

BRADLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Judy Adams the Superintendent at the Southeast Arkansas Human Development Center presented an overview of the center to the BCEDC Board on 3/25/13. Ms. Adams advised the Board that SEAHDC is one of five Human Development Centers in Arkansas and is the newest and smallest. The Southeast Arkansas Human Development Center has been in Warren for 35 years and Ms. Adams has been with the center for 32 years. Ms. Adams explained that the center is a state institution for developmentally disabled people located on 179 acres of donated land. The Center is a 24-hour facility operated like a campus. The clients go to school daily from 8 am to 3 pm. Currently all clients are adults. The youngest is 18 and the oldest is 71 years old. The center is licensed for 104 individuals and currently have 93; 72 males and 21 females. There is a waiting list of those wanting a space, but each individual has to be placed in a compatible space. Ms. Adams explained that the Center has 11 live-in units and to be admitted the client must have a diagnosis of mental retardation. She explained that 75 of their 93

clients have dual diagnoses, mental illness and mental retardation. The Center also has 2 group homes, one for females and one for males, each houses 8 residents.

Ms. Adams explained that in 2010 the Center's budget was increased due to an increase in clients. At that time the Alexander Human Development Center was closing and some of their clients were relocated to SEAHDC. The Southeast Arkansas Human Development Center added 4 new live-in units, 23 new clients and 100 new staff members to accommodate the new clients.

SEAHDC has 262 employees with 288 positions, but due to budget reasons not all positions can be filled. SEAHDC has a budget of \$11.3 million. Ms. Adams stated that the Center's per diem is \$393.00 per client per day.

Ms. Adams explained that the Center's purpose is *to transition as many people as possible to live in the least restrictive setting as possible*. The Center transitioned 12 people in 2012 and will have transitioned 5 for 2013 by the end of April.

Andrew Tolbert and Marilyn Johnson of the Warren School Dist. will update the BCEDC Board on 4/29/2013.

Prospect Readiness Education Program—PREP

The Project Readiness Education Program (PREP) is continuing. The City of Warren, Bradley Co., The Bradley Co. Chamber of Commerce, Bradley Co. Economic Dev. Corp. and groups of local officials and business leaders met for the first time and completed their first set of fact finding documents.

The Ark. Economic Development Commission (AEDC) has scheduled the training session for the PREP participants. In this session AEDC will prepare the group for a prospect visit from potential new industries. At the end of this session AEDC will leave the "Mock Request for Proposal" with the group to be completed and returned before the mock site visit can be scheduled.

This experience will provide knowledge and confidence when Bradley Co. is again visited by a true industrial prospect.

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- Land and building acquisitions
- Financial packaging
- Demographic and economic data
- Incentive packaging
- Workforce training
- Plant expansions
- Entrepreneurial and small business development

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Is also affiliated with:

- Southeast Arkansas Cornerstone Coalition
- Southeast Arkansas Regional Intermodal Authority
- Arkansas Heavy Equipment Training Program
- TEAMUP/WAGE-Southeast Arkansas Community Based
- Arkansas Small Business and Technology Dev. Ctr. @UAM

JOBS in Bradley County

BCEDC conducted a phone survey of the industries and larger employers of Bradley County. BCEDC wanted to learn how many employees each company had and which companies were hiring.

The chart below reflects our findings.

What we learned was that even though some companies like Mad Butcher and Oasis Trading reported having no current openings they still take applications daily and openings occur frequently.

Warren School District advised us that 2 of their 3 openings are in teaching and transportation.

Morris Hatchery advised us they were looking for an individual with a CDL license and a general laborer.

The SE AR Human Development Center provided BCEDC with a list of their job openings, some or which may not be filled until June.:

- 4—Resident Care Assistants
- 2—Hab-Rehab Instructors

- 1—Activity Leader two
- 2—Teacher Assistants
- 1—Licensed Professional Counselor
- 2—Licensed Practical Nurses
- 1—Psychological examiner

To learn more about the jobs at SE AR Human Development Center you can visit Arkansas.gov or contact SEAHDC at (870) 226-6774.

Bradley Brand Furniture provided the following information:

“Bradley Brand Furniture is always accepting applications for prospective employees. What we are looking for: hard workers, dependable workers, full/part time employees, basic math skills, able to follow direction/s, and can be a team member.

Contact: Bradley Brand Furniture at (870) 226-9200”

If your company would like to list job openings please contact BCEDC at (870) 226-3760.

HOW CAN BCEDC HELP

BCEDC Mission Statement

To enhance and sustain the economic climate of Bradley County by increasing the employment opportunities for the residents of the county

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BRADLEY CO. EMPLOYERS	# OF EMPLOYES	OPENINGS
Armstrong Flooring	360	20
Ashcraft Wood Products	15	0
Bradley Brand Furniture	6	6+
Bradley County	70	0
Bradley Co. Medical Center	230	4
City of Hermitage	7	0
City of Warren	43	0
Hermitage School District	90	0
The Mad Butcher	55-60	0
Morris Hatchery	10	2
Oasis Trading	31	0
Ouachita Hardwood	34	0
Potlatch	157	2
SE AR Human Development Ct	262	13
SuperValu Foods	56	0
Townsend Flooring	14	0
Warren School District	278	3
Total	1,718—1,723	50+

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MEMBERSHIP

Call or come by our office to pick-up membership information.

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Every Monday at 7:00 am

This is a public forum meeting. BCEDC wants to hear what's happening with Bradley County businesses and how we can assist.

The economic growth of Bradley County relies on everybody's input.