

SUMMIT ON CHILDHOOD SUCCESS CONVENES EXPERTS



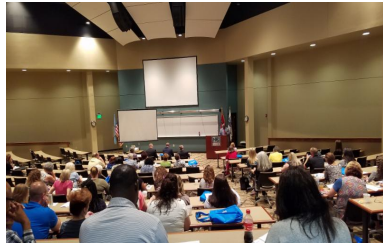
Cozart, Warren and McCabe respond to Kim Davis keynote

Keynote Illuminates Path Forward

Mr. Kim Davis of the Walton Family Foundation headlined the "Summit on Childhood Success" last Tuesday, May 30th presented by the United Way of the Ouachitas Childhood Success Advisory Council, Child Care Aware of West Central Arkansas and First Step. Mr. Davis cautioned us in Arkansas to remember "we are better than we think we are," even if "we are not as good as we want to be". Representative Bruce Cozart, Representative Les Warren, Mayor Pat McCabe and Justice of the Peace Denise Marion responded to the keynote address in a panel moderated by Glenda Bean, Director of the Southern Early Childhood Association.

Over 80 school counselors, school nurses, administrators, child care providers and social service agency personnel attended the conference at National Park College. Pam Toler, ASU Childhood Education Coordinator presented brain research findings emphasizing the critical learning window in the first five years of life. Joan Manzilla, APRN of Healthy Connections described the impact of early intervention in high-risk pregnancies. Angela Duran, Campaign Director of the Arkansas Campaign for Grade Level Reading, closed the conference with practical means of improving literacy rates.

"Almost all readers (96%) who were proficient in the third grade graduated from high school."
- Angela Duran,
Campaign for Grade Level Reading



Summit on Childhood Success

Crowd assembles at National Park College to partake of a day-long conference on moving through the obstacles presented by childhood poverty to reach grade level reading for all our children.

Mr. Kim Davis presents the keynote address to an audience of school counselors, nurses and administrators, child care providers and volunteers.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, June 7, 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., "The Heart Beat" radio show, FM 97.9 or KUHSradio.org

Wednesday, June 14, 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., "The Heart Beat" radio show, FM 97.9 or KUHSradio.org

Thursday, June 15, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., "Take Out and Training" with Dr. David Childs

Thursday, June 15, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m, Southwest Arkansas Partnership (SWAP) coalition on homelessness

Wednesday, June 21, 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., "The Heart Beat" radio show, FM 97.9 or KUHSradio.org

Thursday, June 22, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Arkansas United Ways Association meeting,

Ribbon Cutting Honors 100th Anniversary



The United Way of the Ouachitas welcomed a contingent of Chamber of Commerce Red Coat Ambassadors on May 16th to "re-open" the organization in honor of its name change (formerly the United Way of Garland County), it's 100th Centennial Anniversary (organized in Hot Springs in 1917) and a fantastic new paint job throughout the interior of the 1981 building at 233 Hobson Avenue. The fresh coat of paint was applied as a Day of Caring project provided by a great team of workers from Smith Consumer Products, Inc.

Mayor Pat McCabe is pictured next to United Way Executive Director Jane Browning, as Resource Development Director Sarah Fowler wields the giant pair of ribbon-cutting scissors.

Pillar Party Honors Major Donors

Karen and Jorge Garcia welcomed supporters of the United Way of the Ouachitas to The Centre at Forest Lakes on May 11th to receive thanks for their contributions during the 2016 campaign. Pictured are Brandon Scott, Kelly Bales, Michelle and Mike Ratcliff, and Ike Eisenhauer.



Memphis

Friday, June 23, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., TN/AR Regional United Way meeting, Memphis

Wednesday, June 28, 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., "The Heart Beat" radio show, FM 97.9 or KUHSradio.org

Thursday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., United Way Partner Agencies Meeting

Wednesday, July 5, 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., "The Heart Beat" radio show, FM 97.9 or KUHSradio.org

Wednesday, July 12, 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., "The Heart Beat" radio show, FM 97.9

Wednesday, July 19, 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., "The Heart Beat" radio show, FM 97.9 or KUHSradio.org

Thursday, July 20, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., combined Take Out and Training and SWAP meeting featuring Dr. Kevin Fitzpatrick, University of Arkansas

Saturday, July 22, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 100th Birthday Bash at Balboa Beach, Hot Springs Village (Rain Date: July 29)

Wednesday, August 16, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., United Way of the Ouachitas Second Annual Golf Tournament, Balboa Golf Club, HS Village

[Register for the Golf Tournament!](#)