

Reflections

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Executive Director



In ... dawn of a new era

A new day has arrived at CRDC. After waiting and waiting and waiting some more, we finally moved into our new administration facility located on the campus of the Jonesboro Human Development Center in Jonesboro. Our dedication ceremony and open house were held on August 18 which was attended by nearly three hundred guests. It is a beautiful facility and includes a state-of-the-art training area that is already being used on a regular basis.

Hats off are extended to our dedicated board of directors who have a vision for the agency that embraces the concept of continuous quality improvement as the "ONLY" acceptable method of doing business. Status quo is unacceptable to this caring group of community advocates as they make well thought out decisions in "helping people ... changing lives!" They truly care about the disenfranchised individuals and families who seek our assistance.

All of us at CRDC are committed to eliminating the causes of poverty in Northeast Arkansas. Our new administration facility is only the beginning toward helping us accomplish this noble goal. We have five additional acres located adjacent to the new administration facility that will be developed in the years ahead to increase our efficiency and effectiveness

through an expansion of our services. Stay tuned ... we aim to do even better

for the fine folks who call Northeast Arkansas home.

Welcome ... now go to work



A hearty welcome is extended to Loyd Price who is the new chief operations officer for CRDC. Loyd has an extensive background in

human resource management in both nonprofit and public venues as well as in private industry. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Arkansas in business with an emphasis in human resource management. After completing his undergraduate degree, Loyd completed a graduate degree at Arkansas State University in public administration.

For the initial six months of his tenure, Loyd will be tasked with evaluating all of the departments and programs at CRDC. The agency's strategic plan will be revised based on Loyd's analysis of staffing patterns and other efficiency, effectiveness, and managerial practices.

Loyd is certainly a welcome

addition to the staff. He is pictured twice in conjunction with this article. By the way, he does have a sense of humor as displayed in the photo below with all of the Alabama memorabilia attached to his body. Word has it that he made a friendly wager with the executive director on the outcome of the recent Arkansas and Alabama football game. Guess who lost the wager? *Alabama 24 - Arkansas 13!*



Our new COO (Loyd Price) made a friendly wager with Robert Wilford, Executive Director. Roll Tide, Roll, the COO lost!



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