



TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH'S
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS 2021
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2021 INTERACTIVE
DAILY AGENDAS



March 9th-12th

ABOUT

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS

Children's Advocacy Days (CAD) is an event with an over 30-year history. It is an opportunity for children's advocates, service providers and others to come together to be inspired by speakers, leaders and peers. This event draws individuals interested in children and family issues. CAD consists of training, networking, advocacy and celebration.

TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth is an independent state agency created by the Tennessee General Assembly. Our primary mission is to lead systems improvement for all children, youth, and families through data-driven advocacy, education, and collaboration. Information on the agency is available at www.tn.gov/tccy.

In this interactive agenda each individual item is hyperlinked so you can learn more information.

A special thanks to Southern Word, Stax Music Academy and Theatre Bug for sharing your talents with us

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9am - 12pm CST/10am - 1pm EST

Tuesday, March 9th, 2021

DAY ONE

- Welcome and Opening Remarks – Brenda Davis, Chair, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
- Message from Governor Bill Lee & First Lady Maria Lee
- State of the Child in Tennessee – Richard Kennedy, Executive Director, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
- “*Child Well-Being and COVID*” – Florencia Gutierrez, Senior Associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Commissioner Lisa Piercey, Tennessee Department of Health
- *The Roots of a Thriving Tennessee* – Laura Berling, Executive Director, The Sycamore Institute
- What's Ahead Tomorrow – Richard Kennedy, Executive Director, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth

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Wednesday, March 10th, 2021

DAY TWO

- Opening Remarks – Richard Kennedy, Executive Director, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
- Matt Yancey, Deputy Commissioner, Community Behavioral Health Programs, Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services,
- Spotlight of Programs Across Tennessee
- Southern Word
- Commissioner Clarence Carter, Tennessee Department of Human Services
- *The Whole-Brain Child: 12 Strategies to Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind*- Dr. Dan Siegel, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, UCLA School of Medicine
- Dr. Monty Burks, Director of Faith-Based Initiatives, Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

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Thursday, March 11th, 2021

DAY THREE

- Opening Remarks – Craig Hargrow, Deputy Executive Director, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
- Commissioner Jennifer Nichols, Tennessee Department of Children's Services
- Youth Justice Panel – Moderated by, Craig Hargrow, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
 - Stacy Miller, Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Nashville, TN
 - Judge Dwight Stokes, Sevier County Tennessee
 - Dr. Bernard Williams, Chief Probation Officer, Shelby County Juvenile Court, Tennessee
- The Future of Juvenile Justice: Is Evidenced-Based Systems Enough to Prevent Delinquency? - Judge Steven Teske, Chief Presiding Judge of Juvenile & Family Court, Clayton County, GA
- Brooks Daverman, Deputy Director, Division of TennCare, Tennessee Department of Finance & Administration
- The Theater Bug
- What's Ahead Tomorrow – Richard Kennedy, Executive Director, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth

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Friday, March 12th, 2021

DAY FOUR

- Opening Remarks – Richard Kennedy, Executive Director, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
- Commissioner Penny Schwinn, Tennessee Department of Education
- Trauma Informed Schools – Dr. Danielle LeSure, Assistant Commissioner of Whole Child Supports, Tennessee Department of Education
- TN YMCA Center for Civic Engagement
Elise Dugger, Associate Director,
Lucy Pfeiffer, Governor, Youth In Government Capitol Conference
- Commissioner Brad Turner, Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Discussion with Tennessee Legislators
 - Representative Mary Littleton, Chair, Children & Family Affairs Subcommittee
 - Representative Jeremy Faison, Vice-Chair, Children's Caucus
 - Senator Ferrell Haile, Chair, Children's Caucus and Vice-Chair, Health and Welfare
- *Tennessee Child Care Services - Transformation Update*
 - Jude White, Assistant Commissioner of Child Care & Community Services, Tennessee Department of Human Services
 - Angela Webster, Executive Director, Association of Infant Mental Health in Tennessee
 - Donna McConnico, Chief Executive Officer, Signal Centers
- Closing – Richard Kennedy



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