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Domestic Violence Prevention Month

Exposure to domestic partner violence communicates trauma to children. October has been designated Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is one of the 10 adverse childhood experiences and contributes to the life-long struggles of children exposed to it. The National Network to End Domestic Violence is leading a National Week of Action October 16-22.

National Network to End Domestic Violence, **National Week of Action**, <http://bit.ly/2wDbNxu>.

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Secondary Trauma Hurts

Exposure to violence against one's mother by her partner is one of the original Adverse Childhood Experiences studied. According to a National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) report, half of female victims of domestic violence live in households with children under age 12. Another report found children younger than age 5 were disproportionately in households where this abuse occurs.

Many children witness domestic violence each year. Children exposed to domestic violence are at higher risk of maltreatment, but the exposure itself has negative effects. These effects may result from maternal stress. Even if they are not targets of abuse, children may be the proximate cause of conflict, victims of collateral damage or forced to be a protector.

As identified in the ACEs study, children exposed to trauma may experience physical and/or mental health effects, which may increase over time.

Summers, A., National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, ***Children's Exposure to Domestic Violence: A Guide to Research and Resources***, <http://bit.ly/2xqACLO>.

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Helping Parents Helps Children

Differences in access to health care affect ability of victims of domestic violence to receive help. Health care providers may be the first line of identifying domestic abuse. Caring adults strongly contribute to resilience in trauma-exposed children.

A comprehensive approach to domestic violence is guided by the principle that adult victims and their children are firmly connected and responses to abuse should include both adults and children. The core components of evidence-based programs include addressing barriers to seeking service.

Promising Futures: Best Practices for Serving Children, Youth and Parents Experiencing Domestic Violence, <http://bit.ly/2fyamcm>.

National Child Traumatic Stress Network, **Empirically Supported Treatments and Promising Practices**, <http://bit.ly/2y8mBEb>.

Family Violence Prevention Fund, ***Identifying and Responding to Domestic Violence: Consensus Recommendations for Child and Adolescent Health***, <http://bit.ly/2ytsngC>.

Child Welfare Information Gateway, ***Domestic Violence Prevention Programs for Children and Youth***, <http://bit.ly/2xJ60pu>.

Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, <http://bit.ly/2fp8teb>.

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Some States Consider Presence of Children in Domestic Violence Laws

In a significant number of states, domestic violence committed in the presence of a child results in increased penalties for the perpetrator. Tennessee law doesn't currently have any specific provisions addressing domestic violence committed in the presence of children.

Child Welfare Information Gateway, Children's Bureau, *Child Witnesses to Domestic Violence*, <http://bit.ly/2wyw9YJ>

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Bullying Awareness

October is also National Bullying Awareness Month. Tennessee has worked to create legislation and model prevention programs. Most of the recognized key components of bullying prevention are included in these programs, with legislation including all recommended components.

Stop Bullying, <http://bit.ly/2yJFwIC>.

Tennessee Anti-Bullying Laws & Policies, <http://bit.ly/2xxNW1Y>.

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Blue Ribbon Task Force on Juvenile Justice Continues Work

The next meeting of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Juvenile Justice, on which TCCY Executive Director Linda O'Neal serves, will begin at 9:30 a.m. on October 30 in Tennessee Tower (311 Seventh Ave. N., Nashville) Conference Room D. Streaming video will be available at <http://bit.ly/2wiiL5X>. The Task Force should report on its work prior to the upcoming 2018 legislative session.

September 11 Task Force Meeting Video and PowerPoint Presentation: <http://bit.ly/2yHOwaZ>.

September 12 Task Force Meeting Video and PowerPoint Presentation: <http://bit.ly/2ytl73g>.

TCCY's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Recommendations are available on the TCCY website at <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/tccy/attachments/leg-budget.pdf>.

TCCY legislative updates will return in early 2018 when the General Assembly returns and legislators file new bills.

Legislative Summary: <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/tccy/attachments/legislat.pdf>.

TCCY Budget Recommendations: <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/tccy/attachments/leg-budget.pdf>.

TCCY Legislative Listserv: <http://www.tn.gov/tccy/article/leg-listserv>.

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Update

TCCY welcomes three new Commission members appointed by Gov. Bill Haslam: **Dr. Altha J. Stewart**, associate professor of psychiatry and director of the Center for Health in Justice Involved Youth at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) and president-elect of the American Psychiatric Association, and youth members **Hailey Brooks**, a student at Belmont University in Nashville, and Middle Tennessee State University student **Annemarie Rainwater**, of Shelbyville.



Brooks



Rainwater



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Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 5, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., **Youth Transitions Advisory Council Meeting**, Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee, 937 Herman St., Nashville. Information: 615-532-1685 or Steve.Petty@tn.gov.

Oct. 8-10, **2017 Connecting for Children's Justice Conference**, Embassy Suites, 1200 Conference Center Blvd. Murfreesboro. Information: tncac@tncac.org.

Oct. 13, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Northeast Tennessee Council on Children and Youth and Washington County Community Advisory Board **Washington County Resource Fair**, Appalachian Community Federal Credit Union-Community Room, 5034 Bobby Hicks Highway, Gray. Guest speaker Jerry Stout with the Office of Homeland Security on "The Sovereign Citizen Movement – Understanding their Beliefs." Register at <http://bit.ly/2ybw75c>.

Oct. 16 & 17, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Tennessee Justice Center **Navigating TennCare 2017 Continuing Education Training**, Curb Medical Learning Center at St. Thomas West Hospital, 4220 Harding Road, Nashville. 8 hours of CEUs provided. Attend online or in person. Register for online training: Oct. 16 at <http://bit.ly/2wjrUat>, and for Oct 17 at <http://bit.ly/2yH8qLS>. In person registration: Oct. 16 at <http://bit.ly/2wX10td> and Oct 17 at <http://bit.ly/2fxPUbt>.

Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., **2017 Tennessee CASA Annual Meeting**, Nashville Public Library - Downtown Branch, 615 Church St. Nashville. Brunch will be provided. Limited seating. Register at <http://bit.ly/2xe9e4j> by Oct. 10.

Oct. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., **South Central Council on Children and Youth** and Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee present "**Domestic Assault Simulation Training**," Centerville Emergency Management Building, 550 Highway 100, Centerville. Only 40 spots available. Register at <http://bit.ly/2x9mMOW>.

Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., **Council on Children's Mental Health Meeting**, Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee, 937 Herman St., Nashville.

Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., **Tennessee Disability Pathfinder "Future Planning,"** United Way of Knoxville, 1301 Hannah Ave., Knoxville. Free. Preregistration required at <http://bit.ly/2w3sjl5>. Social work CEUs available. Contact: (615) 875-5082 or megan.hart@vanderbilt.edu.

Oct. 24, TBA, Upper Cumberland Council on Children and Youth presents "**Nation in Crisis: Opioid Epidemic in the Upper Cumberland**," Regional Health Office, 1100 England Dr., Cookeville. Information: Kristi.Paling@tn.gov.

Oct. 25-26, **Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth meeting**, Montgomery Bell State Park, 1000 Hotel Avenue, Burns. Contact Natasha.M.Smith@tn.gov for information.

Oct. 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mental Health America presents "**Compassion Fatigue and Self Care**," TriStar Skyline Madison Campus, 500 Hospital Dr., Nashville. CEUs available. Cost: \$45 to \$75. Register at <http://www.mhamt.org/>.

Oct. 26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., "**Hope for Freedom: Human Trafficking Awareness Summit**," Calvary Church, 1851 Houston Levee Rd., Cordova. Preregistration required. Registration fee \$40 and \$55 for those seeking NASW CEUs and CNE Certification through Union University or POST certification. Contact Kimberly Benson at (901) 487-6577. Register at <http://bit.ly/2pBnNur>.

Oct. 30, 9:30 a.m., **Blue Ribbon Task Force on Juvenile Justice**, Tennessee Tower, Conference Room D, 311 Seventh Ave. N., Nashville.

Oct. 31, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Southeast Council on Children and Youth Fall Conference, "**How Do We Make Our Children Superheroes and Princesses?**" Key note speaker author Kevin McNeil. Register: <http://bit.ly/2tutZUV>. Free.

March 13-14, 2018, **Children's Advocacy Days**, War Memorial Auditorium. Contact: John.Rust@tn.gov.

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In the News

Tennessee Department of Education, **Drive to 55: Pathways to Postsecondary Tennessee**, <http://bit.ly/2xNZCxc>.

Galewitz, P, Kaiser Health News, **In Stark Contrast to ACA Plans, Premiums For Job-Based Coverage Show Modest Rise**, <http://bit.ly/2hmxLOo>.

Iasevoli, B., *Education Week*, **'Kindness Curriculum' Shown to Improve Grades and Relationship Skills**, <http://bit.ly/2xzEbzJ>.

Food Research and Action Center, **SNAP Map: SNAP Matters in Every State**, <http://bit.ly/2xoWVzQ>.

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Research Information

Corcoran, L., et al., National Center for Education Statistics Institute of Education Sciences, **Early Childhood Program Participation, Results from the National Household Education Surveys Program of 2016**, <http://bit.ly/2wjyd2y>.

Hafner, M. et al. *Rand Corporation*, **Later school start times in the U.S.**, <http://bit.ly/2fBVwOW>.

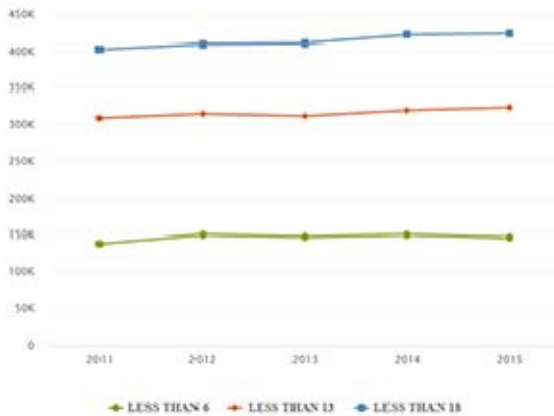
Sesame Street, **K is for Kind: A National Survey on Kindness and Kids**, <http://bit.ly/2fnBECf>.

L'Hote, E., et al., Frameworks Institute, **Beyond Awareness of Stigma: Moving Public Understanding to the Next Level**, <http://bit.ly/2xzGges>.

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Tennessee KIDS COUNT Facts

Children in Low-Income Working Families by Age

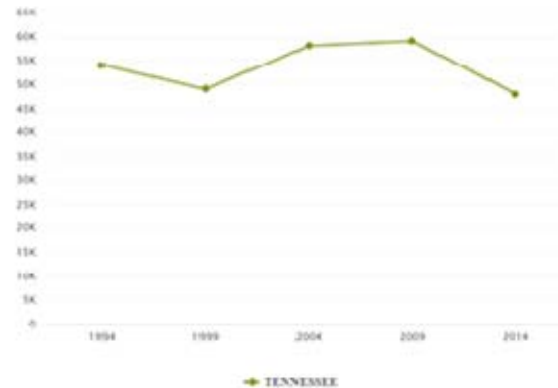


CHILDREN IN LOW-INCOME WORKING FAMILIES BY AGE GROUP: ALL (NUMBER)

National KIDS COUNT
KIDS COUNT Data Center, datacenter.kidscount.org
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<http://bit.ly/2xM3wq6>

Female-Headed Families Receiving Child Support



Note: Non-consecutive years appear adjacent in the trend line because one or more years have been deselected.

FEMALE-HEADED FAMILIES RECEIVING CHILD SUPPORT (NUMBER)

National KIDS COUNT
KIDS COUNT Data Center, datacenter.kidscount.org
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<http://bit.ly/2xwYpKZ>

More data on Tennessee child well-being are available at <http://bit.ly/15alkVu>.

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