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## A Season of Advocacy; Inspiring Action



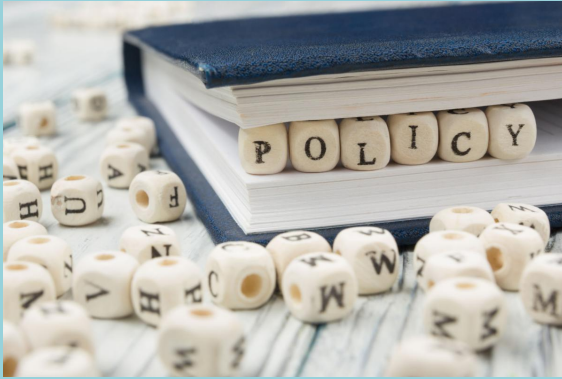
Welcome to the December, 2024 issue of The Advocate! As we embrace the spirit of the holiday season, we are reminded of the power of collective advocacy to bring hope and change to children and families in need. This year we witnessed incredible work to strengthen family support systems, but our work is far from over. As we reflect on the work of the last year we also look ahead with renewed determination to inspire action and build brighter futures for children and families in Tennessee.

## Legislative Updates

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## Children and Youth Articles



Tennessee passed several laws in 2024 that impact children and families. These include; SB1690, SB1738, SB2749, and SB1834 to name a few. Head to TCCY's [website](#) to track legislative updates in Tennessee.

Federally, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Children's Bureau works to keep track of laws and policies that impact children and families while providing guidance to states and child welfare agencies on the complex and varied federal laws as they relate to child welfare.

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Tennesseans for Quality Early Education, or TQEE, recently launched a new initiative to provide parenting tips, news, and information to support the parenting journey while highlighting resources from across the state. Check out their new site; [TennesseeParent.org](#) and share it with all of the parents and guardians in your life!

Explore Now



As we celebrate the spirit of



By putting books directly in the

giving this holiday season, let's not forget our fellow Tennesseans still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Helene. Many families continue to struggle to rebuild their lives. Your support can make a lasting difference, providing essential resources, comfort, and hope to those who need it most. Together we can show the true strength of Tennessee's communities, consider lending a helping hand and ensuring no family feels forgotten this holiday season.

[Hurricane Helene Updates](#)

hands of kids, the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation is breaking barriers to literacy and opening doors to brighter futures. This success is a reminder that everyday actions can lead to big change. Click the button to read, "Tennessee's Success in Accessible Family Engagement: The GELF Case Study." Click the picture to head to the GELF web site. Whether it's donating books, volunteering to read in schools, or supporting local literacy programs, we all have the power to foster a love of reading in our own communities!

[Case Study](#)



Founded in 2009, the Oasis Bike Workshop is a year-round, earn-a-bike program that empowers Nashville's youth with alternative transportation and maintenance skills. Since its inception, more than 5,000 students have rolled out of the workshop doors on bikes they rebuilt and customized while learning critical thinking skills and the rules of the road. Great job to the organizers, instructors and volunteers who continue to pour into our state and community's youth!

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## Mental Health Resources

[TN Partners for](#)

[TDMHSAS Mental Health](#)

[988 Hotline](#)

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## Calendar of Events

**Friday, December 6** - SETCCY Legislative Breakfast - Family Justice Center, 5705 Uptain Rd. Chattanooga, TN., 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Thursday, December 12** - Young Child Wellness Council - Hybrid Event, in Person at MNP West Precinct, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Thursday, December 12** - Youth Justice Council - Downtown Nashville Library, Room CR1-A, 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN. 12:00 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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