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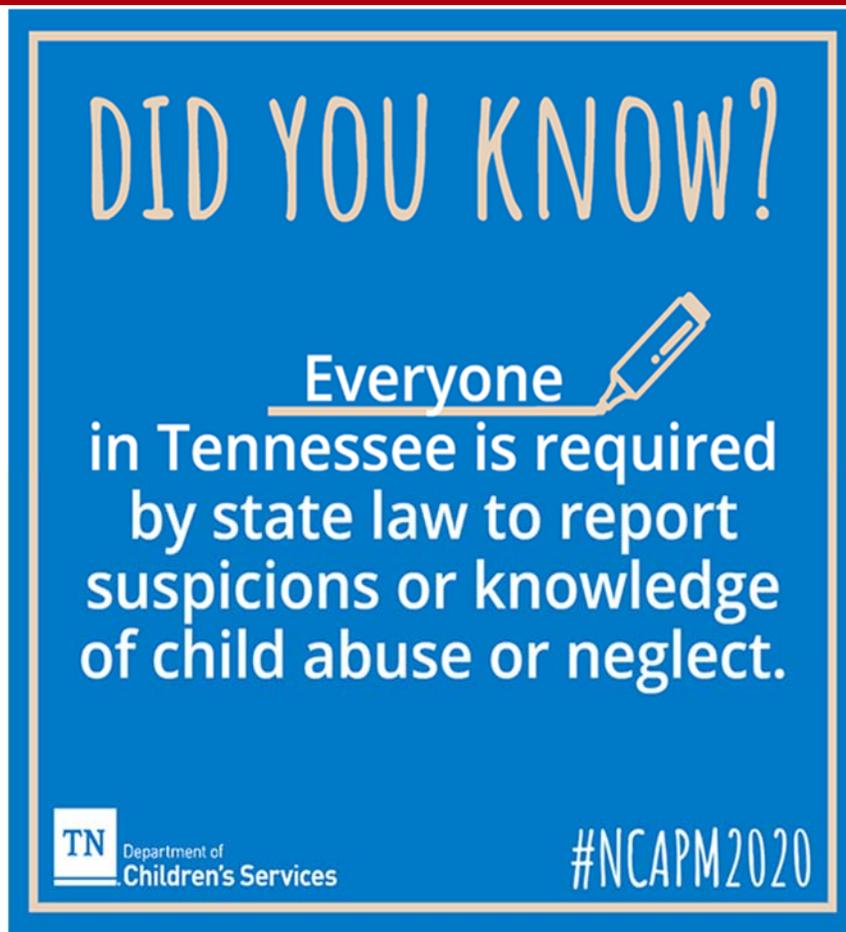
The coronavirus pandemic continues to devastate our state and nation. The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth continues to provide updated information about resources to advocates. TCCY has compiled a [list of coronavirus resources in Tennessee](#).

TCCY is sharing strategies for families on its Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/tccyonfb](http://www.facebook.com/tccyonfb).

[kidcentral tn](#) continues to be the best source of information about state services and child development for families with children through its website, <https://www.kidcentraltn.com/>, and Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/kidcentraltn/>.

The [Governor's Office](#) is constantly updating **coronavirus information**.

The Tennessee Department of Education is collecting information on how CARES Act one-time, relief funds should be spent. The money is spent on mitigating the impact of school closures due to COVID-19. More information is available in this [Chalkbeat article](#). The [DOE survey](#) may be completed online.



April is **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. Many Tennesseans are working to do what we can to address the impact of social isolation and stress, which are risk factors for child abuse. A drop in child abuse reports has been attributed to the closure of schools where teachers report concerns with children, but experts worry about a rise in domestic violence and abuse.

Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee (PCAT) has launched a new program, **Nurture TN**, a text based mentoring program for new parents. Information is available at <https://www.pcat.org/nurturetn> or by contacting [Jennifer.vaida@pcat.org](mailto:Jennifer.vaida@pcat.org).

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DCS encourages everyone to be vigilant and call the **Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline** (1-877-237-0004) to report suspected child abuse or neglect. Citizens can also report child abuse online at <https://apps.tn.gov/carat/>.

End Violence Against Children, **Protecting Children During the Covid-19 Outbreak**, <https://bit.ly/2UXtBNc>.

## Mental Health Resources

Tennesseans looking for help adjusting to social isolation and restriction of movement can turn to the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for resources.

A Governor's Executive Order on coronavirus allow persons who have completed a master's degree or doctoral degree in a field required for a license to diagnose or treat behavioral or mental health disorders or conditions without a license and through use of telemedicine services as long as they are supervised by a person licensed under Title 63 with authorization to diagnose a behavioral or mental health condition.

**System of Care Across Tennessee**, COVID-19 Resources, <https://socacrosstn.org/topics/covid-19-articles/>.

TDMHSAS, **Information for Providers, Consumers, and Families**, <https://bit.ly/3drpykv>.

[TDMHSAS Faith Based Resource COVID-19 Information](#).

Ponte, K., NAMI, **Coronavirus: Mental Health Coping Strategies**, <https://bit.ly/2X8hWOi>.

CDC, **Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19**, <https://bit.ly/3aL94C4>.

## Resources for Nonprofits

Communities rely on nonprofit agencies to address community problems. Nonprofits face many of the same problems all other businesses face due to social distancing rules. Two national sources of information for nonprofits are the [Nonprofit Quarterly](#) and the [National Council of Nonprofits](#). The [National Association of Social Workers](#) also has resources for dealing with the coronavirus.

Dubb, S., *Nonprofit Quarterly*, **This Is Not a Test: Philanthropy and Nonprofits in the 2020 Economic Shutdown**, <https://bit.ly/2JHyogd>.

Nonprofit Quarterly, **Cutting Through the Jargon: How the CARES Act Works for Nonprofits**, <https://bit.ly/2woPufY>.

Nonprofit Quarterly, **How Nonprofits Can Utilize the New Federal Laws Dealing with COVID-19**, <https://bit.ly/2Um8qVZ>.

National Council of Nonprofits, **Nonprofits and Coronavirus, COVID-19**, <https://bit.ly/2w4kYbd>.

CDC Foundation, **Covid-19 Guidelines for Nonprofits**, <https://bit.ly/2yjjio1C>.

## ACEs Webinars

Now is a good time to learn more about Adverse Childhood Experiences. TCCY webinars are on the [TCCY YouTube page](#).

**Trauma-Informed Schools**, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81e1KthyTI&t=497s>.

Creating a **Trauma-Informed Juvenile Court**, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zt--uxKkqoY&t=1061s>.

**Community Health Assessments and ACEs**, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NvHpLc9fkW0&t=10s>.

**Roadmap to Resilience Webinar**, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r02K5oB5V-g>.

Creating a **Trauma-Informed Community System of Care**, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3IS9j12lqw&t=1793s>.

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## Legislative News

The 111th Tennessee General Assembly will continue on its recess until Monday June 1, 2020.

Gov. Lee has created a web site for information on the state's response to covid-19. <https://www.tn.gov/governor/covid-19.html>.

Pellegrin, M., Sycamore Institute, [What Will the Coronavirus Recession Mean for Tennessee's Budget?](#)

[Lexis-Nexis Legal Publishing](#) is compiling a resource on coronavirus legislative and regulatory actions. [Tennessee information](#) includes pending legislation.

The **Sycamore Institute** analysis of the preliminary budget, [Summary of the FY 2121 Preliminary Budget](#).

**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

A [group of foundations](#) has pledged to alter their giving programs to address the coronavirus crisis, including relaxing restrictions on current grants.

McCambridge, R., *Nonprofit Quarterly*, **A Growing Group of Foundations Pledge No “Business as Usual” with COVID-19**, <https://bit.ly/2x2i2w1>.

Candid, **Funds for coronavirus relief**, <https://bit.ly/2JABz9B>.

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## Update

TCCY staff are working from home and all events are canceled until at least April 24.



**Rust**

TCCY wishes **John Rust**, its former director of field operations, well as he begins his job as director of community outreach at Covenant Church in Cookeville.

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## Mark Your Calendar

Responding to public health directives, TCCY has canceled meetings and trainings through April. Information about other canceled [events](#) is on TCCY's website.

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## In the News

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

Roberson, S.K., *The (Nashville) Tennessean*, **Victims of domestic violence need our help even more in coronavirus outbreak**, March 26, 2020, <https://bit.ly/2xEAef2>.

Yusuf, O., *Daily Memphian*, **Coronavirus forces adjustments by community development groups**, March 31, 2020, <https://bit.ly/2R2EvA5>.

McDowell, R. and Mason, M., Associated Press, **Kids under threat: Virus hitting juvenile detention centers**, <https://bit.ly/2XbYOz1>.

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## Research Information

The **Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME)**, an independent population health research center at UW Medicine, part of the University of Washington, current projections of the COVID-19 virus nationally and by state. These projections will be in a constant state of flux (daily and weekly) as each individual state and federal agencies adjust their strategies. <https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections>.

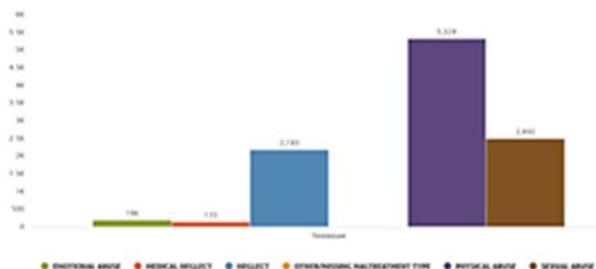
Prosperity Now Scorecard, **The Unequal Impact of the Covid-19 Crisis on Households' Financial Stability: Who Is Most Likely to Be Immediately Hurt and Why**, <https://bit.ly/39S6wB1>.

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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>.

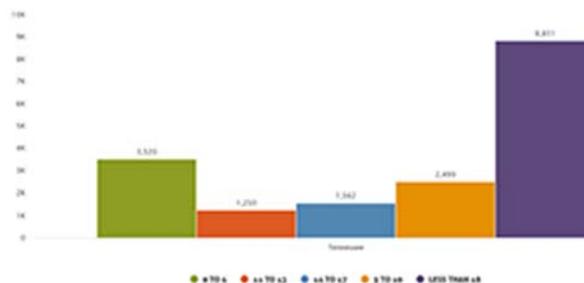
## TN Child Maltreatment by Type



Children Who Are Confirmed By Child Protective Services As Victims Of Maltreatment By Maltreatment Type (Number) - 2017

Also available: <https://bit.ly/2w387pH>.

## TN Victims of Maltreatment by Age



Children Who Are Confirmed By Child Protective Services As Victims Of Maltreatment By Age Group (Number) - 2017

Also available: <https://bit.ly/2UPR2I5>.

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