



## ➤ Community Development, Health, Housing, Safety

### Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Community and Rural Development

- [Community and Rural Development Calendar](#)

**Rural Hospital Transformation Act:** Logan McCoy - [logan.mccoy@tn.gov](mailto: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

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|  <p>West<br/>Tim King<br/><a href="mailto:tim.king@tn.gov">tim.king@tn.gov</a><br/>731.884.2645</p>                |  <p>Upper Cumberland<br/>Kurt Heischmidt<br/><a href="mailto:kurt.heischmidt@tn.gov">kurt.heischmidt@tn.gov</a><br/>931.528.7531</p> |  <p>East<br/>Cameron Taylor<br/><a href="mailto:cameron.taylor@tn.gov">cameron.taylor@tn.gov</a><br/>865.549.5317</p>          |
|  <p>Mid-Cumberland<br/>Sara Cox<br/><a href="mailto:sara.m.cox@tn.gov">sara.m.cox@tn.gov</a><br/>615.253.4736</p> |  <p>South Central<br/>Kelly Ware<br/><a href="mailto:kelly.ware@tn.gov">kelly.ware@tn.gov</a><br/>931.490.8353</p>                  |  <p>Southeast<br/>Rachel Swafford<br/><a href="mailto:rachel.swafford@tn.gov">rachel.swafford@tn.gov</a><br/>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](mailto: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](mailto:Nancy.Williams@tn.gov)

### **Small Business:**

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

[Launch TN](#): TN Investco

[Opportunity Zones](#): (the new website will be released later this week)

TNECD contact for the above programs: Lamont Price – [Lamont.Price@tn.gov](mailto: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](mailto:Lamont.Price@tn.gov)

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

[Wisty.Pender@tn.gov](mailto:Wisty.Pender@tn.gov)

Nancy Williams – [Nancy.Williams@tn.gov](mailto: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.

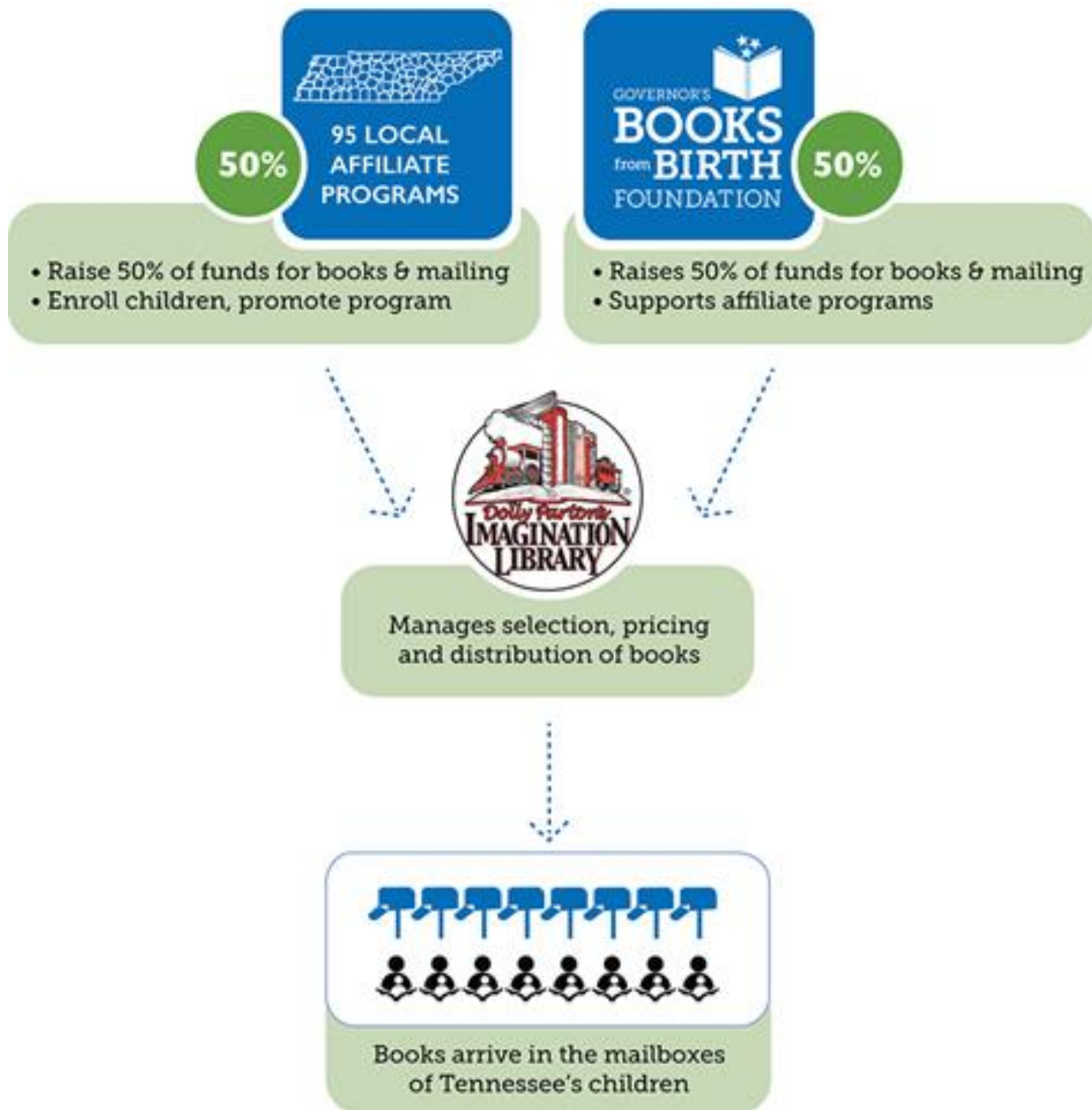
TN [Placemakers Entrepreneurship Fund](#) –

**Retail:** Logan McCoy – [logan.mccoy@tn.gov](mailto:logan.mccoy@tn.gov)

➤ Education and Workforce Development

**TNECD Workforce Development:** Director - Ann Thompson – [ann.thompson@tn.gov](mailto:ann.thompson@tn.gov)

**Imagination Library – Governor’s Books from Birth**



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

The above link will take you directly to the County Affiliate contact search

**TN Department of Labor and Workforce**

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](#)

**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](mailto:Crystal.Ivey@tn.gov)

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

**TNECD - Infrastructure Planning Grant:** Brooxie Carlton - [brooxie.carlton@tn.gov](mailto:brooxie.carlton@tn.gov)

**TNECD - Federal Programs:** Community Development Block Grants, Appalachian Regional Commission, Delta Regional Authority –  
Brooxie Carlton – [brooxie.carlton@tn.gov](mailto:brooxie.carlton@tn.gov)  
Kent Archer – [kent.archer@tn.gov](mailto:kent.archer@tn.gov)  
Logan McCoy – [logan.mccoy@tn.gov](mailto:logan.mccoy@tn.gov)

**Tennessee Department of Transportation**

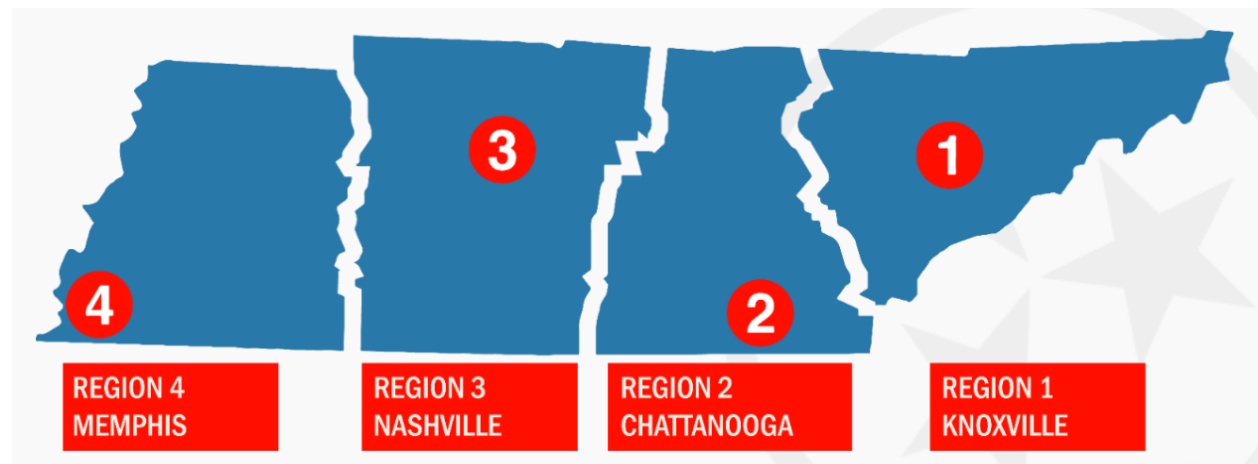
[TDOT provides assistance in community planning](#), transportation plans, regional planning, guidance for signage, transportation related ADA compliance, and more.

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

- Region 1: Troy Ebbert – [Troy.J.Ebbert@tn.gov](mailto:Troy.J.Ebbert@tn.gov)
- Region 2: Stacy Morrison – [Stacy.Morrison@tn.gov](mailto:Stacy.Morrison@tn.gov)
- Region 3: Jonathan Russell – [Jonathan.Russell@tn.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Russell@tn.gov)
- Region 4: Calvin Abram – [Calvin.Abram@tn.gov](mailto:Calvin.Abram@tn.gov)



TDOT also has jurisdiction concerning:

- **Signage:** Joseph Sweat – [Joseph.Sweat@tn.gov](mailto:Joseph.Sweat@tn.gov)
- **ADA compliance** on roadway related items: Margaret Mahler - [TDOT.ADA@tn.gov](mailto: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](http://BrettApproved.com)

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

### **Tourist Development**

TN Dept. of Tourist Development

[TNVacation.com](http://TNVacation.com)

Tennessee 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](mailto:Dave.Jones@tn.gov)
- Marty Mabry, West TN Division Manager – [Marty.Marbry@tn.gov](mailto:Marty.Marbry@tn.gov)
- Ashley, DeRossett, Middle TN Division Manager – [Ashley.DeRossett@tn.gov](mailto: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](mailto:lacewell@nashvillempo.com)

Memphis Area Association of Governments – Kelsey Lamkin – [klamkin@maagov.org](mailto:klamkin@maagov.org)

Middle East TN Tourism Council - Julie Graham - [9lakes.easttn@gmail.com](mailto:9lakes.easttn@gmail.com)

Northeast TN Tourism Association - Alicia Phelps - [alicia@netta.com](mailto:alicia@netta.com)

Northwest TN Tourism Association - Garry Mason - [grmason@bellsouth.net](mailto:grmason@bellsouth.net)

Southeast TN Tourism Association - Jenni Veal - [jveal@sedev.org](mailto:jveal@sedev.org)

South Central TN Tourism Association - Rene Lance - [scтта2@gmail.com](mailto:scтта2@gmail.com)

Tourism Association of Southwest TN - Mary Beth Hopper – [marybethhopper@gmail.com](mailto:marybethhopper@gmail.com)

Upper Cumberland Tourism Association - Ruth Dyal – [uctourism@gmail.com](mailto:uctourism@gmail.com)

### **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 Association**

[TWRA website](#)

Chris Richardson – (615) 837-6016 – [chris.richardson@tn.gov](mailto:chris.richardson@tn.gov)

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