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Harvesting Hope: Nurturing Families in October



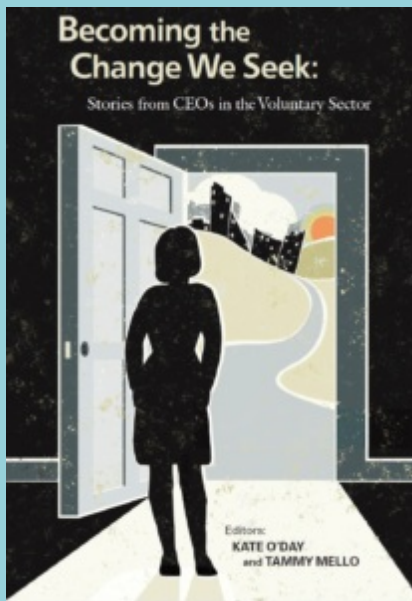
Welcome to our October newsletter, where you can find testimonials and motivation from leaders of child and family services organizations, find tools and resources that help rural youth and families avoid youth justice services, and learn why health experts believe different treatments may be needed for children with autism. You'll also find updates regarding TCCY, budget recommendations and grant funding opportunities!

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Children and Youth Articles



Becoming the Change We Seek: Stories from CEOs in the Voluntary Sector is a collection of short essays, “focused on, and dedicated to, the executive and voluntary leadership of child and family services organizations. Its purpose is to highlight the unique history, capacity, contributions, and future promise of this extraordinary and longstanding movement.” Eight CEOs of child- and family-serving organizations discuss their career journeys, lessons learned, and hopes for the future of child welfare.

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Researchers at the Yale School of Medicine’s Child Study Center have discovered at least two different types of autism. The finding suggest a need for more than just one drug to treat symptoms.



The Center for Juvenile Justice Reform or CJJR at Georgetown University has gathered useful information on the barriers rural communities face in preventing juvenile justice involvement, and in achieving the best outcomes for youth and families who do become justice-involved.

Leveraging community strengths is an important strategy for overcoming the challenges rural jurisdictions face in delivering effective prevention and juvenile justice services.

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A General Assembly subcommittee met in September for TCCY's Sunset Hearing where it was recommended that TCCY's role and services be extended for four more years!

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Review TCCY's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Recommendations surrounding; health, mental health, child care, education, economics, youth justice and public-private partnership.

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Find the most updated grant funding opportunities through the Federal Government as well as the State of Tennessee.

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Roots and Wings Podcast: Child Care in Tennessee and the Resources Available to Tennesseans



Child care costs across the nation and in Tennessee are rising. While there are several challenges facing the child care market in general, there are also state partners and organizations working to make child care more accessible and affordable for Tennessee families. Director of Child Care Services with the Department of Human Services Gwen Laaser sits down with podcast host, Jonquil Newland, to discuss the challenges that face the child care industry and the resources available.

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Oct. 24 - "What Happens When Your World Turns Upside Down?" Lunch and Learn event: **Upper Cumberland Development District, 1104 England Drive. Cookeville, TN 38501**

Tuesday, Oct. 24 - "Domestic Violence Through the Eyes of a Child": **The Summit Leadership, 3515 Bristol Hwy, Johnson City, TN 37601**

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