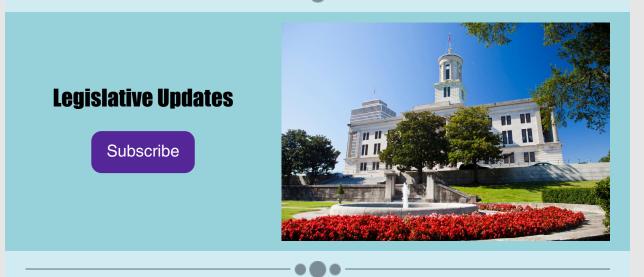
# **THE ADVOCATE**

## **Empowering Professionals, Strengthening Families**



TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

> Welcome to the November, 2024 issue of The Advocate! This month's newsletter will focus on providing child and family professionals with tools and knowledge needed to make a meaningful impact, specifically for children in foster care. From curated academic articles to practical resources, this edition is designed to empower you with research, best practices, innovative strategies and upcoming educational opportunities. As we move into the season of giving, we hope these resources inspire confidence, connection, and strength in your work with families!



### **Children and Youth Articles**



The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth provides consistent data surrounding youth in foster care. It's also beneficial to understand how Tennessee children fare compared to the rest of the United States. Click the button to learn about the state of foster care in the U.S. and what you can do.

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You've likely heard about the State's, "Every Child TN" Initiative that launched in late August. Did you know it brought together more than two dozen organizations and non profits who work with children in foster care? Every Child TN mobilizes all Tennesseans to care for children, youth, and families before, during, and after foster care. The new web site is a wonderful resource for those looking to get involved. Click the button to surf the pages and get involved!

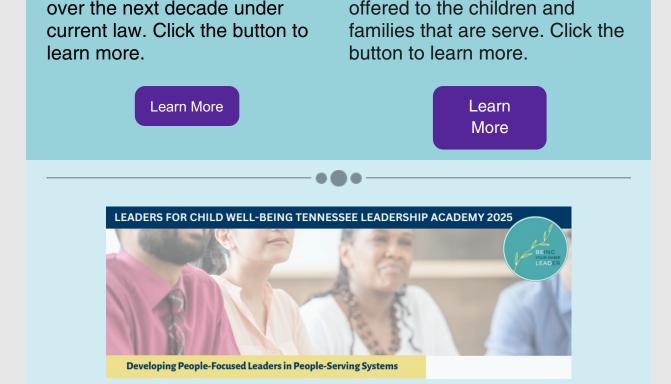
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Public spending on children typically indicates an effort to invest in the future. A recent study by the Urban Institute reveals how public expenditures shifted after the pandemic and how federal expenditures on children are projected to unfold



ChildcareTennessee focuses on collaborative opportunities in Tennessee's child care centers' administrative, programmatic, and operational services. The partnership's goal is to improve the quality, accessibility and sustainability of the services



For the past two years the Tennessee Commission on Children & Youth has sponsored a Leadership Academy committed to developing leaders in the childserving system across Tennessee. Graduates have enthusiastically expressed how much they have grown both personally and professionally, while creating lasting relationships with their fellow leaders.

We're excited to announce the addition of two sponsors for the upcoming 2025 Leadership Academy, the Association of Infant Mental Health in Tennessee (AIMHiTN) and Centerstone. Their generous contribution, along with TCCY's ongoing support, makes it possible to continue developing child-serving leaders across the state.

The 2025 Leaders for Child Well-Being Tennessee Leadership Academy is an intensive and dynamic experience designed for emerging and established leaders in child-serving organizations. What sets this experience apart is a focus on developing the leader within and creating a positive ripple effect throughout organizations and communities, all with the commitment to improving outcomes for Tennessee's children and youth.

Space is limited, and the selection process is highly competitive. *Applications are due* Friday, November 15, 2024.

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The Youth Transitions Advisory Council brings dedicated advocates together from across the state who are developing and implementing new strategies to meet the challenges of engaging former foster youth and other young adults as they make the critical transition from adolescence to adulthood. The 2024 Youth Transitions Advisory Council Report was just released, click the link to read the full report.

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## **Mental Health Resources**

TN Partners for Health	TDMHSAS Mental Health Services	988 Hotline
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## **Calendar of Events**

**Thursday, November 7** - TCCY Commission Meeting and Retreat -Pickwick Landing State Park

Thursday, November 14 - Home Visiting Leadership Alliance - Lentz Public

Health Center, Nashville TN, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Friday, November 15** - Northwest Council Fall Conference and Provider Fair-UT Martin's Boling University Center, 2nd floor ballroom, Martin, TN, 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.

**Friday, November 15** - ETCCY's Five Protective Factors in Child Welfare Prevention - Calhoun's on the River, Knoxville, TN 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Thursday, November 21** - Council on Children's Mental Health Quarterly Meeting - Ed Jones Auditorium at Ellington Ag Center, Nashville, TN.



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