

TCCY Social Media Comment Policy

The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) encourages public interaction and communication about the content we post on social media accounts. However, this does not imply that TCCY or Tennessee state government agrees with or accepts the content, opinions, or views expressed within any public comment. While social media accounts provide an open forum, we expect conversations to be courteous and appropriate in relation to the subject matter of the post. Please remember you are fully responsible for the content of your comments.

TCCY does not discriminate against any views but reserves the right to monitor, hide and delete comments as set forth herein. Contact our Director of Media Relations at 615-291-5826 as situations arise that may require the monitoring or removal of comments posted on or to a TCCY social media site.

TCCY reserves the discretion to delete or not allow comments that target specific individuals or groups, are commercial in nature, are abusive or are similarly unacceptable, to include comments that contain:

- Abusive, vulgar, violent, obscene, profane, hateful or racist communication;
- Personal or obscene attacks of any kind;
- Offensive terms targeting individuals or groups;
- Libelous, slanderous or defamatory statements;
- Threatening, harassing, or sexually explicit communication;
- Comments deemed inappropriate or offensive by TCCY staff
- Links to any site;
- Suggestions or encouragement of illegal activity;
- Multiple successive off-topic posts by a single user or repetitive posts copied and pasted by multiple users, or spam;
- Unsolicited proposals or other business ideas or inquiries;
- Promotion or endorsement of commercial services, products, or entities; or
- Pictures, gifs, memes that depict or represent any of the above.

TCCY also reserves the right to turn off the ability to make comments on any of its social media pages.

To protect your privacy, please do not include any personal information in your comment that could be used to identify you.

Please be respectful of others. Do not abuse your access to TCCY social media pages. Repeat violators of these guidelines risk being blocked from commenting on all TCCY social media pages.

Public Records Law -- Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-503

Agency social media sites are subject to applicable public records laws. Any content maintained in a social media format related to agency business, including communication posted by the

Agency and communication received from citizens, is a public record. The Agency maintaining the site is responsible for responding completely and accurately to any public records request for social media content.