



Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development 2020 – ThreeStar Resource Guide

If you find anything that needs correction or have ideas to add to this Guide, please let me know. ~ Jody Sliger

Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Community and Rural Development

- [Community and Rural Development Calendar](#)

➤ Agriculture, Agribusiness

TN Department of Agriculture – [TN Dept of Agriculture Department Contacts](#)

TN Department of Agriculture – Regional Coordinators:

West – Colleen Coury – colleen.coury@tn.gov

Middle – Boyd Barker – boyd.barker@tn.gov

East – Jessie Campbell – jessie.campbell@tn.gov

[Dept of Agriculture overview](#)

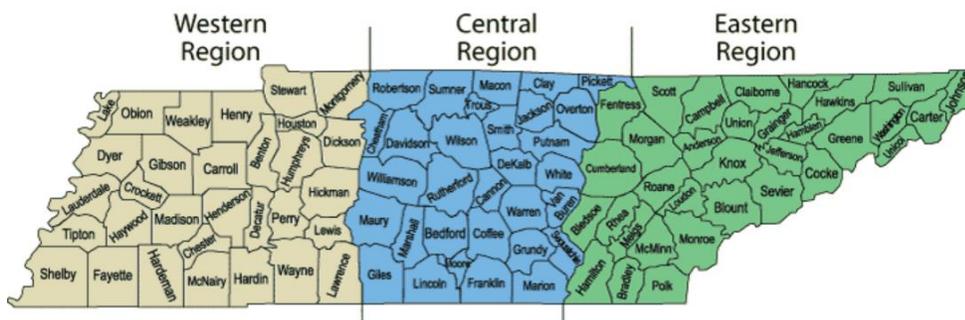
[Division of Forestry](#)

[Pick TN Products](#)

Agribusiness – [Business Development](#) – Keith Harrison – Keith.Harrison@tn.gov

[UT Extension offices in every county](#) – click on link to go directly to county

UT Extension regions:



➤ Community Development, Health, Housing, Safety

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- [Community and Rural Development Calendar](#)

Rural Hospital Transformation Act: Logan McCoy - logan.mccoy@tn.gov

TN Dept. of Health – [TN Vital Signs](#)

TN Dept. of Health has [locations in each county](#).

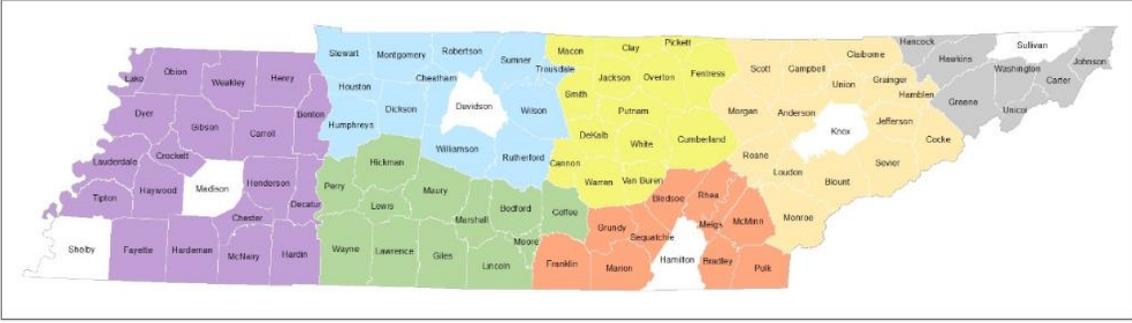
Healthy Development Coordinators serve through the Dept. of Health as regional resources.

[TN.gov website \(Health programs including Built Environment Grant info\)](#)

Healthy Development Coordinators

Tennessee Department of Health

 <p>West Tim King tim.king@tn.gov 731.884.2645</p>	 <p>Upper Cumberland Kurt Heischmidt kurt.heischmidt@tn.gov 931.528.7531</p>	 <p>East Cameron Taylor cameron.taylor@tn.gov 865.549.5317</p>
 <p>Mid-Cumberland Sara Cox sara.m.cox@tn.gov 615.253.4736</p>	 <p>South Central Kelly Ware kelly.ware@tn.gov 931.490.8353</p>	 <p>Southeast Rachel Swafford rachel.swafford@tn.gov 423.634.5806</p>



The office of [Primary Prevention website](#) provides [Health and Built Environment Guides](#) including:

- Built Environment Evaluation Guides
- Healthy Community Design Training
- Livable Community Checklist
- And more

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TN Housing Development Agency

[THDA](#)

TN Commission on Aging and Disability –

Annalea Cothron – Aging Commission Liaison - annalea.cothron@tn.gov

Regional offices [\(click link here\)](#)

TN Department of Human Services

Here is a list of services and contact information: [click here](#)

[Publications and Manuals](#)

➤ **Downtowns, Retail, Small Business, Entrepreneur**

Downtown Vitality:

[Main Street](#) – [TN Downtowns](#): Nancy Williams - Nancy.Williams@tn.gov

Small Business:

Wisty Pender – [Business Enterprise Resource/SmartStart Guides](#) – Wisty.Pender@tn.gov

[Launch TN](#): TN Investco

[Opportunity Zones: Resource page](#)

TNECD contact for the above programs: Lamont Price – Lamont.Price@tn.gov

TN Chamber of Commerce and Industry: [Website](#)

Pathway Lending: [website](#)

Small Business Development Centers: [website](#)

Entrepreneurship: Various resources and contacts include:

Lamont Price – Lamont.Price@tn.gov

Wisty Pender – [Business Enterprise Resource](#) and [SmartStart Guides](#) –

Wisty.Pender@tn.gov

Nancy Williams – Nancy.Williams@tn.gov

Placemakers - Placemakers leverage local assets (human and natural) in a way that impacts the cultural, economic and social aspects of their community to intentionally create a good sense of place and enhance a strong sense of community and well-being.

TN [Placemakers Entrepreneurship Fund](#) –

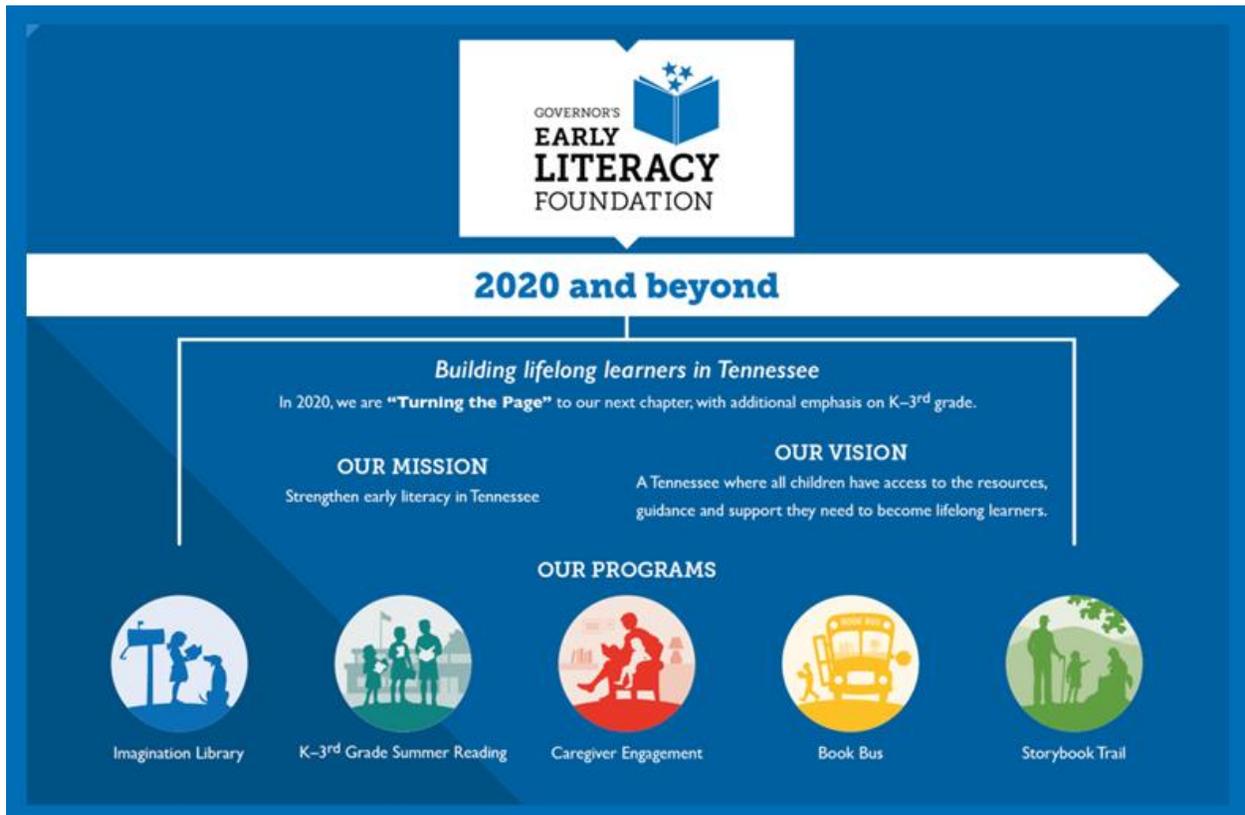
Retail: Logan McCoy – logan.mccoy@tn.gov

➤ Education and Workforce Development

TNECD Workforce Development: Director - Ann Thompson – ann.thompson@tn.gov

Governor's Early Literacy Foundation

- *Imagination Library*
- *K-3rd Grade Summer Reading*
- *Caregiver Engagement*
- *Book Bus*
- *Storybook Trail*



Governor's Early Literacy Foundation – formerly known as:

[Governor's Books from Birth Foundation](#)

The above link will take you directly to the county specific affiliate contact search

TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development

[Dept. of Labor and Workforce](#)

[Workforce Development](#)

Tennessee Higher Education Commission

THEC – [County Profiles link](#)

TN Department of Education

TN Department of Education – [Vision and Priorities](#)

TN Pathways



Regional Coordinators

Greater Memphis: Kenderek Harris – kenderek.harris@tbr.edu

Northwest: Justin Crice – justin.crice@tbr.edu

Southwest: Lori Burdine – lori.burdine@tbr.edu

Southern Middle: Tracy Whitehead – tracy.whitehead@tbr.edu

Northern Middle: Ellen Gomez – ellen.gomez@tbr.edu

Upper Cumberland: Amy Profant – amy.profant@tbr.edu

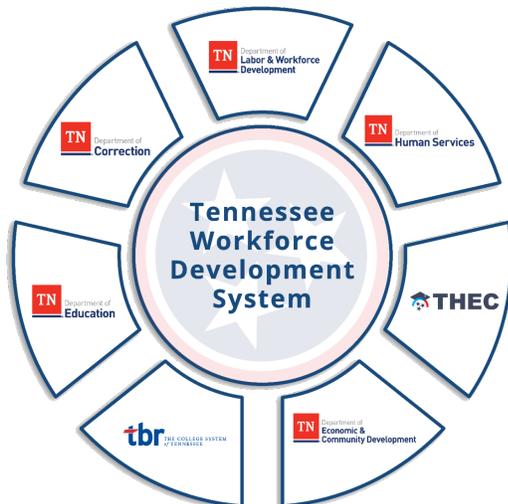
Southeast: Cydnie Tate – cydnie.tate@tbr.edu

East: Danny Satterfield – daniel.satterfield@tbr.edu

Northeast: Mary Beth Oxendine Woodby – mary.oxendinewoodby@tbr.edu

Tennessee Workforce Development System

Apprenticeship TN



<https://www.tn.gov/apprenticeshiptn.html>

Tennessee Board of Regents

TBR.edu

[Click here for more information](#)

[Community Colleges](#) -



[Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology](#)

- [TN Promise](#)
- [TN Reconnect](#)

➤ Industrial Development, Sites, Infrastructure, Broadband, Roadways

TNECD - Broadband: Crystal Ivey – Crystal.Ivey@tn.gov

TNECD - Select TN / Site Development / Property Evaluation: [Site Development](#) – Kirby Lewis – kirby.lewis@tn.gov

TNECD - Infrastructure Planning Grant: Brooxie Carlton - brooxie.carlton@tn.gov

TNECD - Federal Programs: Community Development Block Grants, Appalachian Regional Commission, Delta Regional Authority –
Brooxie Carlton – brooxie.carlton@tn.gov
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Logan McCoy – logan.mccoy@tn.gov

Tennessee Department of Transportation

[TDOT provides assistance in community planning](#), transportation plans, regional planning, guidance for signage, transportation related ADA compliance, and more.

TDOT [State Industrial Access Program](#) –

The Strategic Transportation Investments Division provides strategic support for projects that addresses safety, congestion, and economic development needs across the state.

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TDOT Office of Community Transportation

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The **Community Transportation Planning Supervisor** for each region are:

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- Region 1: Troy Ebbert – Troy.J.Ebbert@tn.gov
- Region 2: Andrea Noel – Andrea.Noel@tn.gov
- Region 3: Jonathan Russell – Jonathan.Russell@tn.gov
- Region 4: Antoine Hawkins – Antoine.Hawkins@tn.gov

TDOT also has jurisdiction concerning:

- **Signage:** Joseph Sweat – Joseph.Sweat@tn.gov
- **ADA compliance** on roadway related items: Margaret Mahler - TDOT.ADA@tn.gov

Tennessee Code Annotated 7-31-114, "Every incorporated city and town shall install ramps at crosswalks, in both business and residential areas, when making new installations of sidewalks, curbs or gutters, or improving or replacing existing sidewalks, curbs or gutters, so as to make the transition from street to sidewalk easily negotiable for persons with disabilities in wheelchairs and for other persons who may have difficulty in making the required step up or down from curb level to street level."

Additional ADA resources: Brett Heising – BrettApproved.com

➤ Tourism, Recreation, Parks, Historical/Cultural, Arts

Tourist Development

TN Dept. of Tourist Development
TNVacation.com

Zach Ledbetter – Director of Outreach and Engagement:

Tennessee Dept. of Tourist Development has Division Managers for the three Grant Divisions that serve the counties within the state. Each community can create pages within the TNVacation website to promote their attractions and events.

- Dave Jones, East TN Division Manager – Dave.Jones@tn.gov
- Marty Mabry, West TN Division Manager – Marty.Marbry@tn.gov
- Ashley, DeRossett, Middle TN Division Manager – Ashley.DeRossett@tn.gov
- TDTD provides assistance and grants to assist with [Marketing Assistance Grant](#)
- TNECD and TDTD partner to provide tourism asset funding through the [Tourism Enhancement Grant](#).

There are also nine Tourism Regional Directors that are recognized by the state as the official regional tourism organizations, however they are not state departments.

Greater Nashville Regional Council - Michelle Lacewell – lacewell@nashvillempo.com
 Memphis Area Association of Governments – Kelsey Lamkin – klamkin@maagov.org

Middle East TN Tourism Council - Julie Graham - 9lakes.easttn@gmail.com
Northeast TN Tourism Association - Alicia Phelps - alicia@netta.com
Northwest TN Tourism Association - Garry Mason - grmason@bellsouth.net
Southeast TN Tourism Association - Jenni Veal - jveal@sedev.org
South Central TN Tourism Association - Rene Lance - sctta2@gmail.com
Tourism Association of Southwest TN - Mary Beth Hopper – marybethhopper@gmail.com
Upper Cumberland Tourism Association - Ruth Dyal – uctourism@gmail.com

Tennessee Hospitality and Tourism Association (TnHTA)

The advocacy voice and source of information and education for the lodging, dining, and tourism establishments in Tennessee.

TN Arts Commission –

Not a state department, but a commission that is set by legislation and dedicated to improving the Arts throughout the state.

[Arts Commission website](#)

“The Tennessee Arts Commission was created in 1967 by the Tennessee General Assembly with the special mandate to stimulate and encourage the presentation of the visual, literary, music and performing arts and to encourage public interest in the cultural heritage of Tennessee.”

Available program and [Grant info can be found here](#)

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Resources for parks, planning, recreation and infrastructure needs

- [State Parks](#)
- [Recreation Services](#)
- [Water Resources](#)

TWRA – Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency

[TWRA website](#)

Chris Richardson – (615) 837-6016 – chris.richardson@tn.gov

- [Asian Carp](#)
- [Fishing and Boating access](#)