

AdventHealth Manchester Respiratory Team Receives a Certificate of Appreciation



AdventHealth Manchester's Respiratory team received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Kentucky Society for Respiratory Care (KSRC) for their unwavering dedication to their patients, leadership, and team members during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The KSRC is comprised of respiratory therapists representing every region in Kentucky. The KCRS's goal is to serve, advocate, and advance the respiratory care profession in Kentucky.

Our Respiratory care and support team is here to help you breathe easy again. Your lungs help power you through the day--from enjoying your favorite activities outdoors to sitting back and relaxing. Whether you need our support for a one-time test or during recovery from an illness or procedure, our experienced respiratory therapists are here for you.

AdventHealth Oneida Clinic Welcomes Noah Reid, APRN



AdventHealth Oneida Clinic welcomes Noah Reid, APRN, to its team!

Noah Reid, APRN, is a Clay County native who has always intended to move back home to serve the community that means so much to him. He comes back to his roots after working for Baptist Health in Lexington. "I plan to treat each and every patient as I would my own family," Reid said. He chose health-care because he wanted to empower patients to focus on a lifestyle to improve health and wellness.

Reid has been a nurse practitioner for over a year and is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. He chose family medicine because it serves the entire population, from birth to geriatrics, and allows him to care for the whole family.

He enjoys traveling with his wife and daughter, experiencing new cultures, and exercising.

His primary focus and goal for his practice in the Oneida area are to provide each patient with the tools necessary to live a long and healthy life.

Our Oneida Clinic is located at 145 Orchard Street, Oneida, KY 40972. To schedule an appointment, call (606) 847-4000 or visit PrimaryCareForLife.com for more information.

Gov. Beshear Signs Two Bills Supporting Mental Health Access

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 22, 2022) – Today, Gov. Beshear hosted a ceremonial signing for two bills that help more Kentuckians, including first-responders, access mental health services.

First, the Governor signed House Bill 127, which expands access to assisted outpatient treatment. This form of mental health treatment is a partnership between the courts, the health care system and the people of Kentucky. It allows the courts to order outpatient care for individuals with severe mental illness.

Since 2017, Kentucky, along with 47 other states, has offered court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment. This method of court-ordered mental health care ensures that individuals with severe mental illness get the treatment they need when they are not capable of seeking it out on their own. Tim's Law also allows individuals with severe mental illness to receive treatment without being involuntarily hospitalized.

HB 127 expands Tim's Law in three ways:

- It allows for expanded access to those who would benefit from outpatient treatment by modifying the criteria;
- It requires a more thorough evaluation of individuals who may receive court-ordered treatment; and
- It helps cover additional treatment costs necessary to ensure successful re-entry and participation in the community.

"Providing care to individuals with severe mental illness is crucial to the health and success of the commonwealth," Gov. Beshear said. "This law gives our people more options to get treatment and to keep them out of institutions. This has a positive impact on the patients, their families, the courts and the community at large."

"With this mental health treatment option, we are helping Kentuckians struggling to get the help they need," said Rep. Ken Fleming, who cosponsored House Bill 127. "Tim's Law is the first step toward building a system of care for those at risk so that they can chart a new path forward on the road to recovery. It's about making sure they have the right tools and services available to avoid this revolving door situation in our judicial system."

"On behalf of the Kentucky District Judges Association, I assure you that our judges are eager and anxious to help implement assisted outpatient treatment programs statewide," said District Court Judge Stephanie Pearce Burke, a key advocate for the bill. "I want to thank Rep. Fleming and Rep. Willner for their time and commitment, and also to Sen. Julie Raque Adams who has advocated for this measure since 2017."

Second, the Governor signed House Bill 562, which helps first responders get the mental health care they need. The bill allows peace officers and firefighters to take 48 hours leave after being involved in a critical incident. These types of incidents cover a range of events from car accidents to the death of a colleague.

"This legislation allows first responders to have time to seek mental health care after a traumatizing incident at work. This helps the first responder, their family and the community they serve take the time they need to recover," Gov. Beshear said. "It also protects the first responders' employment by allowing them to take the time they need for their mental health without fear of losing their job."

"I filed this legislation after talking with Eastern Kentucky Pastor Joshua Ratliff, who takes great pride in counseling first responders and happens to be one himself," said Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty, the sponsor of House Bill 562. "He believed these brave men and women deserve time off after responding to a traumatic incident, and I am proud that my General Assembly colleagues unanimously agreed. I want to thank them as well as Gov. Beshear for highlighting this critical issue at today's bill-signing ceremony."

"This bill will help protect first responders by giving them time to process the events after a critical incident and begin seeking help," said Pastor Joshua Ratliff, who is a captain in the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department, where he serves as chaplain, as well as with the Floyd County Rescue Squad. "I hope this bill will start to help reduce post-traumatic stress disorder and suicide rates."

Gov. Beshear Announces Nearly \$8 Million in Settlement Funds to Support Early Childhood Education

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 28, 2022) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced that the Governor's Office of Early Childhood will receive nearly \$8 million of Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement funds to promote early childhood education.

"Building a better Kentucky starts with making sure our children have a strong foundation from the beginning," said Gov. Beshear. "As a parent, I understand how important it is for every child to have the opportunity to grow and succeed, and these funds help ensure that they have just that."

The funds will provide developmental screeners for parents of children from birth to 3 years old. The screener is a short, easy-to-use questionnaire that parents can complete to see if their children are meeting developmental and social-emotional milestones and to help identify potential delays in the critical first years before they start school.

Families may access Ages & Stages Questionnaires® through various pediatric practices, preschools, health departments, state programs and local agencies as well as through Help Me Grow Kentucky. Some child care centers also offer this screening tool through Child Care Aware. And for more information about having your child screened, contact your Early Childhood Regional Collaborative in your area by emailing ECCouncil@ky.gov.

"We must continue to work to ensure that all children in the commonwealth are healthy, connected to prevention services and have high-quality childhood experiences from the beginning, because we know that when children start behind, they often stay behind," said Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet Secretary Jamie Link.

"Children and parents need to be connected to preventive services along with the birth-to-5 pathway well before kindergarten. We need to reach all children, as early as possible to make a significant positive impact on their development," said Amy Neal, executive director of the Governor's Office of Early Childhood. "Over the next three years, we are going to work with partners throughout the commonwealth to expand the use of screeners so we can get children on track early."

The Governor added that the funding is in addition to the \$1.4 million the Governor's Office of Early Childhood already receives from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement each fiscal year.

Early Childhood Funding

As an education-first administration, Team Kentucky is excited that this year's budget request of \$125.9 million won legislative approval and fully funds full-day kindergarten for the children of the commonwealth. During the next two years, Gov. Beshear has allotted \$1.4 million for the Governor's Office of Early Childhood. In addition, the state is investing \$6 million in the state's Regional Collaborative Network, which is tasked with uniting organizations in local communities to address the critical early years of a child's life.

Kentucky Governor's Office of Early Childhood

In 2009, the Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Development and Education recommended establishing the Early Childhood Advisory Council and the Governor's Office of Early Childhood to promote an early childhood framework and partnering with Kentucky's state agencies, communities and families to ensure kindergarten readiness for Kentucky children. The council serves as an umbrella organization that creates better coordination for the state's early childhood funds and programs.

Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement

In 1998, state attorneys general and the United States' largest tobacco companies agreed to a settlement that reimburses states for past tobacco-related costs. Under the agreement, the tobacco companies arranged to make annual payments, beginning in 1999, in perpetuity, worth approximately \$208 billion to states and territories, including Kentucky, that are signatories to the agreement. Each state determines how the funds are spent, and Kentucky's General Assembly determines how they are allocated.

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