

**Children's Justice Act
Task Force Membership 2020**

State/Territory: Tennessee

Task Force Membership Designation	Name	Title	Organization	Relevant Background/Experience
Law Enforcement *	<i>Conway, Harry</i>	<i>Detective</i>	<i>Tullahoma Police Department</i>	<i>Law Enforcement; serves on CPIT.</i>
Criminal Court Judge	<i>Honorable Robert Carter</i>	<i>Criminal Court Judge</i>	<i>Division III Criminal Court Shelby County (Memphis)</i>	<i>Former Assistant DA for 26 years, CPIT member, Public Defender and was in private practice.</i>
Civil Court Judge	<i>Honorable Michael Meise</i>	<i>Juvenile Court Judge</i>	<i>Dickson County Juvenile Court</i>	<i>Former teacher, public defender and recently instituted Safe Baby Court</i>
Prosecuting Attorney	<i>Miner, Thomas</i>	<i>Assistant District Attorney</i>	<i>31st Judicial District</i>	<i>Attorney/prosecutor; serves on CPIT</i>
Defense Attorney	<i>Smith, Rae Anne</i>	<i>Attorney</i>	<i>Legal Aid Society</i>	<i>Law expertise in children and families, domestic violence and poverty</i>
Child Advocate/Attorney for Children	<i>Karnes, Lanis</i>	<i>Attorney</i>	<i>Karnes Legal Services</i>	<i>19 years as a child and family attorney, Supreme Court Guardian ad Litem Trainer</i>
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)	<i>Farrar, Lynne (JTF President)</i>	<i>Executive Director</i>	<i>TN CASA Association</i>	<i>Over 15 years' experience with the TN CASA</i>
Health Professional	<i>Lowen, Deborah</i>	<i>Medical Doctor</i>	<i>Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt</i>	<i>Certified child abuse pediatrician, serves on CPIT</i>
Mental Health Professional	<i>Seeman, Larry (JTF Vice-President)</i>	<i>Child Psychologist</i>	<i>Volunteer Behavioral Health</i>	<i>43 years' experience in child mental health and treatment</i>

Child Protective Services	<i>Koslick, Amy</i>	<i>Director of CPS Investigations</i>	<i>TN Department of Children's Services</i>	<i>Directs and Supervises statewide CPS Investigations</i>
Individual Experienced in Working with Children with Disabilities	<i>Ebert, Jon</i>	<i>Child Psychologist/ Assistant Professor</i>	<i>Vanderbilt University</i>	<i>Directs Vanderbilt Center of Excellence for children in state custody</i>
Parent/ Representative of Parent Group *	<i>Stodghill, Beth</i>	<i>Parent</i>	<i>Parent</i>	<i>Parent Leadership Council member, worked with CASA</i>
Adult Former Victim of Child Abuse and Neglect	<i>Gentry, Annette</i>	<i>Child Advocate</i>	<i>Child Advocate</i>	<i>Volunteer Child Advocate and adult former victim</i>
Individual Experienced in Working with Homeless Children and Youth	<i>Knowles, Catherine</i>	<i>Homeless Education Program Supervisor</i>	<i>Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools</i>	<i>Serves on the Governor's Advisory Council for Students with Disabilities; 20 years' experience working with families, children and youth</i>

**Recently vacated positions. Nominations to fill these categories are being gathered and will be appointed by the Commissioner for the Department of Children's Services.*