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Gear up for Autumn



Welcome to our September newsletter, where you can find topics related to current events in Tennessee. Learn what happened during two weeks of special sessions that ended on 8/29. Find resources and tips about how to talk to your kids about gun violence. Learn the best ways to help the children and families impacted by the devastating fires in Lahaina and finally, read about a study that investigates the connection between ACE's and mental, physical health during COVID-19.

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Children and Youth Articles



In the spring, Governor Bill Lee announced a special session to further the discussion and allow legislators to take action on public safety and preserving constitutional rights.

The special session began on August, 21 and ended on August, 29 with legislators passing four bills. Read about which bills were passed and the events that took place during the two week session.

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When there's gun violence in your community, or in the world at large, it's normal for kids to worry that it might happen to them or someone they love. You may wonder how to talk with your child about it and what's okay to say.

Click the button to find tips that can help you figure out the when, where and how surrounding a tough topic that's impacting more children every year.

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In a recent study, researchers investigated whether changes in sleep quality, physical health, and mental health reported across the initial COVID-19 wave were related to adverse childhood experiences or ACE's.

The study also investigated whether the relationship was influenced by social assets such as having trusted family members and friends.

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Thousands of children and families in Maui have been impacted by the deadly fires in Lahaina, Hawaii. The death toll keeps climbing and more than a hundred community members are still missing.

Unfortunately, during times of tragedy, scams are all too easy to fall into for folks looking to help. Find the right organizations to make donations to as the Lahaina community works to begin healing after this devastating tragedy.

[Help Victims of the Lahaina Fire](#)

If you'd like to help the children and families impacted by Hurricane Idalia, click the button to find reputable organizations who are working to assist those victims.

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The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) renews its recommendation that all children ages 6 months and older receive a flu vaccine this fall to prevent severe illness.

Children younger than 5 years, especially those younger than 2 years, and children with certain underlying medical conditions are particularly vulnerable.

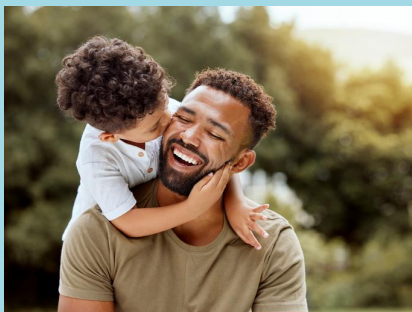
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"Amplifying Fatherhood" is the theme for the first-ever Tennessee Fatherhood Conference, hosted by the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

It is a statewide event to bring awareness around the issues and challenges surrounding fatherhood including, but not limited to, family relationships, paternity establishment, child support, healthy co-parenting, and self-sufficiency.

Be Inspired by Nature!



Calendar of Events

Friday, Sept. 8 - "The Unseen Victims of Trafficking: Recognizing and Responding to Boys Who Experience Human Trafficking": **Jubilee Banquet Facility, 6700 Jubilee Center Way, Knoxville, TN, 8:30 a.m. - noon EST**

Tuesday, Sept. 19 - Youth Suicide Prevention for Advocates: **3515 Bristol Highway Johnson City, TN 37601, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. EST**

Thursday, Sept. 21 - Council on Children's Mental Health Quarterly Meeting: **Tennessee State Library and Archives, 1001 Rep. John Lewis way N. Nashville, TN 37219, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. CST**

Thursday, Sept. 28 - Young Child Wellness Council - **Nashville Metro West Police Precinct, 5500 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, TN, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. CST**

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