



Monday, March 9, 2026

- 12:30 p.m. **Doors Open**
- 1:00 p.m. **Workshop: How to Create Stories for Lasting Change**
Tesfa Alexander, PhD, MA, Johns Hopkins University Center for Public Health
Advocacy
- 2:30 p.m. **Advocating for a Mental Health Hospital in East Tennessee**
Senator Becky Duncan Massey
- 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Using Your Story to Impact Change, Moderated by Heather
Meshell, Ampersand Advocacy**
Matthew Charles, Families Against Mandatory Minimums
Katy Dieckhaus and Erin Rogus, Voices for a Safer Tennessee
Stephanie A. Sparks-Newland, Friends of the Duck River
Danielle Pyle, Danielle’s Law
Taylor Hart, Young Adult Advisory Council
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**