

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

June NEWSLETTER

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Houston County Administration Building - 3rd Floor Commission Chambers 462 North Oates Street Dothan, AL. 36302



Employee Spotlight

Thomas "TJ" Austin

In a world sometimes clouded by negativity, TJ emerges as a radiant light, exuding unyielding optimism and contagious enthusiasm. Dive into the link below to uncover the inspiring tale of TJ's survival over 16 remarkable years. Let TJ's story serves as a reminder that even in the darkest of times, a glimmer of hope and positivity can illuminate the path ahead.

Click here for TJ's Story!

<u>Title V Senior Employment Program Availability</u>

Current

Barbour County - 4

Coffee County - 3

Covington County - 1

Dale County - 2

Geneva County - 2

Henry County - 2

Houston County - 1

Previous Month

Barbour County - 4

Coffee County - 3

Covington County - 1

Dale County - 2

Geneva County - 2

Henry County - 2

Houston County - 1

Currently seeking individuals 55 years of age or older with limited income interested in job training. Please contact Gail Clark, Senior Employment Program Coordinator at 334-794-4093 Ext. 1421





It is with great pleasure that we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Lakaya Wiggins and Aalea Brundidge on the successful completion of their AAS Degrees in May! Your commitment and perseverance have truly shone through, and we are delighted to have such exceptional talents on our team. Your achievements are a testament to your hard work, and we eagerly anticipate witnessing the incredible accomplishments you will undoubtedly conquer in the days ahead. Keep up the outstanding work, and may your future be filled with continued success and fulfillment!





Head Start and Early Head Start

SEARP&DC's Head Start program has successfully concluded its school year, with the exception of our Early Head Start classrooms in Andalusia and Florala, which operate year-round. Our dedicated centers excelled in hosting end-of-the-year programs that showcased the remarkable progress made by the children throughout the year. The educational achievements of our students surpassed expectations for their age group, thanks to the exceptional guidance provided by our skilled teachers. As we eagerly anticipate the upcoming year, we are in the final stages of awaiting DHR inspection and licensing for our Florala site, which will enable us to enroll children and commence full operations. Despite a setback with our initial food service provider for summer meals, we are actively exploring alternative options to ensure the nutritional needs of our students are met. Our committed staff understands the fleeting nature of summer and the rapid approach of the new school year, and they are already preparing to make the upcoming year even more enriching and rewarding for all involved.

Click here to see picutres from all the centers!

Wiregrass Transit Dothan and Enterprise



We offer a wide range of transportation services within the City of Dothan, Houston County, Dale County, and the City of Enterprise. Our service area is limited to these areas currently. Individuals residing outside of our service area that wish to use our services must arrange to be picked up and dropped off within the service area. The Dial-a-Ride is the most visible portion of our transportation system and the one most-used by the general public. There are some basic rules for the program:

- You must call at least one day in advance.
- First come, first serve.
- Service is dependent on the availability of seats and vehicles.

Wiregrass Transit Authority in Dothan can be reached at (334) 836-5555. Our Enterprise Office can be reached at (334) 417-1217.





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