



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

KIDS COUNT AND RESOURCE MAPPING

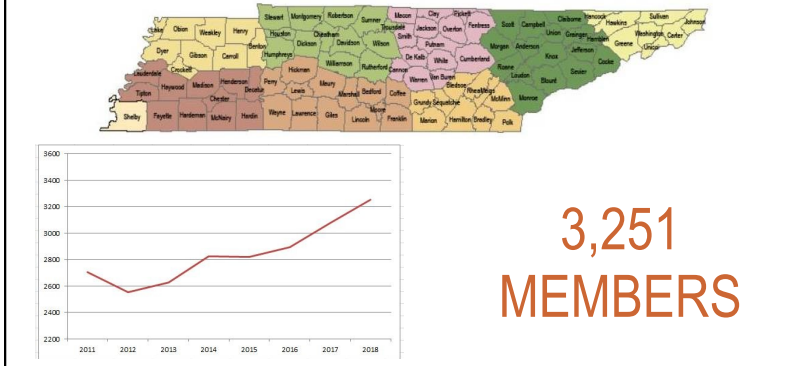
TCCY is the Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT partner in Tennessee and compiles and provides data, including state expenditures for children, produces publications, and develops policy recommendations and advocacy strategies to improve opportunities for Tennessee children to be safe, healthy, educated, nurtured and supported and engaged in activities that lead to success in life.

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 and Home Visiting Leadership Alliance, and provides training and advocacy to prevent and mitigate adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

STATEWIDE COUNCIL MEMBERS



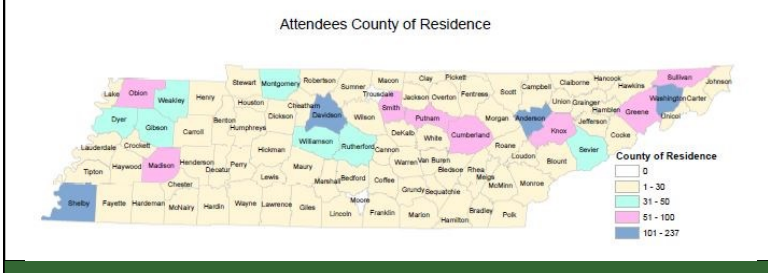
GRANTS

Federal Formula **\$419,793**
 7 Grants
 Reimbursement Account **\$90,000**
 Serving **32** Counties
 CASA **\$1,235,000**
\$20,000 for 56 Counties
\$55,000 for Tennessee CASA Association
\$60,000 (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

Building Strong Brains Tennessee



COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

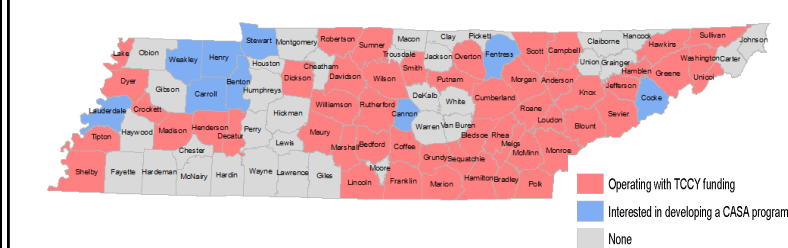
Successes: 72 children and families enrolled statewide. SOCAT is now able to serve children and families in 86 of the 95 counties. To date - over 90% of children and youth enrolled in SOCAT have remained with their families and in their communities and out of hospitals, emergency rooms, have not gone into custody and have had no arrests.

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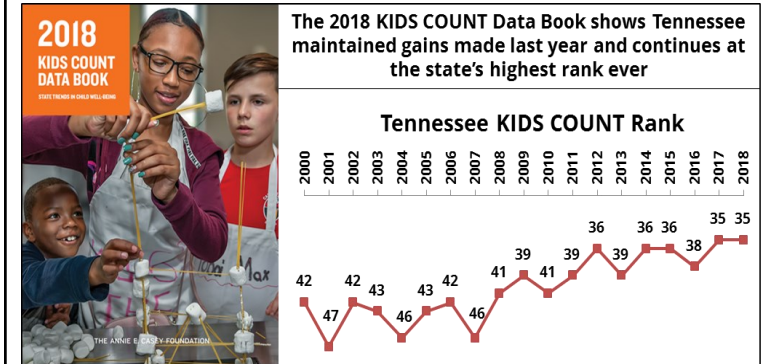
CCMH Meetings:
 - June 21st – Joint Meeting with YTAC
 - August 16th – Substance Use/Abuse focus
 - October 18th – Joint meeting with HVA

The Sixth Annual SOCAT Conference will take place September 21-22, 2018 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Murfreesboro.

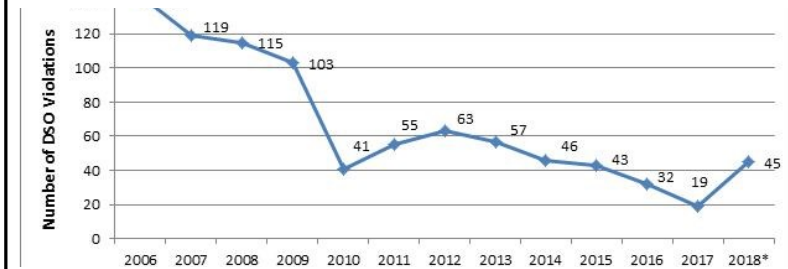
MAP OF STATEWIDE COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA) PROGRAMS



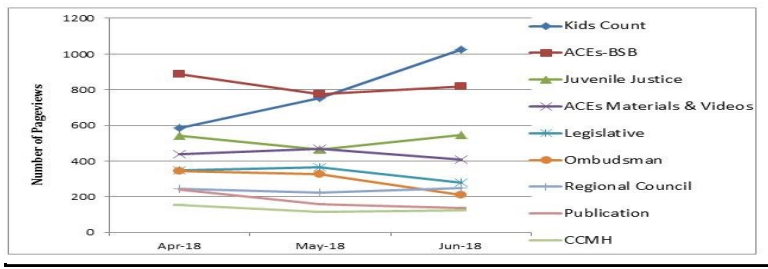
KIDSCOUNT



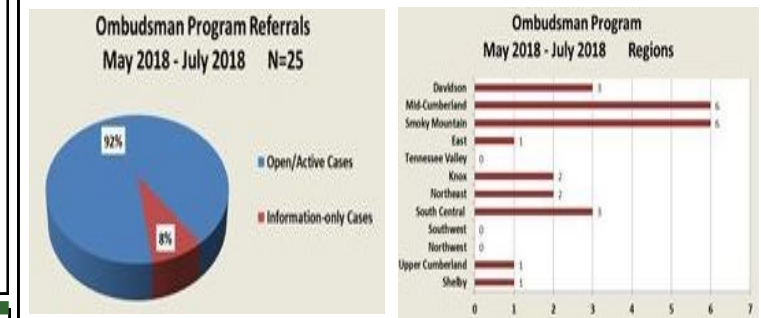
DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION OF STATUS OFFENDERS VIOLATIONS



WFR STATISTICS



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CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS 2019

CAD^xTennessee

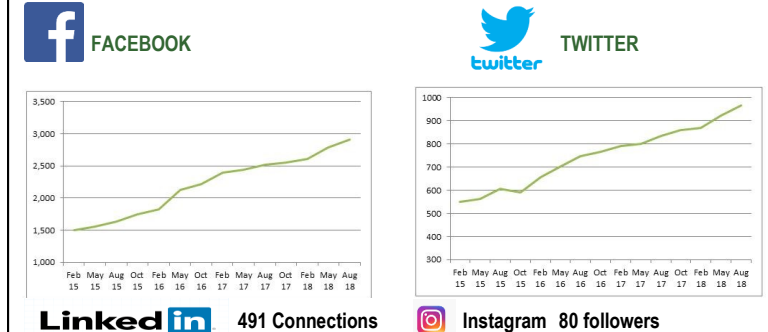
March 12-13, 2019
 War Memorial Auditorium
 Nashville

The event will be modeled after TEDTalks.

PUBLICATIONS

Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Jun 18	Jul 18	Aug 18
The Advocate - Adoption	The Advocate - Human Rights Juvenile Justice	The Advocate - Advocacy	The Advocate - Opportunity Early Education	The Advocate - Home Visiting	The Advocate - Child Abuse Prevention Month	The Advocate - Mental Health Foster Care	The Advocate - Who Are Our Neighbors?	Learning Never Stops TCCY Celebrates	Ready to Learn: Education Matters
	Second Look Commission Annual Report			KIDS COUNT State of the Child	Resource Mapping Report			Linda O'Neal Retired	Craig Hargrow Named Deputy Executive Director
							Richard Kennedy Named Executive Director		

SOCIAL MEDIA



HOME VISITING LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

HVLA Meetings:
 2/6/2018 - 39 people attended
 4/3/2018 - 31 people attended
 7/26/2018 - 34 people attended
 Upcoming Meetings:
 10/18/2018 - joint meeting with CCMH
 The meetings are held at Lentz Public Health Center.

YOUTH TRANSITIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL

YTAC Meetings:
 - June 21 — in conjunction with the Council on Children's Mental Health at Midtown Hills Police Precinct
 - August 9
 - October 4
 The meetings are held at Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee.

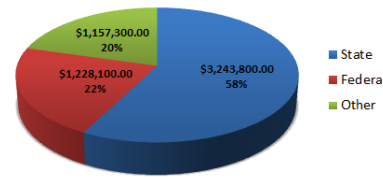


BUDGET

FY 17-18 Budget \$5,629,200

Revenue

State	\$3,243,800	(58%)
Federal	\$1,228,100	(22%)
Other	\$1,157,300	(20%)



TOTAL FUNDS PASS-THROUGH: \$1,744,793 (31%)

OPERATING FUNDS: \$3,884,407 (69%)

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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.

Adverse Childhood Experiences

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 stakeholders 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.