

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Recent Events!

We are hiring! Come by and fill out an application today! Make a difference in the lives of the wonderful men and women we support.



**Did you know that
SDS has a website?
SDS-TN.ORG**

**There is a wealth of
information along with
contact info for each of
the counties as well as
administration.**

Valentine's Day, Special Olympics
Basketball, Birthdays, and Fun for All!



SDS - LEARNING NEW SKILLS!



COOKING WITH DON!

DON HAS MADE INCREDIBLE PROGRESS AND THIS PHOTO DEMONSTRATES HIS COOKING SKILLS. HIS TEAM LEADER, TAMMY STILLINGS, CONSISTENTLY WORKS WITH DON TO REGAIN HIS ABILITIES.

Employment is the Right of All!

We are so proud to have Eddie Medley, Employment Program Manager, on staff at SDS. Because of his dedication, SDS always exceeds the national average for people supported in Long Term Services and Supports who are employed!



COMING SOON!!!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK AND FIELD IS MAY 4, 2026 AT TULLAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL. PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE ATHLETE.



What are the **Planning and Policy Councils**?

The Planning and Policy Councils are made up of healthcare professionals, providers, families, and advocates who are committed to improving the quality of life for people in Tennessee living with a disability. Established in 2011, the councils allow for public collaboration on issues affecting the department and those in DDA services.

Interested in volunteering to serve on one of the Planning and Policy Councils? If so, please visit the webpage of the council you're interested in and complete the interest form! If you need assistance, please reach out to Cooper.McCormick@tn.gov

WHAT IS ENABLING TECHNOLOGY?

Technology that is designed to:

- Empower independence and self determination
- Monitor routines and activities
- Be proactive about health and safety
- Be customizable
- Be unobtrusive and discrete
- Provides peace of mind

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Enabling Technology is available for all those supported by Skills Development Services.

Contact your ISC, Coordinator, or DDA directly at dda.enabling.technology@tn.gov

TAKE OUT SURVEY!
[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/SHP9BJM](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHP9BJM)

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