



THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH was created by the General Assembly and can trace its statutory history to 1955. The Commission is an independent state agency that advocates for improvement in the quality of life for children and families; collects and disseminates information on children and families for the planning and coordination of policies, programs and services; and administers the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act in Tennessee. The policy-making body for the Commission is a 21-person board whose members are appointed by the governor. At least one member is appointed from each of Tennessee's nine development districts. The Commission staffs and coordinates nine regional councils that address the local needs of children and families, provides organizational structure for statewide networking on behalf of children and families, and provides local input to the Commission.

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MISSION

The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) advocates to improve the quality of life for children and families and provides leadership and support for child advocates.

COORDINATE

REGIONAL COUNCILS

The nine regional councils on children and youth provide training and networking opportunities, create collaborative environments for child-serving organizations, collect and distribute child-focused information and data across the state, and facilitate communication and understanding at the local, regional and state levels.

ADMINISTRATE

JUVENILE JUSTICE

TCCY works to ensure equal and fair treatment for all youth within the juvenile justice system by advocating for and funding evidence-based practices to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency.

EDUCATE

DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS

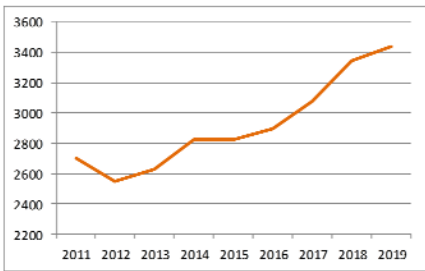
As the Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT partner in Tennessee, TCCY compiles and provides data to the KIDS COUNT datacenter and produces publications utilizing this and other data to report on the well-being of Tennessee children and families. TCCY administers kidcentraltn.com, a free, one-stop resource for Tennessee families to access state services and find information to help raise healthy and happy kids.

ADVOCATE AND COLLABORATE

ADVOCACY AND COLLABORATION

TCCY provides budget recommendations and legislative guidance, and Ombudsman program, supports the Council on Children's Mental Health, Second Look Commission, Youth Transitions Advisory Council, Home Visiting Leadership Alliance and Young Child Wellness Council, and provides training and advocacy to prevent and mitigate adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

STATEWIDE COUNCIL MEMBERS



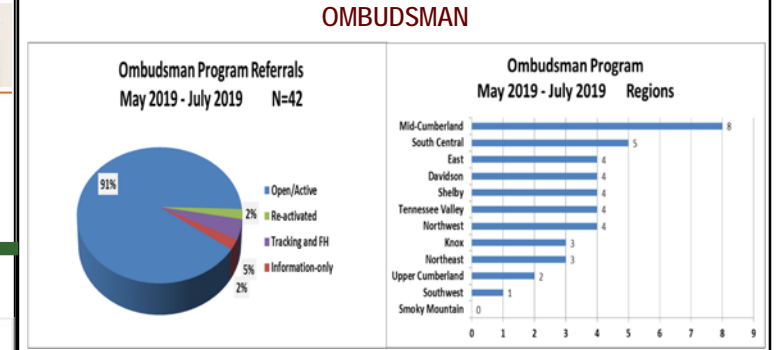
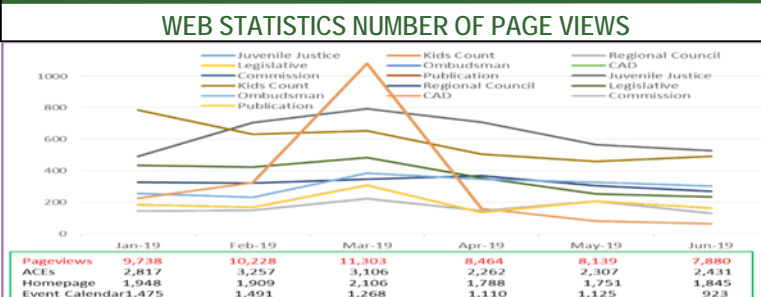
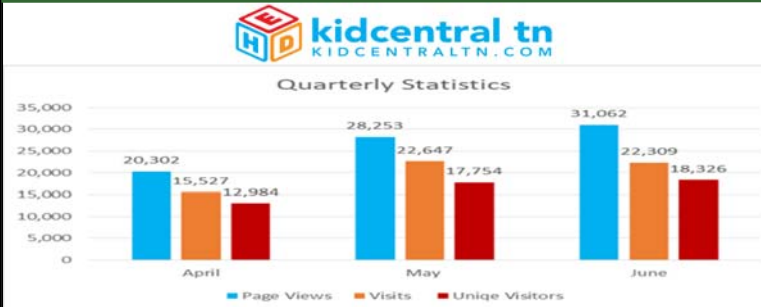
3,435 MEMBERS

GRANTS

Federal Formula 15 Grants **\$788,437**
 Reimbursement Account Serving 30 Counties **\$86,100**
 CASA **\$1,120,000 recurring**
\$ 112,000 non-recurring
 \$20,000 for 56 Counties
 \$55,000 for Tennessee CASA Association
 \$56,000 (non-recurring funds) for Tennessee CASA Association

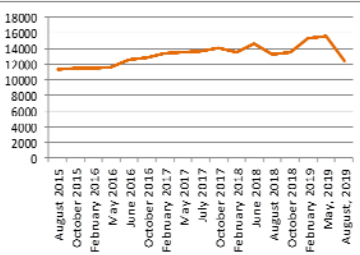
DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT TASK FORCES

- Statewide Task Force
- Davidson County Task Force
- Madison County Task Force
- Montgomery County Task Force
- Shelby County Task Force

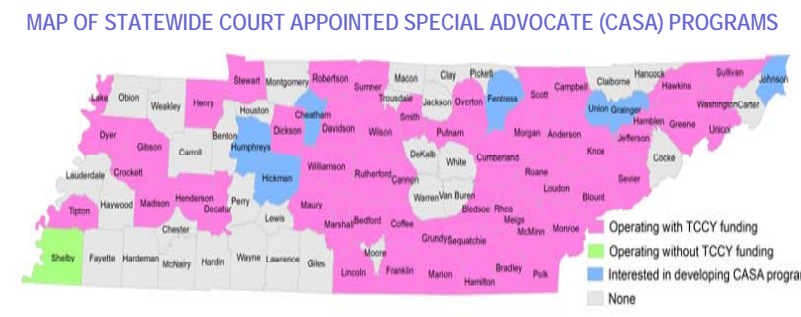
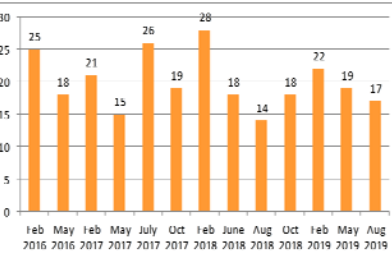


- ### TENNESSEE YOUNG CHILD WELLNESS COUNCIL
- Full TNYCWC meeting was held 06/13 - included a presentation of the plan to date and an exercise conducted by one of the consultants to determine action steps within the strategic plan
 - Strategic planning has been concluded with the consultants from Strategy and Leadership - plan received on 07/25
 - Next full TNYCWC meeting scheduled for 09/10
 - Steering Team held first meeting on 07/02, another being scheduled for August
 - Three Action Teams (work groups) have been formed and are beginning to organize their work for the upcoming year. Communications team met via conference call 08/05
 - Presentation to HVLA on 08/06 summarizing strategic planning process
 - Quarterly report submitted to TN Dept of Health 07/16

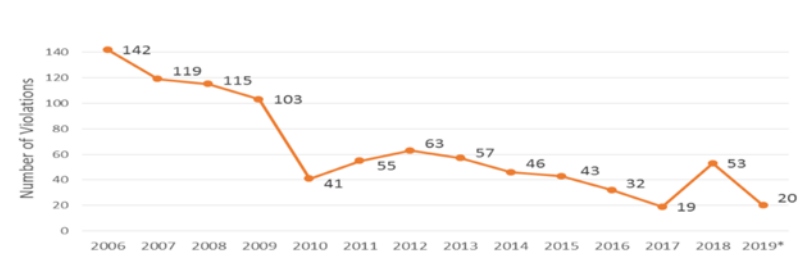
INDIVIDUALS ON COUNCILS' EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE



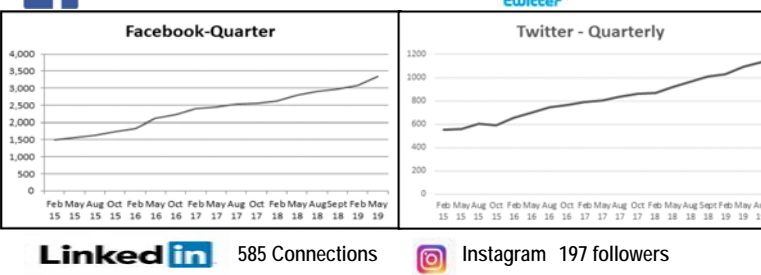
DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION OF STATUS OFFENDERS VIOLATIONS



PUBLICATIONS

Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	June 19	July 19
Advocate: Mental Health	Advocate: Permanency Planning	Advocate: Celebrate	Advocate: Healthy Tennessee	Advocate: Who are We?	Advocate: Nutrition Month	Advocate: Child Abuse Prevention Month	Advocate: Foster Care & Mental Health Month	Advocate: Improving the Conversation	Advocate: School Starts
TN Compilation of Laws on Children, Youth & Families		Second Look 2018 Annual Report		Youth Transitions Advisory Council Annual Report 2018		Resource Map of Expenditures for TN Children		2019 KIDS COUNT Data Book	
						Keeping Kids in Families			

SOCIAL MEDIA



COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

CCMH last met jointly with YTAC on June 20, 2019 at Youth Villages. There were 91 in attendance.
 Upcoming meetings:
 Family and Children's Services
 2400 Clifton Avenue
 Nashville, TN 37209
 Thursday, August 22, 2019
 Thursday, October 10, 2019

HOME VISITING LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

HVLA last met August 6, 2019 at Lentz Public Health Center. There were 45 in attendance.
 Upcoming Meetings:
 Lentz Public Health Center
 2500 Charlotte Avenue
 Nashville, TN 37209
 Tuesday, October 29, 2019
 10:00 - 2:00

SECOND LOOK COMMISSION

June 11, 2019 Meetings Summaries
 Open - Discussed membership appointments
 Investigatory - Provide necessary financial support to relative caregiver placements; Expand drug courts; Increase appropriate foster placements with greater support; Child prevention stakeholders would benefit from participating in a child abuse SIMS lab
 Upcoming Meetings - Oct. 8, Nov. 12
 Meetings regularly held at TN Administrative Office of the Courts - 511 Union Street, Ste. 600, Nashville, TN

YOUTH TRANSITIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL

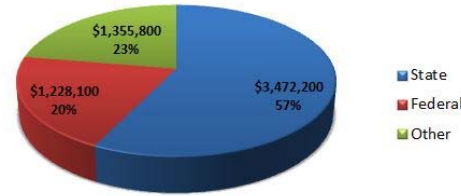
YTAC Meeting Dates 2019:
October 3, 2019
 Location: Goodwill Industries



FY 18-19 Budget \$6,056,100

BUDGET

State	\$3,472,200	(57%)
Federal	\$1,228,100	(20%)
Other	\$1,355,800	(23%)



TOTAL FUNDS PASS-THROUGH: \$2,217,537 (37%)

OPERATING FUNDS: \$3,838,563 (63%)

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COORDINATE

Regional Councils

TCCY's nine regional councils provide statewide networking on behalf of children and families. The councils address the needs of children and families at the regional level and offer local-level feedback to the Commission. Councils include children's services professionals and other citizens interested in improving the lives of Tennessee children.

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ADMINISTRATE

Juvenile Justice

TCCY juvenile justice activities include distributing state and federal funds to counties, state-level agencies and community programs to prevent delinquency or improve services for children involved with juvenile courts. TCCY is the State Advisory Group responsible for implementing the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act in Tennessee. Funds administered include the federal JJDP funds and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) grants. CASA program volunteers provide a voice for children in the juvenile court system. Reimbursement accounts help counties without youth detention centers defray the costs of providing alternatives to placing children in adult jails. Programs funded include youth and drug courts, mentoring, after-school programs, training for juvenile court staff and probation programs.

The JJDP Act supports and encourages equitable treatment for all children. TCCY assures the state maintains compliance with the JJDP Act's four core requirements:

- ◆ Deinstitutionalize status offenders (DSO);
- ◆ Remove children from adult jails;
- ◆ Separate children from adult offenders;
- ◆ Address disproportionate contact of minority children with the juvenile justice system.

TCCY monitors all secure juvenile facilities in Tennessee to assure compliance with federal placement requirements.

Disproportionate Minority Contact

TCCY provides administrative support and technical assistance to the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) task forces in Tennessee. Tennessee has a statewide DMC Task Force as well as several local DMC task forces. The task forces consist of concerned citizens and agency representatives from across the state who meet periodically to address issues regarding the disproportionate number of minority children who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

EDUCATE

KIDS COUNT

TCCY gathers, analyzes and reports information on children and families in various publications, including the annual *KIDS COUNT: The State of the Child in Tennessee*, tracking the status of children's educational, socioeconomic and physical well-being. Tennessee's KIDS COUNT Project is part of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's network of state-level KIDS COUNT projects. TCCY participates with the Casey Foundation in the release of reports on child well-being nationally, including the annual *National KIDS COUNT Data Book*.

Resource Mapping

TCCY oversees resource mapping of all funding through the state budget to help children in Tennessee be safe, healthy, educated, nurtured and supported and engaged in activities to succeed in school and become productive adults. A report on prior fiscal year spending is submitted to the General Assembly annually. Twenty-five state agencies serving children reported on expenditures during fiscal year 2013-14.

kidcentral tn

kidcentral tn is a free, one-stop resource for Tennessee families to raise healthy and happy kids. Created by the Governor's Children's Cabinet, kidcentral tn features articles on health, education, development and more. It also includes a searchable directory for state-sponsored services for children and families. The site is maintained by the Tennessee Commission and Children and Youth.

Building Strong Brains Tennessee

Creating strong brain architecture and healthy child development in the earliest years of life is a critical strategy for preventing disease, disability and social problems across the lifespan. TCCY has intensified its advocacy of and collaboration for early childhood well-being and preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). This work includes training, collaboration and advocacy at local, regional and state levels.

Tennessee Compilation of Laws on Children, Youth and Families

TCCY publishes the *Tennessee Compilation of Selected Laws on Children, Youth and Families*. The Compilations are distributed to juvenile court judges and staff, state agencies, attorneys and others serving children.

Other Publications

TCCY also distributes information through:

- The Advocate* newsletter;
- Website (www.tn.gov/tccy);
- Facebook (www.facebook.com/tccyonfb);
- Twitter (www.twitter.com/@tccy).

Reports produced by TCCY's collaborative and advocacy programs are available on the agency website.

ADVOCATE AND COLLABORATE

Ombudsman Program

The Ombudsman responds to questions, concerns or complaints regarding children involved with the state's child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Referrals are accepted from anyone. A mediation approach is used to resolve disputes in the best interests of the child and the safety of the community.

Council on Children's Mental Health

TCCY has administrative responsibility for the Council on Children's Mental Health (CCMH) charged with designing a plan for a statewide system of mental health care for children. The Council, composed of a broad range of stakeholders from all across the state, is co-chaired by the commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS) and the executive director of TCCY. TCCY also partners with TDMHSAS through System of Care Across Tennessee (SOCAT), a 4-year, \$12 million federal grant. SOCAT utilizes System of Care values and principles while empowering Tennessee families to work together with child-serving agencies as a partner to guide their care.

Second Look Commission

Administered by TCCY, the Second Look Commission (SLC) was established to review a sampling of cases involving a second or subsequent incident of severe child abuse and provide recommendations and findings to the General Assembly regarding whether or not severe child abuse responses provide adequate protection for the children of this state. The SLC is co-chaired by Senate and House members, and includes representatives from the Department of Children's Services (DCS), law enforcement, courts, child abuse service providers and the advocacy community.

Youth Transitions Advisory Council

The Youth Transitions Advisory Council (YTAC) brings together young people and other stakeholders from across Tennessee who work with youth aging out of DCS custody and transitioning from child-serving to adult services systems. YTAC makes recommendations to DCS, courts, schools, higher education and service providers to improve outcomes for successful transition from adolescence to adulthood for young people who often do not have supportive families.

Home Visiting Leadership Alliance

The Home Visiting Leadership Alliance (HVLA) includes leadership from home visiting programs, state departments and other stake holders from across the state. The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) has administrative responsibility for the HVLA through a grant agreement with the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH). HVLA is co-chaired by TDH and TCCY and meets quarterly.

TN Young Child Wellness Council

The Tennessee Young Child Wellness Council (TNYCWC), which seeks to improve the well-being of children in Tennessee by improving collaboration among child-serving agencies and programs. TNYCWC serves as the advisory committee for Tennessee's Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program. MIECHV is a grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that is received by the Tennessee Department of Health to administer Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs and support the state's early childhood system of care.