



THE ADVOCATE

Safe, stable, nurturing relationships create **positive childhood experiences.**

February is **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month**

THE ADVOCATE
WISHING YOU A HAPPY VALENTINE'S
FEBRUARY
2023



LOVE

  **TN COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & YOUTH**

National Tell a Fairytale Day (2/26)

Nothing expands a child's **imagination** like a riveting story! Find a cozy place to curl up and go on your next adventure to celebrate.

Research Links:

The Positive Impacts of Fairy Tales for Children

National Missing Persons Day (2/3)

Every day in the United States, approximately 2,300 people are reported missing. This day encourages you to stay vigilant, share their names, photos and bring them home to their families.

Research Links:

Applying Machine Learning & Data Fusion to Finding Missing Persons

Using Blockchain & AI to Improve Quality of Search & Rescue

Staying Safe on the Web

National Safer Internet Day is the 13th day of February. This a good opportunity to have discussions with friends and family about **cybersecurity** and how to **protect your information.**

Research Links:

Children & Cybersecurity Awareness

Social Media Safety

Teen Dating

As parents, it can be an exciting, yet daunting, time in life to watch your kiddo grow up - especially when it comes to dating. Holding **safety conversations and space** for your teen to express their thoughts is necessary to ensuring **safe dating practices**.

Research Links:

Technology & Adolescent Dating

The Great Decline in Adolescent Risk Behaviours



Positive Childhood Experiences among Tennesseans in 2021

The future prosperity of Tennessee depends on its ability to foster the health and well-being of the next generation. **Healthy child development is the foundation for economic productivity, responsible citizenship, and lifelong health**—all elements of a strong community and healthy economy.

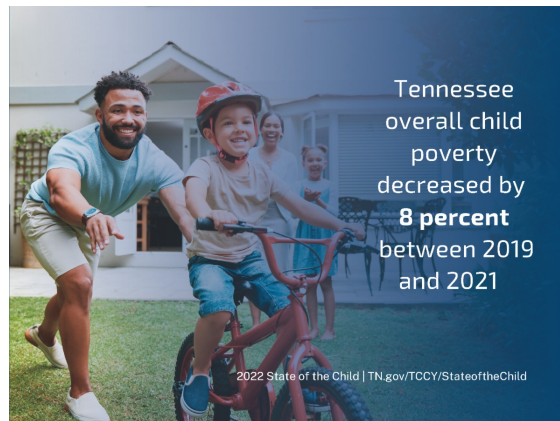
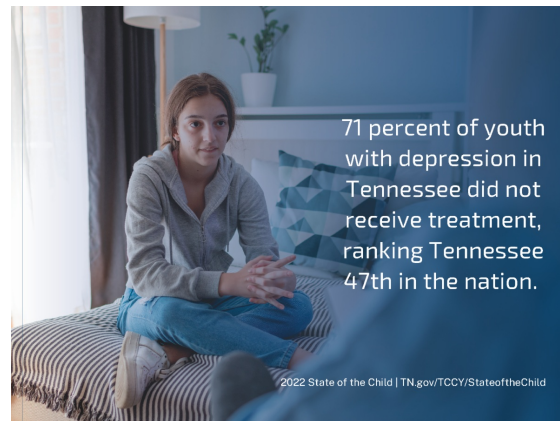
Check Out the Fact Sheet

State of the Child Annual Report 2022

The *State of the Child* report examines post-pandemic indicators of well-being to evaluate **how Tennessee children are doing, what supports have worked and how we can continue to invest in programs that improve outcomes for all children, youth and families.**

As with many children across the nation, **Tennessee's children saw declines in their mental health and educational outcomes over the last two years.** The report also shows many parents continue to struggle to find care for their young children.

Highlights:



Learn More About State of the Child

Children's Advocacy Days 2023 Coming March 2023!

ANNUAL
2023

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS

**RAY STEVENS
CABARAY SHOWROOM**

 LIVE MUSICAL
PERFORMANCE

 SPEAKERS &
PRESENTERS

 CATERED FOOD &
DRINKS

REGISTER NOW

 CAD2023.EVENTBRITE.COM



SAVE THE DATE



**7-8
MARCH**
8AM- 4:30PM
8AM-NOON

the best event
OF THE YEAR

Come join the TN Commission on Children & Youth for two exciting days celebrating **Children's Advocacy Days** with the theme focusing on **musical movements within our communities**. Catering will be provided, as well as a live musical performance and an outstanding lineup of speakers. We can't wait for you to join us for CAD 2023!

Visit our [website](#) for more details.

**Register for CAD
'23**



[Girls Leadership Summit](#)

Click the title to register! Learn more about Rise Up by clicking the logo below.



Calendar Events & Meetings:

Tuesday, February 7, 1-2PM (CST): TCCY Regional Council Committee - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Thursday, February 9, 11AM-2PM (CST): HVLA Meeting - [Click here to join the meeting](#) or Metro Public Health Dept. 2500 Charlotte Ave. Centennial Room B (Lentz)

Friday, February 10, 10-11AM (CST): TCCY Youth Justice Committee - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Friday, February 10, 1-2PM (CST): TCCY Budget & Data Committee - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Thursday, February 16, 1-4PM (CST): TCCY All-Staff Meeting (William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower (310 Rosa L Parks Ave, Nashville, TN 37219 Conference Room D) & Staff Pictures (Tennessee Tower, 3rd floor, Suite 3.360, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, Tn. 37243-1102)

Friday, February 17, 8:30AM-1PM (CST): TCCY Commission Meeting - Lentz Public Health Center (2500 Charlotte Ave, Nashville, TN 37209)

Monday, February 20: President's Day - All State Offices Closed

Children, Youth, & Family
Resources

Reducing
Stigma

988
Hotline



Concerning Trends in U.S. Teen Death Rates

July 26, 2022

The tragic reality is that too many young people are dying from preventable causes every day, including homicides, accidents and suicides — and the latest data in the KIDS COUNT® Data Center show that the **overall teen death rate is on the rise, after decades of declining**. This blog post breaks down recent trends on preventable deaths among teens.

Preparing for Life After High School

While college or university is a foregone conclusion for a lot of people, others aren't so sure about continuing on with school. Maybe their high school grades aren't up to par, or maybe they're worried about tuition costs. Maybe they want to spend time working in a job that doesn't require a higher degree while they figure things out. Or maybe they want to serve in the military, where they might also have promising career options. Here's a **short guide** on possible roads to take, with **tips on how to make the most of each journey**.

