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Improving the Conversation

*TCCY Plans New Tool for You to Listen to Us
We Want to Listen to You*

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TCCY Is Excited About New Tools to Talk to You

One of TCCY's core activities is to **Educate and Inform**. The primary tools to implement this goal are:

- TCCY's participation in the **KIDS COUNT** program, which fulfills TCCY's legislatively mandated requirement to create an annual report on child well-being in Tennessee;

- the **Resource Mapping Project**, which details how the state spends funds to serve children; and
- **kidcentral tn**, the resource to link families to services and inform them on how they can work together.

Many components of TCCY also play a role in information sharing, including **Regional councils** and their coordinators, and its collaborative groups; the **Council on Children's Mental Health, Home Visiting Leadership Alliance, Youth Transitions Advisory Council, the Young Child Wellness Council** and **TCCY Building Strong Brains Training for Trainers**.

TCCY's website, meetings and trainings and this newsletter are tools to educate and inform. TCCY is excited to be expanding our ability to education and inform with a new tool and improved newsletter creation and distribution.

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TCCY Podcast



Podcasts, digital audio files available on your phone, tablets or computers, entertain and educate. TCCY, relying on the skills and experience of Jonquil Newland, will be rolling out the agency's first podcast called, "Roots and Wings." The first guest to sit down with Newland is TCCY Executive Director Richard Kennedy. Every month "Roots and Wings" will highlight a new subject or topic that impacts children and families across Tennessee. Please let us know if you have ideas for TCCY's podcast.

Information about the podcast will be available on TCCY's website, social media and on major podcast streaming services like Spotify and iTunes. You can also contact jonquil.newland@tn.gov.

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Help! Is Anyone Out There?



TCCY has had an [Advocate](#) newsletter since it became the Commission on Children and Youth with the merger of the Children's Services Commission and Juvenile Justice Commission in 1988. It changed from a printed edition to a digital version in July 1, 2003. It became a monthly email in the fall of 2013.

As our options for sharing information increase, we are constantly re-evaluating to find the best ways of communicating and informing. We anticipate major changes in the tool TCCY uses to create and distribute its mailings and newsletters. Information about signing up for TCCY emails will be shared when it come available.

Please let us know if TCCY's *Advocate* newsletter is useful to you and what ways to receive information work best for you, by filling out this [survey](#).

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TCCY Social Media



TCCY began communicating through social media nine years ago when its staff were washed out of their offices during the 2010 flood. None of the usual methods of communication were available the initial week after the flood. We are not sure anyone was seeing our initial Facebook posts, but, out of necessity, we began to use social media to communicate. We try to keep abreast of changes in media, including social media. TCCY continues to grow its knowledge of social media platforms and has received technical assistance to develop a campaign to increase understanding of the Building Strong Brains Tennessee ACEs information.

Follow TCCY social media accounts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

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Federal Policy Information is Available

The legislative year is over in Tennessee. However, much continues on the federal level. TCCY's alerts on federal policy information are sent out throughout the year.

Sign up to receive TCCY **federal policy information** by following the instructions at <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/tccy/advocacy-policy/federal-advocacy-issues/leg-listserv.html>. (This information will change when TCCY implements its new email distribution system.)

Tennessee General Assembly tool: **Find Your Legislator**: <http://bit.ly/2Qm77WM>.

The **TCCY Legislative Summary of Bills Enacted** during the first year of the 111th General Assembly is available at <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tccy/documents/leg/legislat.pdf>.

TCCY's **Budget Recommendations** also continue to be available.

Sign up to receive TCCY Tennessee **legislative updates** and the **Advocate** at <https://www.tn.gov/tccy/advocate-collaborate/tccy-ac-advlegis/tccy-ac-advocacy/leg-listserv.html>.

TCCY's **Budget Recommendations** are also available.

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Funding-Federal Grants

Information on more than 1,000 government grant programs is available online at <https://www.usa.gov/grants>. States and organizations may find information on different eligibility requirements, how to apply for federal grants and how to be notified of grant availability.

Information about [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funding](#) is available.

[Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Mark Your Calendar

June 12-13, **Ninth Annual National Suicide and the Black Church Conference**, University of Tennessee, Student Alumni Center, 800 Madison Ave., Memphis. Angela Robinson of "The Haves and The Have Nots" will be the keynote speaker. Register by calling 901-370-4673. Contact: thcsuicideconference@gmail.com.

June 19-22, **2019 Coalition for Juvenile Justice Annual Conference**, Hyatt Regency Washington, 400 New Jersey Avenue NW armstrong@juvjustice.org. Register: <http://bit.ly/2Scr3Mz>.

June 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., **Council on Children's Mental Health**, Midtown Hills Police Precinct, 1441 12th Ave S, Nashville. Contact: Melissa.McGee@tn.gov.

June 21, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, **Upper Cumberland Council on Children and Youth** presents "**Cause and Effect: Human Trafficking and ACEs**," Cookeville Higher Education Campus, 1000 Neal St.,

Cookeville. Approved for 3.0 CEU's from the National Association of Social Workers, Tennessee Chapter. Guest speaker will be Natalie Ivey, Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CCAHT), Knoxville. Register at <http://bit.ly/2KZfxkp>.

June 27-28, **Music City Social Emotional Learning Conference**, Cane Ridge High School, 12848 Old Hickory Blvd, Antioch. Information: <http://bit.ly/2HjAVM3>. Registration: <http://bit.ly/2HqjRE7>. Fees from \$49 for MNPS staff to \$499 for out of state participants.

June 28, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. CDT, **TCSW/NASW-TN Ethics and TN Social Work Licensure**, UTCSW Nashville Campus, 193 Polk Ave., Rm. 292, Nashville. Designed to answer questions about Tennessee social work licensure. Eligible for 3 CEUs. Register: <https://conta.cc/2HM3ceD>.

July 14-19, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation present the **Ninth Annual Tennessee Outdoors Youth Summit**, Clyde York 4-H Center, 62 4-H Center Dr., Crossville. The cost for the week-long experience is \$350 per student, which covers lodging, meals and beverages. Enrollment is limited to 120 participants. Information: www.twrf.net/toys.

July 26-18, **National DEC (Drug Endangered Children) Conference**, La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Pl., La Crosse, WI. Information: <http://bit.ly/2VQ2uXp>. Registration: <http://bit.ly/2VT3mKX>.

March 10-11, 2020, **Children's Advocacy Days**. Contact: John.Rust@tn.gov.

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In the News

Ewoldt, J., WBBJ-TV 7, **West Tennessee Leaders Have Critical Conversations About Adverse Childhood Experiences**, May 21, 2019, <http://bit.ly/2HR4C7p>.

Vedantam, S., NPR Morning Edition, **Since the 1960s, Researchers Track Perry Preschool Project Participants**, May 23, 2019, <https://n.pr/2HNwCsD>.

Moore, D., *Daily Memphian*, **Memphis Schools Need to Face the High Cost of Trauma Among Students**, May 23, 2019, <http://bit.ly/2HSwSXz>.

Haskins, J., Association of American Medical Colleges News, **What If We Treated Every Patient as Though They Had Lived Through a Trauma**, May 24, 2019, <http://bit.ly/2HQQqLJ>.

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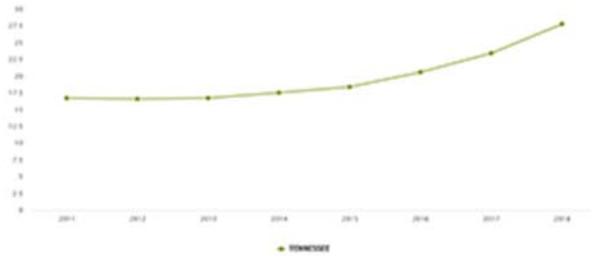
Research Information

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, **A Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty**, <http://bit.ly/2Vjt0az>. Tennessee Reductions, <http://bit.ly/2VfvSFH>.

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Tennessee KIDS COUNT Facts

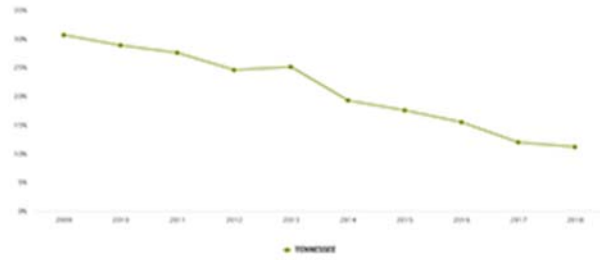
Tennessee Early Intervention System Participation



Early Child Intervention (Rate) - 2011-2018

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Youth Unemployment



Youth Unemployment (Percent) - 2009-2018

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URLs below graphics link to larger versions of each. More data on Tennessee child well-being are available at <http://bit.ly/15alkVu>.

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