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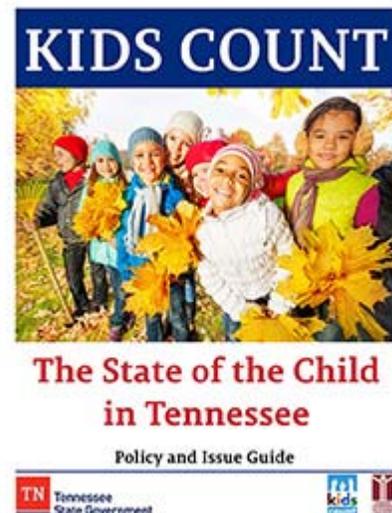


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TCCY's KIDS COUNT: The State of the Child in Tennessee Explores Challenges and Successes

The differing challenges faced by Tennessee's urban and rural counties, as well as those that are shared, are explored in *KIDS COUNT: The State of the Child in Tennessee*. This report, produced by the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, the Annie E. Casey Foundation Tennessee KIDS COUNT® partner, is released in conjunction with county profiles for all 95 Tennessee counties. The profiles include substantial county-level data and county ranks in important areas affecting child development: economic well-being, education, health and family, and community. The profiles also list county measures on 38 indicators.



KIDS COUNT: State of the Child in Tennessee, <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/tccy/kc/tccy-kcsoc19.html> or from a TCCY regional coordinator.

County Profiles: <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/tccy/kc/tccy-kcsoc/county-profiles.html>.

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Youth Transitions Advisory Council Releases Annual Report

The Youth Transitions Advisory Council was created to address the problems faced by youth who have been unable to get a "forever home" and age out of foster care. The Youth Transitions Advisory Council brings dedicated advocates together from all across the state who are developing and implementing new strategies to meet the challenges of engaging former foster youth as they make the critical transition from adolescence to adulthood.

Youth Transitions Advisory Council



This [report](#) outlines the work of the Youth Transitions Advisory Council as the members continue to develop strategies to assist these young adults as they prepare for success in the lives ahead of them. Included in this report are 10 recommendations for continued improvement in providing services to former foster youth.

[Youth Transitions Advisory Council 2019 Report.](#)

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November is National Adoption Awareness Month: "Youth Voices"



The month's theme for 2019 is "Youth Voices: Why Family Matters." The month's focus is to help children and youth in foster care find permanency in their community. The voices of older youth who still need stability and support are important, to increase awareness of and opportunities for adoption these older youth.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau, [National Adoption Month 2019.](#)

AdoptHelp, [9 Ways Adoptive Families Can Celebrate National Adoption Awareness Month.](#)

Ad Council, [At Home: Adoption from Foster Care.](#)

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Youth Voices Also Needed for Coalition for Juvenile Justice Committee

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice is taking [applications](#) for its [Emerging Leaders Committee](#). The coalition is seeking youth from across the United States who are driven to make a change in today's society and speak out for their peers. The committee meets by phone every month, and youth are paid for this time.

Anyone ages 16 to 24 who is passionate about reforming the juvenile justice system may become a member of the ELC. Youth with lived expertise, including those who are still involved with the system and those who are currently incarcerated, are encouraged to apply. A resume and a recommendation should be included in the application.

Apply [online](#) or contact armstrong@juvjustice.org by Nov. 22, 2019.

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Legislative News

Stockard, S., *Daily Memphian*, **Lamar finds compromise language for human trafficking victim bill**, <http://bit.ly/2MKo0qt>.

Allison, N., *Tennessean*, **Tennessee Has \$730 Million in Unused Block Grant Funds for Poor Working Families**, Oct. 23, 2019, <http://bit.ly/2Wku6kB>.

Allison, N., *Tennessean*, **Tennessee's \$730 Million Surplus for Helping the Working Poor: What to Know About the Families First Program**, Oct. 23, 2019, <http://bit.ly/2BQ9uXX>.

TCCY's [Budget Recommendations](#) for the Tennessee Fiscal Year 2021.

Tennessee General Assembly tool: [Find Your Legislator](#).

The **TCCY [Legislative Summary of Bills Enacted](#)** during the first year of the 111th General Assembly is available.

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Funding Information - Donor-Advised Funds Information

Donor Advised Funds. Individuals and families may donate to sponsoring organizations that manage funds donor advised funds. The donor gets the tax deduction for the donation at the time of donation and then recommends grants over time. The organization, a community foundation, for example, invests the donations and handles assets donated, which may include stock or real estate. Informed nonprofits can work with fund managers and donors to make the donation processes more effective. The National Philanthropic Trust sums up the concept, saying, "Give when you can. Grant when it's needed."

National Philanthropic Trust, [What is a Donor-Advised Fund \(DAF\)?](#)

McCambridge, R., *Nonprofit Quarterly*, [NPT Reports on Steep Growth of Grants from Its Donor-Assisted Funds?](#)

Nonprofit Quarterly, **Understanding Donor-Advised Funds and their Donors**, [on demand webinar](#).

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Update



Kylie Burns

TCCY wants to celebrate its interns. This year's interns are graduate students. Kylie Burns is completing her masters in Social Work with a concentration in Organizational Leadership at University of Tennessee. She is interested in policy, legislation and juvenile justice.

TCCY intern Kylan Hadley is completing her master's in Social Work. Kylan's concentration is Organizational Leadership. For the past six years she has worked for the United Methodist Church. She is passionate about the welfare of all children and youth in Tennessee. She plans to continue working in child advocacy and policy in the future.



Kylan Hadley

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Mark Your Calendar

TCCY lists relevant state and national events on its [website](#). TCCY sponsored events are listed here.

Nov. 4, **Mid-Cumberland Council on Children and Youth Legislative Breakfast**, William O. Beach Civic Hall, Clarksville. Information: Susan.Cope@tn.gov.

Nov. 5, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., **Northeast Council on Children and Youth** presents **Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking: "It Takes All of Us,"** Appalachian Community Federal Credit Union, 5034 Bobby Hicks Highway, Gray. Register at <http://bit.ly/2PtOhuR>.

Nov. 7, 1 p.m. to Nov. 8, 12 noon, **Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Meeting**, Beersheba Springs Assembly, 58 Hege Ave, Beersheba Springs. Contact: TCCY.Info@tn.gov.

Nov. 15, 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. EST, **Northeast Council on Children and Youth Annual Legislative Breakfast** and State of the Child presentation, Double Tree Hotel, 211 Mockingbird Lane, Johnson City. Speakers include Sherri Lawson, regional administrator, Tennessee Department of Children's Services. Register at <http://bit.ly/31UcwoH>.

Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Upper Cumberland Council on Children and Youth** presents **"Creating an Open & Affirming Culture of Care for LGBTQ+ Youth,"** Regional Health Building, 1100 England Dr., Cookeville. Speaker: Pam Sheffer, director, LGBTQ+ Programming and Development, Oasis Center, Nashville. Lunch included with registration. Please bring a canned food item for door prize entry. Information: (931) 646-0955 and Kristi.Paling@tn.gov. Register: <http://bit.ly/2NcJWJN>.

Nov. 22, 2019, 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. EST, **East Tennessee Council on Children and Youth Legislative Breakfast**, Bridgewater Place, Henley Hall, 205 Bridgewater Road, Knoxville. Program includes Knox Count Mayor, Judge Tim Irwin, and invited legislators. Register: <http://bit.ly/2N9Hsfp>.

Nov. 22, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., **South Central Council on Children and Youth 2019 Legislative Breakfast**, Crye Leike Event Center. Speakers: Rob Mortensen, CEO of TN Hospitality and Tourism

Association; and Steve Petty, youth policy advocate, TCCY. Breakfast provided by Camelot of Mid-South TN. Breakfast and registration begins at 9 a.m. Register: <http://bit.ly/33Adh7u>.

Dec. 6, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Northwest Council on Children and Youth presents **Stress and Humor Conference: "I Can't STRESS This Enough...Live Well, Laugh Often, Love Much,"** Boling University Center, Second Floor Ballroom, UT Martin. Speakers include comedian and father DJ Pryor; Preregister by contacting Dana.Cobb@tn.gov or 731-571-7271 by Nov. 22.

March 10-11, 2020, **Children's Advocacy Days**. Contact: John.Rust@tn.gov.

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In the News

TCCY news releases are available on TCCY's [website](#).

Newland, J., TCCY, **Roots and Wings** podcast. Latest issue focuses on Growing Up LGBTQ.

Herrin, J., *Cookeville Herald-Citizen*, **New Child Well-Being Report Focuses on Challenges for Putnam**, <http://bit.ly/2NciNGV>.

Gonzales, J., *Tennessean*, **The Number of Latino Kids in Tennessee Grew 267 percent over 17 Years, Report Says**, <http://bit.ly/2MNLds0>.

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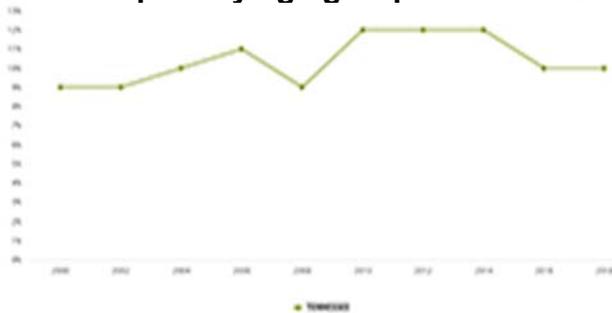
American Academy of Pediatrics, *Science Daily*, **Only half of US children get enough sleep during the week**, October 25, 2019, <http://bit.ly/32NFUON>.

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Tennessee KIDS COUNT Facts

URLs below graphics link to larger versions of each. More data on Tennessee child well-being is available at <http://bit.ly/15alkVu>.

Children in child welfare system who have been adopted by age group in Tennessee

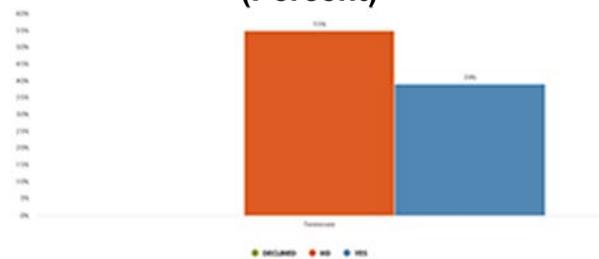


Children In Extreme Poverty (50 Percent Poverty) (Percent)

National KIDS COUNT
KIDS COUNT Data Center: datacenter.kidscount.org
A project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation

Also available: <http://bit.ly/2NdeQBN>.

Youth Age 21 Transitioning Out of Foster Who Had a Child in the Past Two Years (Percent)



Youth Transitioning Out Of Foster Care: Had A Child In The Past Two Years (Percent) - Age 21

National KIDS COUNT
KIDS COUNT Data Center: datacenter.kidscount.org
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Also available: <http://bit.ly/2WeUDzA>

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