetters is happy to say that we have held this contract since the Family Support Program's inception!

Pacesetters' Family Support Program serves fourteen counties in the Upper Cumberland area: Cannon, Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Van Buren, Warren, and White. Family Support is designed to provide financial assistance and community resource information to individuals with severe or developmental disabilities and their families. Services can include, but are not limited to: respite care, daycare services, home modifications, equipment, supplies, personal assistance, transportation, homemaker services, housing costs, health-related needs, nursing, and counseling. Services are flexible and responsive to families and their needs. An essential element of the Family Support Program is family and consumer involvement. Local and District Councils have been established and meet on a regular basis to oversee and provide advice on the distribution of local services.

Please note: Family Support is not a substitute for more comprehensive services provided under other programs, including the Medicaid HCBS Waiver, TennCare, Medicare, or private insurance.



TRIP TO THE ZOO



THINGS TO DO IN MAY

White County

Mother & Daughter Tea Saturday, May 9th at The Dimora 440 Baker Mountain Road Sparta, TN 38583

Macon County

The Highway 52 Yard Sale, May 15& 16th 2026. For more information, contact: Macon County Chamber of Commerce 685 Highway 52 Bypass West Lafayette, TN 37083 615-666-5885

Putnam County and Macon County

27th Annual Heritage Day - Granville, TN 931/653-4151, Saturday, May 23, 2026 - 9 am-5 pm

Putnam County

Cookeville's Largest Yard Sale - Putnam County Fairgrounds Saturday, May 30, 2026 - 9 am -4 pm

WELCOME NEW HIRES!

Christina D.
April C.

Aleah G.
Brandon M.

Andrew "AJ" R.

MAY SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>
Bessie P.	26	Tristen W.	3	Lucy S.	1
Pat M.	22	Susan S.	3	Chris B.	1
Jerry C.	18	Briana L.	1	Randy W.	1
Tina G.	4	Telecia P.	1	JaQuay M.	1
Tiffany B.	3	Peggy M.	1	Katy W.	1

MAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Supported

Staff

5/6 Charles H.
5/9 Isabella C.
5/14 Garry T.
5/14 Gregory T.
5/21 Charles M.
5/24 Robert C.
5/29 Judy M.

5/9 Presley L.
5/9 Lonnie W.
5/10 Michele T.
5/13 Frank C.
5/14 Stephanie T.
5/15 Telecia P.
5/18 Hailey W.

5/20 Tiffany D.
5/21 Teresa D.
5/25 JaQuay M.
5/26 Ariella M.
5/29 Keurstyn G.

Oops! Don't see your name or see your name and don't want it seen? 😞
Change this by contacting HR/Isabel Kocuja at isabel.kocuja@pacesetterstn.com!

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL



- Starting pay: \$16.25 per hour
- \$500 sign-on bonus (\$250 after 90 days, \$250 after 6 months)
- Full-time

We currently have full-time positions available in both Putnam County and White/Dekalb/Warren Teams.

Visit pacesetterstn.com for more information!

Happenings at Pacesetters



Donald L. and Dayna N.
at Spring Prom



Donald L. with staff Kindle
Moore at Spring Prom



Dayna N. Enjoying a Pedicure



Wanda J. shopping at Walmart



Stephanie M. shopping
at Walmart



Courtney with Janet and Laura
at the Banana Pudding festival



Ruth H. Birthday Party