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Children's Advocacy Days 2020: Compelling Conversations will be March 10-12 at War Memorial Auditorium. The 2020 theme is Compelling Conversations: from ideas to action.

Conversations with national, state and local advocates will enlighten Children's Advocacy Days participants about current issues important to child well-being. Talks will continue outlining ongoing efforts to build better structures to support it. These dialogues will stimulate action to address children's health and well-being issues.

More information on Children's Advocacy Days will be available at <http://bit.ly/2vwneaz> and on TCCY's [Facebook page](#). [Children's Advocacy Days](#) online registration is available.

TCCY Seeks Nominations for Children's Advocacy Days Awards

Among the awards to be given out during the 2020 Children's Advocacy Days are the [Jim Pryor Youth Advocacy Award](#), for a child advocate, and the [Youth Excellence Award](#), for youth who have been in contact with the juvenile court system and are now giving back to their communities. A link to the nomination forms is also online at the [Children's Advocacy Days page](#).

Black History Month



February is the month selected to shed light on African American contributions long left out of history textbooks. The month's origins stretch back to 1926, and it continues to be an opportunity to recognize well-known researchers such as [Kenneth and Mamie Clark](#), whose research underpinned the Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling that segregation was unconstitutional, as well as the less well-known [Charles Henry Turner](#) (1867-1923), a pioneer in comparative psychology.

The need to elevate discussion of the successes of African-American citizens continues, as the aftereffects of slavery and segregation still constrain opportunities for minority children. This month as a nation we look to the accomplishments of the past, the realities of the present and plans for a brighter future.

National Library and Archives, ***African American History***, <http://bit.ly/3aIZuzY>.

Smithsonian, National Museum of African American History and Culture, **Knowing the Past Opens the Door to the Future: The Continuing Importance of Black History Month**, <https://s.si.edu/36F9yqJ>.

KIDS COUNT Data Center, **Tennessee Indicators by Race and Ethnicity**, <http://bit.ly/2RSXj4i>.

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Administrative Advocacy

Administrative advocacy is the efforts to influence rule making and implementation. It takes place at all levels of government but may be best known at the federal level. Administrative advocacy includes:

- Commenting on proposed rules or regulations.
- Requesting enforcement of existing regulations.
- Advocating for or against executive orders.
- Representing parties in administrative hearings.

Advocates in Tennessee participated in administrative advocacy last year when the state released its plan to change TennCare, its Medicaid program, to a block grant. The Legislature passed, and the governor signed, a law calling for the change. TennCare staff then created a proposal to send to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Comments about the state's proposed plan were solicited from the public when the state agency released it in September prior to its submission. TennCare submitted a modified plan on Nov. 20 after receiving the comments. Advocates later had the opportunity to submit comments to the federal government. The

Harvard Law School, **Administrative Advocacy**, <http://bit.ly/31sfmTI>.

Wilke, S., CLASP, **Using Administrative Advocacy to Improve Access to Public Benefits**, <http://bit.ly/365gvB0>.

Center for Effective Government, **Impact of Administrative Advocacy Online**, <http://bit.ly/2u6p8xY>.

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Educational Opportunities: Quality Counts 2020: Tennessee Shows Improvement

The 2020 evaluation of education in the nation and states, compiled annually by *Education Week* magazine, includes a look at how schools contribute to students' opportunities for success. The report, *Quality Counts 2020: Chance for Success*, grades Tennessee with a "C" and a rank of 39th among the 50 states. The grades are based on 13 indicators called the "Chance for Success Index. Tennessee was recognized as the third most improved state, with a score of 75.6, 3.7 points higher than in 2008. Tennessee gained on measures of parental education and employment and both fourth grade reading and eighth grade math.

The magazine will release two more Quality Counts reports in June and September later this year.

Education Week, **Quality Counts 2020: Chance for Success** (Subscription), Jan. 21, 2020, <http://bit.ly/37n5dJC>.

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Legislative News

Gov. Lee revealed his budget and priorities during the annual State of the State. [The text is available here.](#) [The video is here.](#)

Current Budget Documents: FY 2020-2021 Budget Vol. I FY20-2021 Vol. II

Current Budget Overviews and Presentations: Overview Commissioners Presentation

The **Sycamore Institute** budget process analysis, **Tennessee State Budget Primer.**

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 and Support Information

The **US Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention** has announced funding opportunities with applications due in March: [Victims of Child Abuse Act Training and Technical Assistance](#); [Missing and Exploited Children Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) and [National Gang Center](#).

Applications for the following programs are due by April 6, 2020. [Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program Support](#) and [Enhancing Juvenile Indigent Defense](#)

More information on [OJJDP funding](#) is available.

Chow, B. and Levine, R.E., Nonprofit Quarterly, **How Much Should I Ask for? 10 Points of Consideration for Foundation Grantees**, Jan. 23, 2020, <http://bit.ly/2RQNzYt>.

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Update



Philyaw

Judge Robert Philyaw, Hamilton County Juvenile Court judge, has been appointed by Gov. Lee to serve on the Commission. In 2015, Legal Aid of East Tennessee awarded Judge Philyaw the Chief Justice William M. Barker Equal Access to Justice Award. Judge Philyaw was awarded the McCain-Abernathy Memorial Award by the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Law Judges in 2019. Philyaw has been married to Dr. Kathy C. Philyaw, a pediatrician, since 1988.

Mark Your Calendar

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

Feb. 5, 10 a.m. CST, **Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth-Budget and Data Committee**, Andrew Jackson Bldg., 9th Fl, 502 Deaderick, Nashville.
Contact Jennifer.N.Jones@tn.gov.

Feb. 10, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., **Mid-Cumberland Council on Children and Youth** and Child Advocacy Center for the 23rd District host **Building Strong Brains: Tennessee's ACEs Initiative**, Dickson County Family YMCA, 225 Henslee Dr., Dickson. Light breakfast sponsored by MCCY; lunch at 12 p.m., CAC 23rd District. Register: <http://bit.ly/2uvOXr8>.

Feb. 11, 10 a.m., CST, **Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Councils Committee**, Andrew Jackson Bldg., 9th Fl., 502 Deaderick St., Nashville.
Contact Jennifer.N.Jones@tn.gov.

Feb. 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., **Council on Children's Mental Health**, Family and Children's Services Honey Alexander Center, 2400 Clifton Ave, Nashville. Contact: Melissa.McGee@tn.gov.

Feb. 14, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., **Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Juvenile Justice Committee**, Andrew Jackson Bldg., 9th Fl., Nashville. Contact: Jennifer.N.Jones@tn.gov.

Feb. 20-21, **Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth meeting**.
Contact: Jennifer.N.Jones@tn.gov.

Feb. 20, 8:45 a.m. to 12 p.m., UT Martin Social Work Program and the **Northwest Council on Children and Youth** present "**Life in the State of Poverty**" training, UT Martin Boling University Center Ballroom. This poverty simulation allows participants a glimpse into the structural barriers of poverty. Registration: <http://bit.ly/37nrXt2>. Volunteers with experience as participants in earlier poverty simulations are needed. Contact: amclean@utm.edu or dana.cobb@tn.gov.

Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. CST, **Mid-Cumberland Council on Children and Youth** presents "**Engaging Our Communities in Census 2020 and Legislative Update**," Family and Children's Service, 2400 Clifton Ave., Nashville. Census 2020 training begins at 1 p.m., and TCCY Legislative Update training begins at 1 p.m. Register: <http://bit.ly/2NXcDf5>.

Feb. 28, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., **East Tennessee Council on Children and Youth** presents "**How to Use Consequences that Teach Not Punish**," Jubilee Center Way, Knoxville, with presenter Matthew Portell, principal of Nashville' Fall-Hamilton Elementary School and facilitator for Paradigm Shift Education. Co-sponsored with Camelot and approved for 2.0 CEUs by NASW-TN. [Registration](#) required. Space is limited.

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**. New issues spotlight the expansion of Governor's Books from Birth Foundation to the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation and Mental Health and Youth.

Joseph, J., *Tennessean*, **Legislation Can Help Improve the Oral Health of Tennessee Children**, Jan. 16, 2020, <http://bit.ly/30GO9vX>.

Menn, J., Reuters, **Internet Nonprofit Leaders Fight Deal to Sell Control of .org Domain**, Jan. 7, 2020, <https://reut.rs/36lfGnP>.

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Research Information

Podesta, K., Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Office of Research and Education Accountability, **Opioid Prescribing Patterns and Prescriber Discipline in Tennessee**, January 2020, <http://bit.ly/39bsFKu>.

Pellegrin, M., Sycamore Institute, **2018 Income, Poverty, Education and Insurance Coverage in Tennessee's 95 Counties: Latest Data Show Mixed Progress & Persistent Rural-Urban Differences**, <http://bit.ly/3ahObi2>.

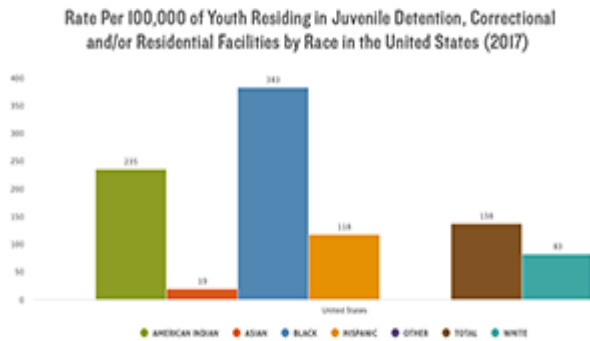
Washington State University Vancouver, Annie E. Casey Foundation, **In-Depth Case Studies of Authentic Youth Engagement in Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative Sites** (including Tennessee DCS), <http://bit.ly/2RWdnCv>.

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Tennessee KIDS COUNT Facts

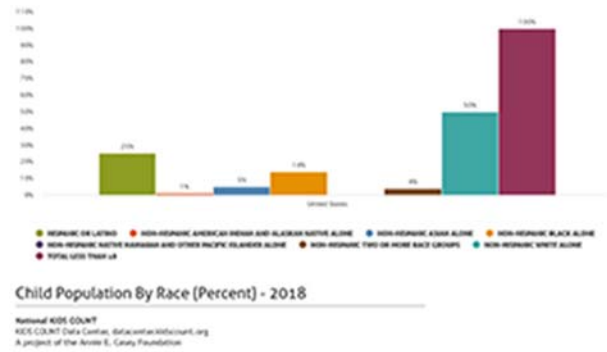
URLs below graphics link to larger versions of each. More data on Tennessee child well-being is available at <http://bit.ly/15alkVu>.

Rates per 100,000 of Race of Youth in Juvenile Detention



Also available: <http://bit.ly/38tlaNC>

US Child Population by Race Percent



Also available: <http://bit.ly/3ayluxh>.

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