



2015 - 2016 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

Staff Participation in: LEAD Tennessee
Boards and Commissions Leadership Academy
Delta Regional Authority Leadership Institute
Leadership Institute for State-Based Advocates - AECF
Tennessee Government Leadership Council
Building Strong Brains: Tennessee's ACEs Initiative

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

ACEs, KIDS COUNT AND RESOURCE MAPPING

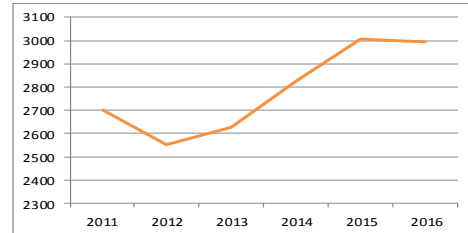
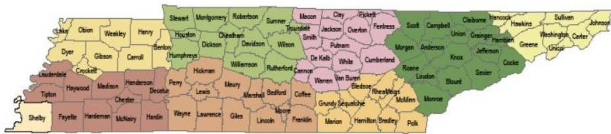
TCCY works in a variety of ways to prevent and mitigate ACEs. KIDS COUNT efforts provide data, publications, policy development and advocacy to improve the lives of Tennessee children.

ADVOCATE AND COLLABORATE

ADVOCACY AND COLLABORATION

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



2,995 MEMBERS

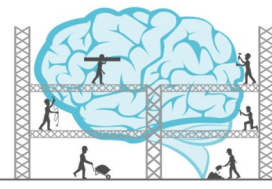
Community Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Intervention Programs

Federal Formula	\$420,676
7 Grants	
Reimbursement Account	\$90,000
Serving 33 Counties	
JABG	\$255,108
3 Grants	
CASA	\$830,500
\$16,500 for 47 Counties	
\$55,000 for Tennessee CASA Association	

Disproportionate Minority Contact Task Forces

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

BUILDING STRONG BRAINS



- 1 Representative on State Coordinating Team
- 3 Representatives on Public Sector Steering Group
- 48 Learning Opportunities
- 2,378 People Attended

SECOND LOOK COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

- Primarily based on the cases reviewed during the 2015 calendar year:
- Additional resources are needed to provide treatment and support for children and adults suffering from the effects of mental illness and substance abuse.
 - Child abuse prevention/intervention stakeholders contact DCS when a child is potentially in danger.
 - Investigators do not always maximize the use of collateral interviews.
 - Appropriate case file documentation continues to be an issue.
 - Kinship placements have a history of failing to adhere to No Contact orders.
 - Continue to educate parents/other caregivers about safe sleeping for infants.

YOUTH TRANSITIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL

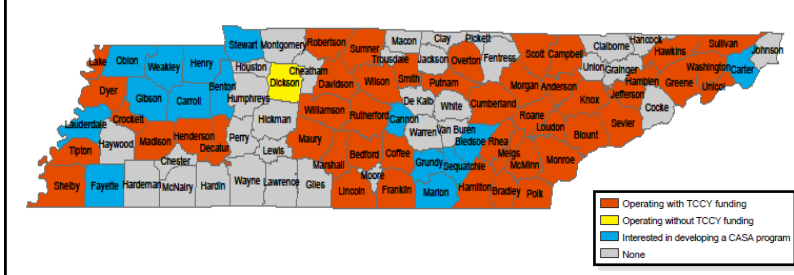
FY16 Meeting Dates: August 12, 2015
April 28, 2016
June 23, 2016

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

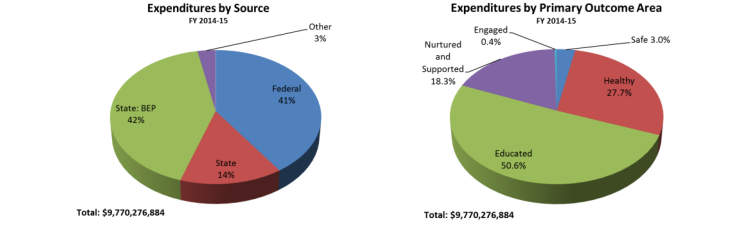
Public Chapter 679 requires DCS contracted caregivers use of reasonable and prudent parent standard characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the health, safety, and best interest of a child while also encouraging the emotional and developmental growth of the child when determining whether to allow a child in foster care under the responsibility of the department to participate in age- or developmentally-appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.

	Total Aged Out	Total Aged Out Eligible for EFCS	Eligible Population Accepting EFCS	Percent Accepting EFCS
FY 2012-13	1017	768	301	39%
FY 2013-14	984	779	312	40%
FY 2014-15	932	731	353	48%
FY 2015-16	900	800	400	50%

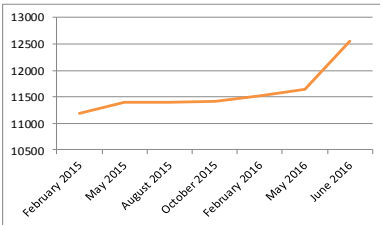
MAP OF STATEWIDE COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA) PROGRAMS



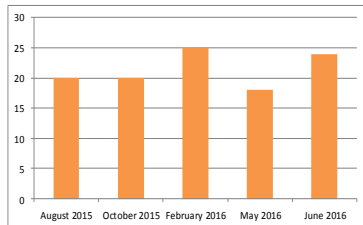
RESOURCE MAPPING



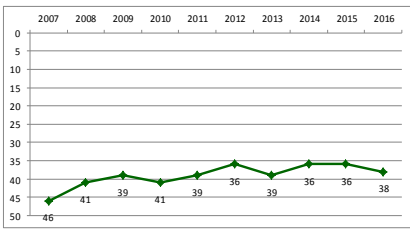
INDIVIDUALS ON COUNCILS' EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST



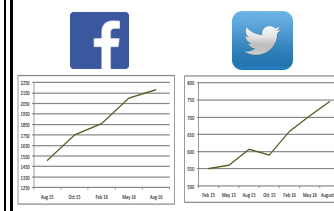
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE



TENNESSEE OVERALL KIDS COUNT RANK



SOCIAL MEDIA



CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS

March 8-9, 2016
War Memorial Auditorium
Nashville, Tennessee

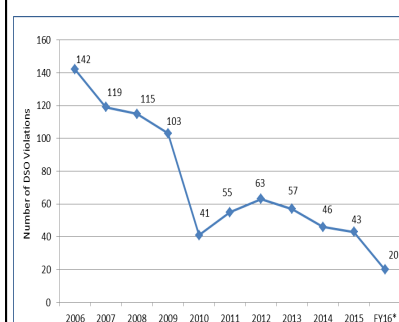


CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS

March 8-9, 2016
War Memorial Auditorium

738 Registrants
31 Sponsors
\$26,091.75 Contributed
Participant Survey Results
97.5% Excellent or Very Good

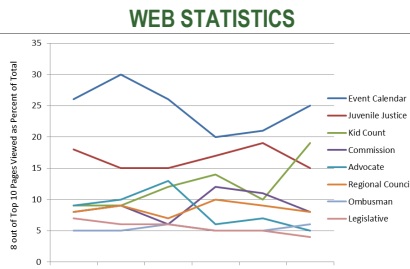
DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION OF STATUS OFFENDERS VIOLATIONS



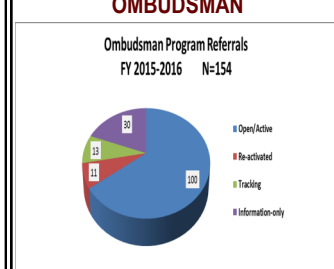
CPO POLICY 2013-007 PROGRAM MONITORING

47
Federal and State Grantees Monitored
Totaling **\$1,204,719**

WEB STATISTICS



OMBUDSMAN



PUBLICATIONS

15-Jul
The Advocate-School Bullying

15-Aug
The Advocate-School Bullying

15-Sep
The Advocate-Mental Health

15-Oct
The Advocate-KIDS Count County Book 2014
KIDS COUNT - State of the Child in TN
YTAC Annual Report

15-Nov
The Advocate-Childhood Obesity

15-Dec
The Advocate-Youth Transitioning
Second Look Commission Report

16-Jan
The Advocate-Second Look Commission

16-Feb
The Advocate-Home Visiting

16-Mar
The Advocate-Children's Advocacy Days

16-Apr
The Advocate-Child Abuse Prevention
CCMH Report to the General Assembly
Resource Mapping Report
KC: A Shared Sentence Policy Report

16-May
The Advocate-Foster Care

16-Jun
The Advocate - Summer
KIDS COUNT Data Book

TASK FORCES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

3 National
1 U.S. Regional
40 State
105 Regional/Local

LEGISLATIVE GUIDANCE STATEMENTS

Data- and research- driven recommendations in the best interests of children

	2014	2015	2016
37 Bills	49 Bills	25 Bills	

COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

DATE	MEETING TOPIC	PARTICIPANTS	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
08/27/15	Strategic Direction	75	Support for System of Care Expansion
10/22/15	Continued Strategic Direction	65	Strategic Direction Plan
02/25/16	Trauma Initiatives	79	System of Care Conference
05/21/16	Integrated Care	63	3 Regional Cultural and Linguistic Competency Trainings
06/23/16	Joint Meeting with YTAC	90	

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

HOME VISITING LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

Meeting Dates Participants
01/13/2016 42
04/20/2016 44
06/30/2016 37

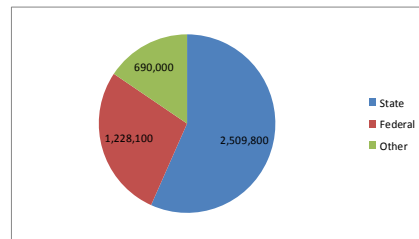
All 14 provider agencies, plus State Departments and other stakeholders represented on the HVLA. Selected by the Institute for Child Success to receive technical assistance coaching to develop Pay for Success plan.



FY 15-16 Budget \$4,427,900

BUDGET

Revenue		
State	\$2,509,800	(57%)
Federal	\$1,228,100	(28%)
Other	\$ 690,000	(15%)



TOTAL FUNDS PASS-THROUGH: \$2,058,600 (47%)

OPERATING FUNDS: \$2,369,300 (53%)

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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

ACEs

TCCY is an active participant in *Building Strong Brains: Tennessee's ACEs Initiative*. TCCY implements a variety of strategies to increase public awareness and provide technical assistance to understand, prevent and mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences.

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);
- ◆ Facebook (www.facebook.com/tccyonfb);
- ◆ Twitter (www.twitter.com/@tccy).

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

ADVOCATE AND COLLABORATE

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.

Home Visiting Leadership Alliance

The Home Visiting Leadership Alliance (HVLA) includes leadership from home visiting programs, state departments and other stakeholders from across the state. The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) has administrative responsibility for the HVLA through a grant agreement with the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH). HVLA is co-chaired by TDH and TCCY and meets quarterly.