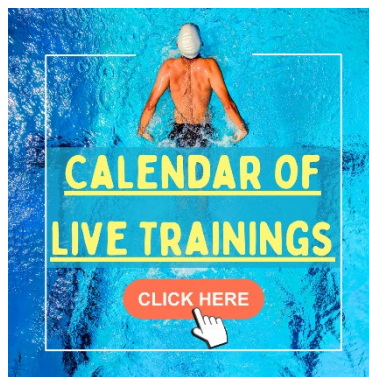




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# Children's Services

## FOSTER PARENT NEWS DCS TRAINING NEWSLETTER



### To All Foster Parents:

The new law (HB1380/SB1111) which takes away the ability of DCS and DCS agents to consent to vaccinations for children in our legal custody, has been signed by Governor Lee and is now effective as of May 18, 2023. We cannot provide, request, or facilitate the vaccination of a minor child in our custody, except in limited circumstances: when the parent has provided prior informed written consent for the vaccination; when the parental rights of all parents have been terminated and opportunities for appeal have been exhausted; or upon written request to, and court order from, the appropriate court. This applies to -all- vaccinations (e.g., flu shot; tetanus; MMR; etc.).

DCS is in the process of amending policies to reflect the changes in the law and our legal team is preparing for the court involvement and orders.

Carla Aaron



## Meet Logan!

Logan is a curious young man who loves helping others. He enjoys assisting with cleaning and carrying things, and he takes pride in doing chores well. Logan is very inquisitive and enjoys learning. He likes spending time talking to adults as well as interacting with his peers.

Click [HERE](#) to see  
Logan's Video

He absolutely loves football, especially Clemson football. He would talk about football endlessly if given the chance! Some of Logan's favorite foods are pizza, hamburgers, macaroni, chicken, green beans, and peas. Some of Logan's favorite activities are basketball, football, foosball, and pool. Logan also likes to play board games, video games, Pokémon cards, Legos, and cars. He enjoys some arts and crafts projects, but he generally prefers to do things that allow him to be active. Logan would like a forever family that is active and enjoys sports.

There are approximately 400 children and youth who are in full guardianship and in need of permanent families throughout Tennessee. Please consider whether you could be

the answer to a young person's longing for a forever home.

Click here to visit

[ParentAChild.org](http://ParentAChild.org)



Learn about services offered for people with disabilities at the...  
**Vanderbilt Kennedy Center**  
 during this panel discussion!



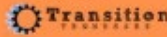
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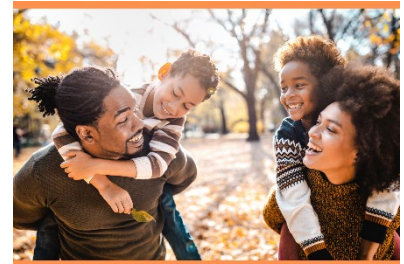


The Vanderbilt Kennedy Center offers services to people with disabilities, families, educators and other service providers. The programs apply the most up to date information through an approach that is interdisciplinary, including research from education, genetics, neuroscience, behavior and others. Join us to learn from these experts from the three major programs at the Kennedy Center which are, TN Disabilities Pathfinder, the Treatment and Research Institute for Autism Spectrum Disorders (TRIAD) and Transition Tennessee. Participants will receive resources and will be able to ask the speakers questions!



July 20, 2023  
 1:00 - 2:30 PM CT or  
 2:00 - 3:30 PM ET

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 FAMILIES**

THURSDAY  
 JULY 27  
 1:00 - 2:30  
 PM CST



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Monroe Carell Jr.  
**Children's Hospital**  
 at Vanderbilt

**Car Seat  
 Safety Class**

8/7/23 -  
 11:30-12:30

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**EMERGENCY RESPONSE TOOLKIT:  
 AN EARLY RELATIONAL APPROACH**  
 Home-Visitor Edition



**AIMH** TN org

**UNDERSTANDING  
 THE BASICS OF FASD**

July 24, 2023  
 5:30-7:30 pm CST

\*2 hours of training credit

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**TENNESSEE REFUGEE FOR DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN**  
 Rescue, Defend, Shelter or Support.

# Learn More about Drug Endangered Children

Click here to register!

July 25, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM CT or 6:30 to 8:00 PM ET



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## How Acts of Kindness Improve Mental Health






# Building Strong Brains

Available Class Options:


July 28      Sep. 21  
 Aug. 25      **CLICK HERE**


\*Worth 2 Hours of Training Credit  
 \*Fulfills Trauma Training Credit



FRIDAY, JULY 28 • 9 - 11AM CST

NAVIGATING  
 GRIEF & LOSS:  
 CHAMPIONING  
 OTHERS WHILE  
 CARING FOR  
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 Association of Infant Mental Health in Tennessee



## Let's talk about... Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health!

August 1, 2023 at 5:30 to 7:00 PM CT or 6:30 to 8:00 PM ET

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Interested in becoming an assessment home?

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On the Cusp of  
"Too Cool:"  
Connecting with  
Your ADHD Tween

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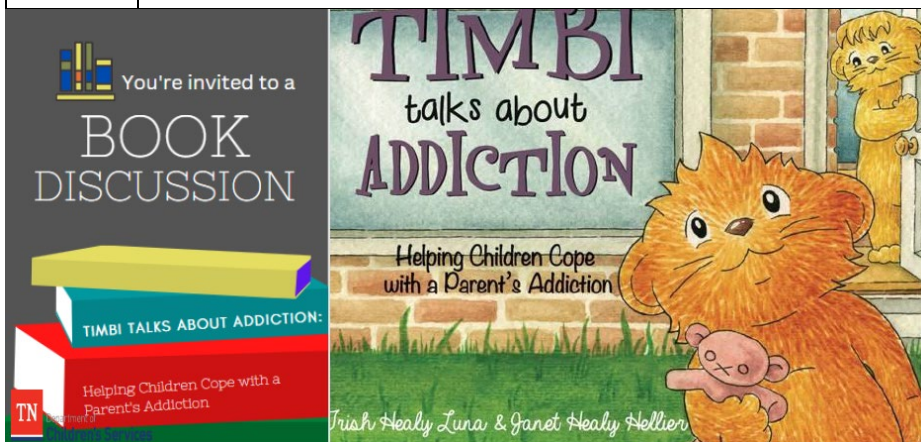


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Family  
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- 7/17/23 [Understanding & Responding to Trauma in Tweens and Teens](#)
- 7/18/23 [Building Strong Brains](#)
- 7/20/23 [Internet Safety for Parents & Providers of Pre-Teens & Teens](#)
- 7/20/23 [Foundations of TBRI Series for parents \(Staff\)- Introduction](#)
- 7/24/23 [Understanding the Basics of FASD](#)
- 7/25/23 [Creating Normalcy through Prudent Parenting](#)
- 7/25/23 [Learn more about Drug Endangered Children w/ TBI](#)
- 7/27/23 [CANS](#)
- 7/28/23 [Building Strong Brains](#)
- 8/1/23 [RIP: Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health](#)
- 8/8/23 [Creating Normalcy through Prudent Parenting](#)
- 8/12/23 [Therapeutic Parenting 101: Nurturing Resilience](#)
- 8/15/23 [Foundations of TBRI Series for parents- Connecting](#)
- 8/17/23 [Timbi Talks: Book Review](#)



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You're invited to...

## LEARN ABOUT PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH WEBINAR

Perinatal mental health refers to a woman's mental health during pregnancy and the postpartum period. Join expert, Dr. Diana Morelen, Associate Director of Training Dissemination and Implementation with the Strong BRAIN Institute at East TN State University to learn more about this important developmental period for families. Participants will have time to ask questions and will receive resources.



**Dr. Diana Morelen**

**August 17, 2023**  
 1:00 to 2:30 PM CT or  
 2:00 to 3:30 PM ET

**Click here to register!**



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- [Training Calendar](#)
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- [Podcast Episodes](#)
- [Helpful Resources](#)
- [Regional Training Contacts](#)
- [Birth Children Resources](#)
- [Unsung Hero of the Month](#)

Thank you for reading the newsletter and your flexibility as we make these changes!

-Newsletter Team

Join the TN Department of Mental Health and Substances Abuse Services for an overview of Youth Mental Health First Aid

**August 31, 2023**  
 5:30 to 7:00 PM CT or 6:30 to 8:00 PM ET



**Mental Health FIRST AID**  
 from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

### YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

**WHY YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?**

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12-18.

**10.2%**

of youth will be diagnosed with a substance use disorder in their lifetime.  
Source: Youth Mental Health First Aid™

**1 IN 5**

teens and young adults lives with a mental health condition.  
Source: National Alliance for Mental Illness\*

**50%**

of all mental illnesses begin by age 14, and 75% by the mid-20s.  
Source: Archives of General Psychiatry\*\*\*

**WHO SHOULD KNOW MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?**

- Teachers.
- School Staff.
- Coaches.
- Camp Counselors.
- Youth Group Leaders.
- Parents.
- Adults who Work with Youth.

**Click Here To Register!**

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