



## GRADUATION SEASON IS HERE!

*Congratulations to the Class of 2017*

*Family Services' Parent Education Program*



*Youth Services' Day Treatment Center*



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Chris Ford, *Commissioner*  
*Department of Social Services*

# BELL HOUSE CELEBRATES A MILESTONE

June 1, 2017

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Mayor Jim Gray joined former and current City employees today at historic Bell House on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate 50 years of programs for Lexington senior adults. Gray also honored Dorothy Large, longtime senior adult programs director, with a proclamation acknowledging her decades of service, and dedication to the city and its seniors. "She was a pioneer," Gray said. "In 1967, when she started at Bell House, Lexington was the only city in the state offering senior programs."

One of the first and most popular senior programs was the Monday Club – a group that still meets at Bell House, once a week. Another popular program initially offered was the Kitchen Band—band members, under Large's direction, played washboards kazoos, spoons, water basins and more.

The Senior Center new center has room for more programs and seniors than ever before in order to support the growing senior population. Bell House also continues to offer a range of programs and activities for seniors.

For more information on current programming, visit the Lexington Aging Services website at [lexingtonky.gov/seniors](http://lexingtonky.gov/seniors).



Mayor Gray presents the proclamation to Dorothy Large



Many thanks to Martha McFarland



Monday Club Participants

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# INTRODUCING OUR FAMILY AND YOUTH LEADERS



## **Youth Services**

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*(pictured left to right)*

Linda Taylor  
*Juvenile Probation & Court Services*

Melynda Jamison  
*CASA of Lexington*

Stephanie Hong  
*Director*

Mattie Morton  
*Youth Development Center*

Kim Read  
*Day Treatment Center*

The Divisions of **Family Services** and **Youth Services** provide client-based services for children and teens in our community. We also coordinate and partner with many community-based agencies, human services professionals, and volunteers.

Each division has 4 distinct service programs, which are led by experienced Family Services Managers and Youth Program Administrators. Both Divisions have a longstanding partnership with Fayette County Public Schools for alternative educational programs, stationed at Family Care Center and Day Treatment Center.

## **Family Services**

**1135 Harry Sykes Way**

**859.288.4040**

*(pictured left to right)*

Elaina Howard  
*Service Coordination*

Tiffany Compton  
*Parent Education*

Joanna Rodes  
*Director*

Karen Hacker  
*HANDS Program*

Karen Underwood  
*Early Childhood*



# CELEBRATING TALENT, BUILDING COMMUNITY

*5th Annual Event at the Lyric Theatre*





PARTNERS FOR YOUTH  
PRESENTS:

# SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

*"Shine On"*

WHEN: THURSDAY APRIL 20TH, 2017  
WHERE: THE LYRIC THEATRE  
(300 EAST 3RD ST)  
FRIENDS OF CHILDREN RESOURCE FAIR:  
5:30-7 P.M.  
SPOTLIGHT EVENT: 7 -8:30 P.M.  
THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



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**Thanks to all our youth and volunteers who participated!**





## Laura Hatfield to lead ONE Lexington

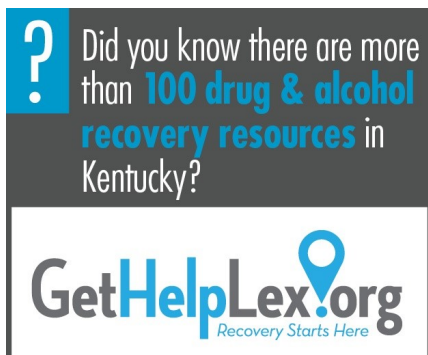
Congrats to Laura Hatfield, who recently was appointed Director of ONE Lexington. ONE Lexington is a new initiative in the Office of Mayor Jim Gray. Its mission is to coordinate, leverage, and mobilize city and community resources to enhance safety and quality of life in Lexington. Laura began her new role in June, after serving nearly 6 years as Executive Director of Partners for Youth. While leading Partners for Youth, Laura has been a key member of our Social Services leadership team. We are excited for the collaborative and team building approach she brings to ONE Lexington.

## Polly Ruddick named new Homelessness Director

Join us in welcoming Polly Ruddick, who recently was appointed the city's new Director of the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention. Most recently, Polly led the United Way's 211 human services resource network. Polly succeeds Charlie Lanter, who earlier this spring was appointed the city's Grants and Special Programs Director. We look forward to working with Polly, and strengthening our partnership with the Homelessness Office.

## Paula Campbell joins Council Office

Congrats to Paula Campbell, newly-appointed Legislative Aide to 2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilmember Joseph Smith. Prior to joining the Council Office, Paula served as Administrative Specialist Senior in the Division of Youth Services for 5 years. She is a Lexington native, with over 20 years of local government experience. We wish Paula well in her new role, and in continued service to LFUCG.



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