



## 2014 - 2015 ANNUAL DASHBOARD

**THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH** was created by the General Assembly and can trace its statutory history to 1955. The Commission is an independent state agency that advocates for improvement in the quality of life for children and families; collects and disseminates information on children and families for the planning and coordination of policies, programs and services; and administers the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act in Tennessee. The policy-making body for the Commission is a 21-person board whose members are appointed by the governor. At least one member is appointed from each of Tennessee's nine development districts.

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### MISSION

The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) advocates to improve the quality of life for children and families and provides leadership and support for child advocates.

### EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

First small agency to complete DOHR Year-Long Talent Management Process  
**Staff Participation in:** LEAD Tennessee  
 Tennessee Government Executive Institute  
 Delta Regional Authority Leadership Institute  
 Leadership Institute for State-Based Advocates - AECF

### COORDINATE

#### REGIONAL COUNCILS

The nine Regional Councils on children and youth provide training, networking opportunities, and create collaborative environments for child serving organizations and collect, compile and distribute child-focused data across the state.

### ADMINISTRATE

#### JUVENILE JUSTICE

To ensure equal and fair treatment for all youth within the juvenile justice system by funding evidence-based practices and promoting transparency to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency.

### EDUCATE

#### KIDS COUNT AND RESOURCE MAPPING

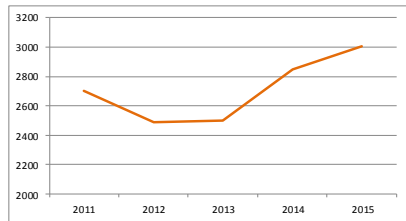
KIDS COUNT works in a variety of ways to provide data, publications, policy development and advocacy to improve the lives of Tennessee children.

### ADVOCATE AND COLLABORATE

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TCCY budget recommendations and legislative impact statements, Ombudsman, Council on Children's Mental Health, Second Look Commission and Youth Transitions Advisory Council all improve outcomes for children.

#### STATEWIDE COUNCIL MEMBERS



**3,007 MEMBERS**

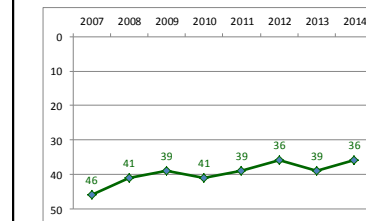
#### Community Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Intervention Programs

Federal Formula **\$370,746**  
 7 Grants  
 Reimbursement Account **\$90,000**  
 Serving 33 Counties  
 JABG **\$241,573**  
 5 Grants  
 CASA **\$767,500**  
**\$16,500 for 45 Counties**  
**\$25,000 for Tennessee CASA Association**

#### Disproportionate Minority Contact Task Forces

- Statewide Task Force
- Blount County Task Force
- Davidson County Task Force
- Knox County Task Force
- Madison County Task Force
- Montgomery County Task Force
- Shelby County Task Force

#### TENNESSEE OVERALL KIDS COUNT



#### ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACEs) AWARENESS

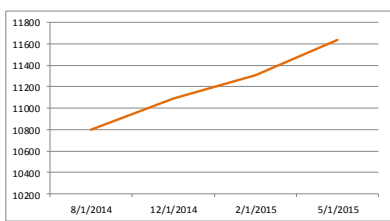
**10 Learning Opportunities**  
**1,311 People Attending**

#### SECOND LOOK COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

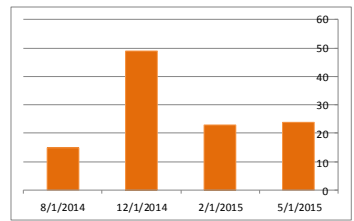
The following findings and recommendations are primarily based on the cases reviewed during the 2014 calendar year:

- Implement DCS training to further address the impact drug abuse on a child being cared for by someone abusing drugs or exposed to methamphetamine in any way;
- Improve communication within DCS and between DCS and various stakeholders;
- Juvenile court training to clarify prohibitions of "No Unsupervised Contact Orders";
- Issue-driven investigations as opposed to incident-driven investigations;
- Strengthen DCS documentation;
- Additional safe sleep education for caretakers.

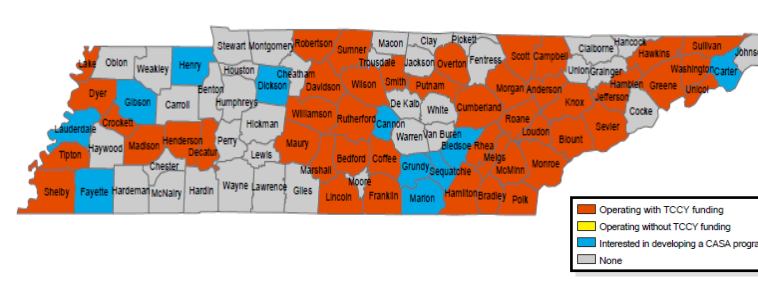
#### INDIVIDUALS ON COUNCILS' EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST



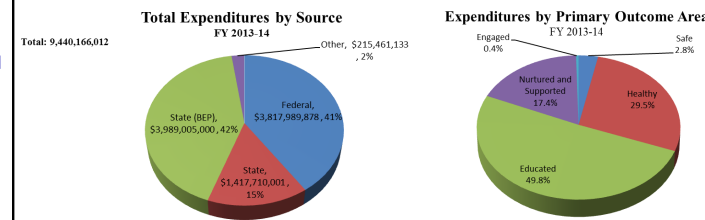
#### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE



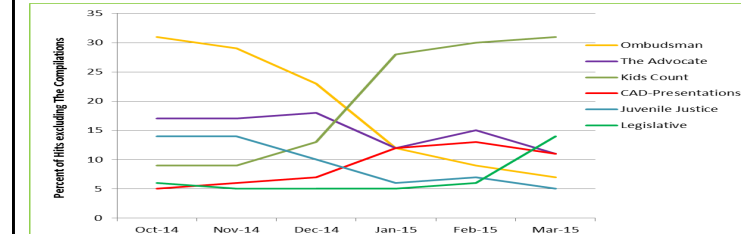
#### MAP OF STATEWIDE COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA) PROGRAMS



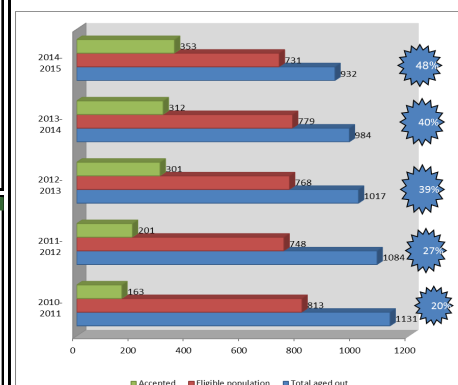
#### RESOURCE MAPPING



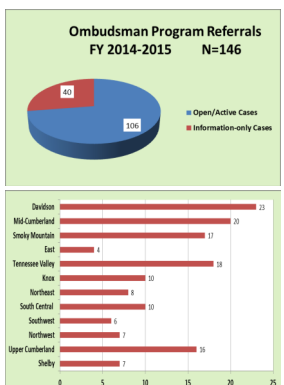
#### WEB STATISTICS



#### YOUTH TRANSITIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL

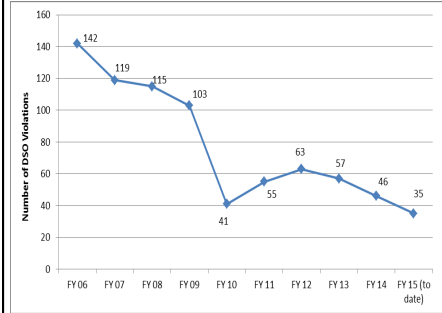


#### OMBUDSMAN



**CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS**  
 March 10-11, 2015  
 War Memorial Auditorium  
**705 Registrants**  
**31 Sponsors**  
**\$24,887 Contributed**  
**Participant Survey Results**  
**97.5% Excellent or Very Good**

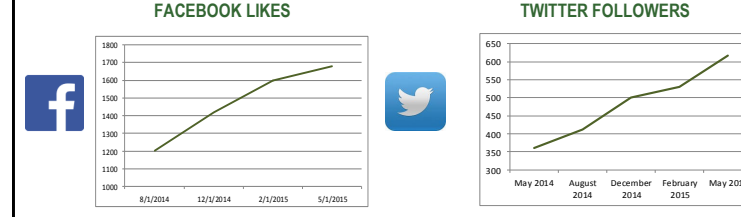
#### DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION OF STATUS OFFENDERS VIOLATIONS



#### CPO POLICY 2013-007 PROGRAM MONITORING

**39**  
 Federal and State Grantees Monitored  
 Totaling **\$886,469**

#### SOCIAL MEDIA



#### COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

DATE	MEETING TOPIC	PARTICIPANTS
Aug. '14	Trauma Focused and Trauma Informed Initiatives	90
Oct. '14	Education Based Mental Health Initiatives	73
Mar. '15	Coordination Pilot Update	84
Apr. '15	FrameWorks' Child Mental Health Toolkit	64
Jun. '15	Transition Age Youth (combined meeting with YTAC)	76

#### FY 2016 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

- Family Resource Centers (FRCs)
- Home Visiting Programs
- Affordable Care Act Funding
- Pre-Kindergarten Programs
- Centers of Excellence
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Programs
- Funding for Legal Representation
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment
- Child Care Resource and Referral Network
- Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance

#### LEGISLATIVE IMPACT STATEMENTS

Data and research driven recommendations in the best interests of children

Year	Number of Bills
2014	37 Bills
2015	49 Bills

#### PUBLICATIONS

14-Jul	14-Aug	14-Sep	14-Oct	14-Nov	14-Dec	15-Jan	15-Feb	15-Mar	15-Apr	15-May	15-Jun
KIDS COUNT National Data Book	Mountain View Development Center Third Party Case Review	The Advocate - Suicide Prevention	The Advocate - Juvenile Justice	The Advocate - Bullying Prevention	Second Look Commission Annual Report	The Advocate - Health Food Systems	The Advocate - Black History Month	The Advocate - Policy 2015	The Advocate - Child Abuse Prevention	The Advocate - Teen Pregnancy Prevention	The Advocate - Foster Care
			Youth Transitions Advisory Council Annual Report	KIDS COUNT - Creating Opportunity for Families: A Two-Generation Approach	KIDS COUNT - The State of the Child in Tennessee	Policy Brief - Therapeutic Approach to Juvenile Justice		Policy Brief - Pre-K Matters for Tennessee	Resource Map of Expenditures for Tennessee Children	Policy Report - Every Kid Needs a Family	

#### TASK FORCES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

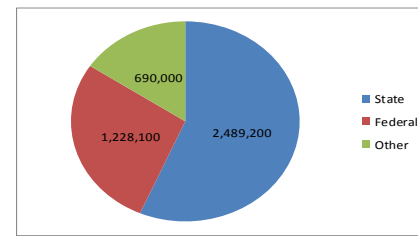
**5 National**  
**1 U.S. Regional**  
**70 State**  
**150 Regional/Local**



FY 15-16 Budget \$4,407,300

**BUDGET**

Revenue		
State	\$2,489,200	(56%)
Federal	\$1,228,100	(28%)
Other	\$ 690,000	(16%)



**TOTAL FUNDS PASS-THROUGH: \$2,175,800 (49%)**

**OPERATING FUNDS: \$2,231,500 (51%)**

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**COORDINATE**

**Regional Councils**

TCCY's nine regional councils provide statewide networking on behalf of children and families. The councils address the needs of children and families at the regional level and offer local-level feedback to the Commission. Councils include children's services professionals and other citizens interested in improving the lives of Tennessee children.

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**ADMINISTRATE**

**Juvenile Justice**

TCCY juvenile justice activities include distributing state and federal funds to counties, state-level agencies and community programs to prevent delinquency or improve services for children involved with juvenile courts. TCCY is the State Advisory Group responsible for implementing the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act in Tennessee. Funds administered include the federal JJDP funds and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) grants. CASA program volunteers provide a voice for children in the juvenile court system. Reimbursement accounts help counties without youth detention centers defray the costs of providing alternatives to placing children in adult jails. Programs funded include youth and drug courts, mentoring, after-school programs, training for juvenile court staff and probation programs.

The JJDP Act supports and encourages equitable treatment for all children. TCCY assures the state maintains compliance with the JJDP Act's four core requirements:

- ◆ Deinstitutionalize status offenders (DSO);
- ◆ Remove children from adult jails;
- ◆ Separate children from adult offenders;
- ◆ Address disproportionate contact of minority children with the juvenile justice system.

TCCY monitors all secure juvenile facilities in Tennessee to assure compliance with federal placement requirements.

**Disproportionate Minority Contact**

TCCY provides administrative support and technical assistance to the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) task forces in Tennessee. Tennessee has a statewide DMC Task Force as well as several local DMC task forces. The task forces consist of concerned citizens and agency representatives from across the state who meet periodically to address issues regarding the disproportionate number of minority children who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

**EDUCATE**

**KIDS COUNT**

TCCY gathers, analyzes and reports information on children and families in various publications, including the annual *KIDS COUNT: The State of the Child in Tennessee*, tracking the status of children's educational, socioeconomic and physical well-being. Tennessee's KIDS COUNT Project is part of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's network of state-level KIDS COUNT projects. TCCY participates with the Casey Foundation in the release of reports on child well-being nationally, including the annual *National KIDS COUNT Data Book*.

**Resource Mapping**

TCCY oversees resource mapping of all funding through the state budget to help children in Tennessee be safe, healthy, educated, nurtured and supported and engaged in activities to succeed in school and become productive adults. A report on prior fiscal year spending is submitted to the General Assembly annually. Twenty-five state agencies serving children reported on expenditures during fiscal year 2013-14.

**Tennessee Compilation of Laws on Children, Youth and Families**

TCCY publishes the *Tennessee Compilation of Selected Laws on Children, Youth and Families*. The Compilations are distributed to juvenile court judges and staff, state agencies, attorneys and others serving children.

**Other Publications**

TCCY also distributes information through:

- ◆ *The Advocate* newsletter;
- ◆ Website ([www.tn.gov/tccy](http://www.tn.gov/tccy));
- ◆ Facebook ([www.facebook.com/tccyonfb](http://www.facebook.com/tccyonfb));
- ◆ Twitter ([www.twitter.com/@tccy](http://www.twitter.com/@tccy)).

Reports produced by TCCY's collaborative and advocacy programs are available on the agency website.

**ADVOCATE AND**

**Ombudsman Program**

The Ombudsman responds to questions, concerns or complaints regarding children involved with the state's child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Referrals are accepted from anyone. A mediation approach is used to resolve disputes in the best interests of the child and the safety of the community

**Council on Children's Mental Health**

TCCY has administrative responsibility for the Council on Children's Mental Health (CCMH) charged with designing a plan for a statewide system of mental health care for children. The Council, composed of a broad range of stakeholders from all across the state, is co-chaired by the commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the executive director of TCCY.

**Second Look Commission**

Administered by TCCY, the Second Look Commission (SLC) was established to review a sampling of cases involving a second or subsequent incident of severe child abuse and provide recommendations and findings to the General Assembly regarding whether or not severe child abuse responses provide adequate protection for the children of this state. The SLC is co-chaired by Senate and House members, and includes representatives from the Department of Children's Services (DCS), law enforcement, courts, child abuse service providers and the advocacy community. It reports annually to the General Assembly.

**Youth Transitions Advisory Council**

The Youth Transitions Advisory Council (YTAC) brings together young people and other stakeholders from across Tennessee who work with youth aging out of DCS custody and transitioning from child-serving to adult services systems. YTAC makes recommendations to DCS, courts, schools, higher education and service providers to improve outcomes for successful transition from adolescence to adulthood for young people who often do not have supportive families.

The Council was created to develop a youth-driven, family-focused, culturally and linguistically competent service delivery system that includes a core set of services and supports appropriately and effectively addressing the mental health needs of children and families.