



# *Compelling Conversations from ideas to action.*

**CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS 2020**  
**War Memorial Auditorium**  
**301 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37243**

## **AGENDA**

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**

- 9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast Opens
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks – Brenda Davis, Chair, TCCY
- 10:15 a.m. First Lady Maria Lee
- 10:30 a.m. Juvenile Justice: A Judge's Perspective, Judge Michael Meise, Dickson County
- 10:50 a.m. Douglas Henry Public Official of the Year Award
- 10:55 a.m. State of the Child in Tennessee – Richard Kennedy, Executive Director, TCCY
- 11:10 a.m. Compelling Conversation  
Dr. Morgan McDonald, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health  
Dr. Freida Outlaw, Ex. Academic Consultant, SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program, American Nurses Association
- 11:35 a.m. Luncheon/Advocacy Opportunities – **Sponsored by the Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association**
- Connect with your TCCY Regional Coordinator
  - Visit Co-Sponsor Booths
  - Network with Other Children's Advocates from Across the State
- 1:00 p.m. **RECONVENE**
- 1:05 p.m. Compelling Conversation  
Jennifer Nichols, JD, Commissioner, Department of Children's Services  
Dr. Lori Messinger, Dean, University of Tennessee College of Social Work
- 1:30 p.m. Compelling Conversation  
Marie Williams, LCSW, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
Rob Mortensen, Vice Chair, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
- 1:55 p.m. Compelling Conversation  
Lisa Coons, Chief of Standards and Materials, Department of Education  
James Pond, President, Governor's Early Literacy Foundation
- 2:20 p.m. **BREAK**
- 2:35 p.m. Compelling Conversation  
Danielle Barnes, JD, Commissioner, Department of Human Services  
Brianna Mason, Miss Tennessee
- 3:00 p.m. Compelling Conversation  
Richard Kennedy, MA, Executive Director, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth  
Phil Acord, Chief Executive Officer, Chambliss Center for Children
- 3:25 p.m. Tennessee's County Health Assessment Update  
JW Randolph, Office of Strategic Initiatives, Tennessee Department of Health

- 3:55 p.m. Southern Word
- 4:20 p.m. Jim Pryor Child Advocacy Award
- 4:30 p.m. Linda O’Neal Lifetime Achievement Award
- 4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks and Reception Invitation – Dr. Dustin Keller, Chief Executive Officer, Camelot
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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Open to all Children’s Advocacy Days Participants and members of the General Assembly

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020**

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Networking – **Sponsored by Omni Visions and Our Kids Center**
- 8:00 a.m. Reconvene and Opening Remarks – Brenda Davis, TCCY Chair
- 8:10 a.m. Census 2020 -  
Joseph Williams, Director of External Affairs, Office of Governor Bill Lee  
Faye Anderson, Partnership Coordinator, United States Census Bureau
- 8:30 a.m. Tennessee State Parks, ACE Resiliency Project – Building Strong Brains TN Innovation Grant  
Sarah Green, Environmental Literacy Coordinator, Tennessee State Parks
- 9:00 a.m. The Public Health Imperative of Preventing Early Adversity  
Dr. Melissa Merrick, PhD, President and CEO, Prevent Child Abuse America
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. John Seigenthaler Making KIDS COUNT Media Awards  
  
Mike Osborne, WMOT radio, Broadcast, Small Market  
Mearl Purvis, WHBQ Fox 13, Broadcast, Large Market  
Anita Wadhwani, The Tennessean, Print Media, Large market  
Chalkbeat Tennessee, Jacinthia Jones, Bureau Chief, New Media  
Peds Pod, LeBonheur Children’s Hospital, New Media, Podcast
- 10:30 a.m. Unsung Heroes Awards – Andrea Shook, Parent Leadership Coordinator, Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee
- 10:45 a.m. Rural Resources Farm & Food Education Center – Building Strong Brains TN Innovation Grant  
Sally Causey, Executive Director
- 11:15 a.m. Systems of Care – It’s All in Your Approach  
Millie Sweeney, Deputy Director, Family Run Executive Director Leadership Association
- 11:50 a.m. Closing Remarks
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn and Advocacy Opportunities
- Visits with Legislators and Networking with other Councils
  - House of Representatives Committees
  - Senate Committees