



Tennessee Department of Human Services
Adult Day Services
Newsletter

Greetings from your partners at the Tennessee Department of Human Services, Adult Day Services Team!

Welcome to the Adult Day Services (ADS) Quarterly Newsletter. This newsletter shares information on topics related to your day-to-day operations as a licensed Adult Day Services (ADS) provider.

To raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time, September is recognized as **National Preparedness Month**.

We encourage you to review your written emergency preparedness plan to ensure that it covers a wide range of events that could potentially affect your agency. A plethora of resources to assist in emergency preparedness planning is available at www.Ready.gov an official website of the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#) or [Tennessee Emergency Management Agency \(TEMA\)](#)

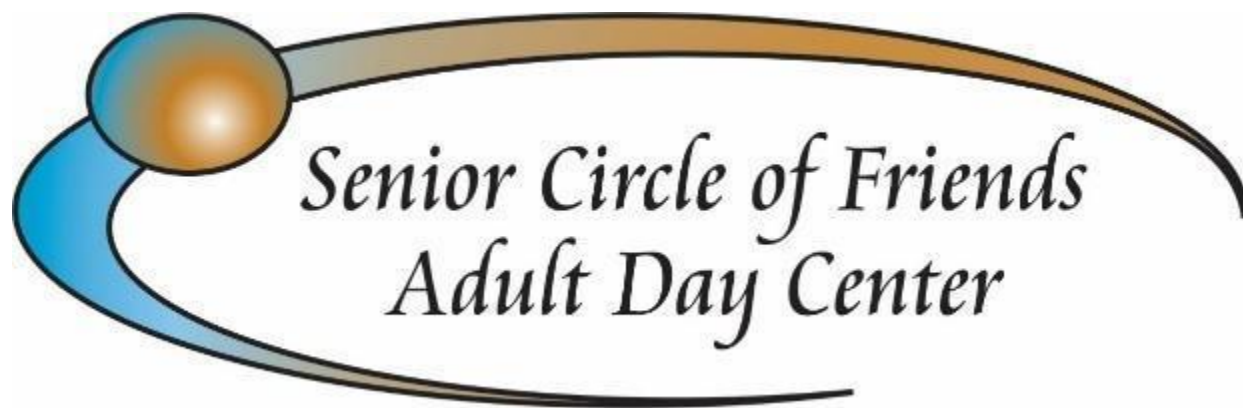
According to **Chapter 1240-07-10 Adult Day Services Standards, 1240-07-10-.15 Health and Safety**, the adult day services center shall have written emergency procedures and have a posted plan for evacuation of participants, staff, volunteers, and visitors in case of fire or other emergencies such as storms, flooding, and chemical emergencies. (a) The center shall practice these emergency procedures as required by law and shall maintain documentation of these drills for one (1) year. (b) Fire drills shall be practiced and documented at least quarterly; however, evacuations of the participants are not required during each drill. (c) The center shall develop a written protocol for when a participant fails to exit timely or respond appropriately to the drill. The protocol shall include notification to family/responsible party.

If you require assistance in developing detailed written emergency procedures, reach out to your [local emergency management agency](#) for guidance or any of the resources listed above.

In this segment, we learn more about services from ADS providers in Tennessee.

Program Spotlight: Senior Circle of Friends

The information below has been provided by Jessica Catlett, Director:



The Senior Circle of Friends is a Non-Profit Adult Day Center that has been providing quality respite care in Clarksville, Montgomery County, TN for 20 years this September.

At Senior Circle of Friends, we are committed to providing a secure and stimulating environment that enables individuals to remain in their homes, stay engaged in their community, and maintain their cognitive, social, and physical abilities, as well as their individual self-worth and dignity, for as long as possible. We also offer support, education, and daytime congregate respite for full-time caregivers.

We are proud to be the sole licensed adult day service for caregivers and their families in the Clarksville-Montgomery County area. In May of 2023, we were granted approval to increase our attendance rate from 20 individuals per day to 25. We are thrilled at the prospect of serving more caregivers and their loved ones, with the hope of making a positive impact on their caregiving journey.

Our center is strategically located in the Clarksville 50+ Activity Center, which provides participants with a plethora of activities and programs to choose from. Our staff is dedicated to ensuring that each individual receives the highest quality of care and attention.

Licensing Violations or Illegal Operations

To report suspected adult day services licensing violations or possible illegal operations call the Child and Adult Care Complaint Hotline at 1-800-462-8261 or email AdultDayServices.DHS@tn.gov.

Reminders

We will feature an existing ADS agency in the Program Spotlight section of each issue. If you wish to be featured, have ideas about potential topics or general feedback please reach out to us by email at AdultDayServices.DHS@tn.gov

Quarterly ADS Newsletters are posted at the ADS webpage of the TDHS website for your reference at <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/adults/adult-day-services.html>.

If you have any questions, ideas or general feedback, please email us at AdultDayServices.DHS@tn.gov.

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