

Fairfield Voice

FAIRFIELD COUNTY
DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL
NEEDS BOARD

Fall/Winter 2025



From experiencing South Carolina's most centralized event, the State Fair, dressing up in the spookiest garbs, and spreading joy and cheer this holiday year from our Day Services Program and Community Training Homes, our agency has been aloft with activities to hone in on the season's most festive opportunities. One of our own, Mr. Ravin Jackson, has reclaimed the spotlight through his impressive achievements that will propel him into deeper involvement with the community and supporting others with disabilities. This newsletter will be highlighting all these activities, sharing our individual's experiences and conserving the memories of an adventurous year coming to a close.

AUTUMN ACTIVITIES

South Carolina State Fair

On October 16th, our individuals enjoyed a day at one of the most centralized celebrations the palmetto state hosts—the South Carolina State Fair. On this day, the fair hosted a day dedicated to those with disabilities and sensory sensitivities, respectfully representing those we serve and providing them with a day filled with games, rides, endless stalls of various delicacies, and an experience that would resonate with them for the remainder of 2025.



Halloween Celebrations

Our agency had a *scary* good time during the Halloween season. The Day Services program hosted a spirit week proceeding All Hallow's Eve with days dedicated to different dress-up themes including wearing a favorite sport team's jersey, lassoing up their best western attire, and more, leading to a *Monster Mash* of a party where our individuals dressed up in their spookiest and most fantastical attire, sharing in treats and activities fitting for a true *Graveyard Smash*.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Day Services Christmas Celebration

Much like Halloween, there was a Spirit Week proceeding Christmas that featured special days of dress up to amp up the excitement for the most joyful day of the year. With gladness and cheer gleaming from each corner of our campus, our individuals took part in a Christmas celebration that hallmarks the end of the season; gifts were given to friends and loved ones as everyone gathered for the festivities hosted at the Day Program. Each Community Training Home participated in their own way through personalized decorations and gathering around their trees.



Winnsboro Christmas Parade

Every year, Winnsboro hosts a Christmas Parade with a myriad of volunteers and contributors showing their best floats as they maneuver their way down the main strip. Our agency has been a long participant with the help of local community members and this year as no exception. Our individuals crafted a float with their best artistic inspirations and marched with it in the parade side-by-side other members of our community in opening the Christmas season.



COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Over the course of several months, one of our own, Mr. Ravin Jackson, has successfully completed a program known as the Community Leadership Academy, hosted by ABLE South Carolina. The Community Leadership Academy is a six-week, two-hour online course that helps people with disabilities and their families build leadership skills and make a difference in their communities. This academy aims to guide those to learn how to serve on boards, councils, and committees, build communication, teamwork, and decision-making skills, connect with mentors and other leaders, and gain confidence to speak up and represent the community.



It is funded by the SC Developmental Disabilities Council in its commitment to ensure that individuals have the tools and resources necessary to effectively participate in a leadership role. Along with honing skills to be utilized within the community, this academy teaches skills such as professional dress, ethical and legal responsibilities, and Robert's Rules of Order. We congratulate Mr. Jackson on his achievement, and our agency looks forward to supporting his ongoing efforts to spread awareness about those with disabilities and being an invaluable advocate for those who we serve.

FCDSNB Employees of the Month

Staff

LaTasha Sampson – *October 2025*

“I would like to nominate LaTasha Sampson for employee of the month. She is the yard crew supervisor, and she is outstanding in al she does. Her work ethic is superior. Her commitment to each individual she serves is excellent. Her interaction with her co-workers shows great strength.



Gloria Wallace – *November 2025*

“Gloria has a great spirit. She is very approachable and she is always willing to give a helping hand, whether it’s with staff or consumers. Goria always has a smile on her face no matter what she may be going through.”



Lanora Gaffney – *December 2025*

“Although still fairly new to the agency, Lanora has caught on fast to her duties and is always willing to help out when needed. She goes out of her way to find tasks and the consumers love her. There’s never a day she comes to the office without a smile, and she ensures the smooth operations with day-to-day business.



Consumers

Tony Chumley – *October 2025*

“I’ve seen Tony assisting his house manager, Ashley, with tasks throughout the agency and he is always prompt and always acts happy to help out when needed.”



Jeanette Cook – *November 2025*

“Jeanette is, and always has been, such a sweet lady. She is pleasant and she loves to laugh. As long as I can remember, she loves new glasses and a new lunch box. Jeanete will always ask you, “how you doing”. She can make anyone smile!”



Kavorius Peay – *December 2025*

“I would like to nominate Kavorius Peay. He is always willing to be helpful with her peers. She shows a strong sense of responsibility when staff has to step away.”





