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Child Abuse Prevention Month

Perhaps some day we will not need Child Abuse Prevention Month. Perhaps when brain science and the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences become our shared understanding, we will not need to focus on prevention. We are working hard to reach that goal, and efforts to share information with parents and build support for home visiting and other supportive programs are part of Child Abuse Prevention Month efforts to get us there.

US Department of Health and Human Services, **National Child Abuse Prevention Month 2017:**
<http://1.usa.gov/1V6apqP>.

Tennessee Child Abuse Prevention Month Events: <http://bit.ly/2ozReJF>.

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Another Children's Advocacy Days Soars into the Horizon

TCCY has stored away supplies from this year's Children's Advocacy Days and is studying participants' evaluations to aid planning for next year. First Lady Crissy Haslam kicked off her sixth appearance at the event with a concise overview of the material to come on brain science and parental involvement. Space and Rocket Center CEO Dr. Deborah Barnhart inspired the Mars generation:

<http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/tccy/attachments/CAD-DB-USSRC-17.pdf>.



Panels of the commissioners of child serving agencies and representatives of agencies addressing ACEs expanded the knowledge about the work going on in Tennessee.

Dr. Linda Mayes, of the Yale Child Study Center was prevented from attending because of the weather. She graciously recorded her presentation. It is available at <https://youtu.be/nPw67gUs3iw>.

Loraine Lucinski did her usual marvelous job of a summary of Adverse Childhood Experience research and action steps to address it: <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/tccy/attachments/CADLL-ACEs-17.pdf>.

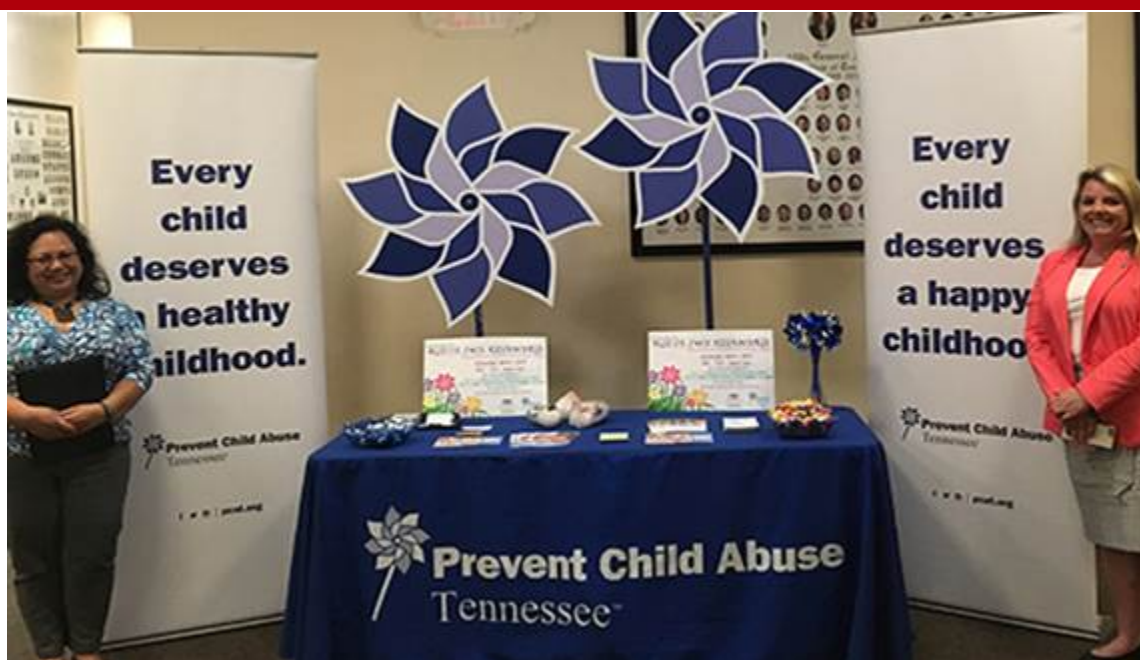
Davidson County Infant Court, Judge Shelia Calloway and Magistrate Melinda Rigsby: <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/tccy/attachments/CAD-SC-DCIC-17.pdf>, and Judge Christy Little's presentation on the Madison County Evening Reporting Center helped send participants forth with energy for the task of advocating for children.

Plan to be with us March 13-14, 2018 for the next Children's Advocacy Days.

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Child Abuse Prevention in Tennessee



A number of statewide and local agencies work with families to prevent child abuse and help the public understand the problem. Parent training, home visiting and other services address child abuse and prevention. Child abuse and neglect are among the Adverse Childhood Experiences Tennessee is working to prevent and treat, and which contribute to multigenerational child abuse.

Child Welfare Information Gateway, ***Protective Factors to Promote Well-Being***, <http://bit.ly/2nkJJWW>.

Mayo Clinic, ***Child Abuse Risk Factors***, <http://mayoclinic.in/2oA8yOJ>.

Johnson, L., Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee, ***The "village" isn't just for the children***, <http://bit.ly/2nkBZEg>.

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Addressing Child Abuse Risk Factors

Programs to prevent child abuse, including parent training and home visiting programs, address the risk factors for child abuse. Intergenerational transmission happens as parents learn to care for their children by imitating their parents. The fight/flight/freeze coping mechanisms learned in response to Adverse Childhood Experiences leave adults ill equipped to deal with stress, especially when they lack financial resources and supports. According to the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect, cultures in which care of children is considered as shared community duty - that accept the village's responsibility to raise a child - have lower rates of child abuse.

TCCY's Home Visiting Leadership Alliance (HVLA) coordinates with leadership from home visiting programs, state departments and other stakeholders to support home visiting programs across the state. Home visiting programs serving families in Tennessee include Healthy Families America (Healthy Start), Nurse Family Partnership, Parents as Teachers, Maternal Infant Home Outreach Worker (MIHOW) and Nurses for Newborns. The Home Visiting Leadership Alliance is staffed by Sumita.Keller@tn.gov.

TCCY's **Home Visiting Leadership Alliance**, <http://www.tn.gov/tccy/topic/tccy-hvla-home-visiting-leadership-alliance>.

Family Resource Center, **The Causes of Child Abuse**, <http://bit.ly/2nYh0bw>.

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New Haven Mental Health Outreach for MotherS (MOMS) Partnership

An example of a program to improve services to mothers and reduce isolation is a collaborative led by the Yale Child Study Center. One of the goals of the program is to engage hard-to-reach depressed mothers in a two-generation program. Service providers collaborate with Yale. The MOMS program provides services in community locations, including supermarkets, public housing, churches and laundromats. The program also uses a smart phone app, MoMba. The app's goals are to make social connections with other mothers, increase parental attachment and link mothers with resources.

The New Haven Mental Health Outreach for MotherS (MOMS) Partnership, <http://bit.ly/2mQMTW2>.

2017 Children's Advocacy Days Presentation on MOMS Partnership, <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/tccy/attachments/pres-cad-16-MOMS-ms.pdf>.

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Children's Advocacy Days Awards

The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth celebrated a child advocate, a public official and media representatives with awards at Children's Advocacy Days.



TCCY named **Loraine Lucinski** the **Jim Pryor Child Advocate of the Year**. Lucinski is senior project director of Home Visiting Improvement Action Center Team providing technical assistance to home visiting programs across the country. Previously, Loraine was deputy director of Child Health for the Department of Health. She served on the Leadership Coordinating Team for the *Building Strong Brains: Tennessee's ACEs Initiative*, focused on preventing adversity and promoting optimal childhood development.

The **Senator Douglas Henry Outstanding Public Official of the Year** Award, named in honor of the late Sen. Henry, was awarded to **Mary Rolando**, Tennessee Department of Children's Services Health Advocacy director. She returned to state service after working with the Vanderbilt University Center of Excellence, where she was responsible for an external review of DCS' Quality Service Review program. She previously worked in the Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination and as assistant commissioner in the former Tennessee Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation.



Four media professionals received the **John Seigenthaler Making KIDS COUNT Media Award**. Media award winners were **Cindy Sexton** of **WRCB-TV** Channel 6, in Chattanooga; **Memphis Commercial Appeal** Editorial Page Editor **Jerome Wright**; versatile **The (Nashville) Tennessean**

investigative reporter **Anita Wadhvani**; and award-winning documentary producer **Daniel Birman**, who achieved acclaim for the 2011 documentary, "Me Facing Life: Cyntoia's Story."

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April 26 Is Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Awareness Day

Drug abuse is both a risk factor for child abuse behavior and a consequence of abuse in childhood. The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children works to break this cycle by helping practitioners to identify and respond to children living in dangerous drug environments. DEC has named April 26 as a day for awareness of this work.

National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, <http://www.nationaldec.org/>.

Information on DEC Awareness Day, info@nationaldec.org.

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Legislative Action

TCCY Action Alert

TCCY has been reporting on the 110th Tennessee General Assembly legislation regarding children, including weekly updates.

The TCCY Action Alert is a tool for advocates to introduce themselves to legislators and ask them to speak up for children. You can write your own message or use some of the fully editable talking points we will make available. Then press the submit button to send the email right to your legislator's inbox! Talking points will be updated as the legislative session advances.

Don't forget to sign up for the TCCY Legislative Listserv (<http://www.tn.gov/tccy/article/leg-listserv>) to get progress reports each week.

Action Alert: <http://www.tn.gov/tccy/article/tccy-leg-alerts>.

TCCY Legislative Information: <http://www.tn.gov/tccy/article/tccy-legislat>.

Legislative Report: <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/tccy/attachments/legislat.pdf>.

TCCY Legislative Update: <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/tccy/attachments/legupdat.pdf>.

TCCY Budget Recommendations: <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/tccy/attachments/leg-recommend.pdf>.

TCCY Legislative Listserv: <http://www.tn.gov/tccy/article/leg-listserv>.

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Update

Upper Cumberland Regional Coordinator **Kristi Paling** was named the Power of Putnam Prevention Partner of the Month Award recently.



Mark Your Calendar

April 6-7, Tennessee **Juvenile Court Services Association Clarksville-Montgomery County Juvenile Court Mini Conference**, Montgomery County Courthouse. Contact alhart@montgomerycountyttn.org for more information. Free for TJCSA members; \$25 registration fee for non-members.

April 19, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. CDT, **Steps Toward a Safer Tennessee: 2017 TSPN Symposium**, Trevecca Community Church, 335 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville. Preregistration available at <http://bit.ly/2gVss2w> for a fee of \$35.

April 26, Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Awareness Day. Contact: info@nationaldec.org.

April 27, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT, Meharry Medical College presents the 8th Annual Lloyd C. Elam Symposium: **"The Opioid Crisis: Adding Education and Prevention to Treatment."** Compton-Nelson Auditorium-S.S. Kresge Learning Resource Center, Meharry Medical College, 1005 Dr. D.B. Todd, Jr., Nashville. Register at <http://bit.ly/2nwCMD0>.

April 28, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CDT, **Healthy Nashville Summit: Nurturing Healthy Brains**, Trevecca Community Church, 335 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville. Register at <http://bit.ly/2oixjik>.

May 11, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. CDT, **Youth Transitions Advisory Council**, Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee, 9327 Herman Street, Nashville. Information: (615) 532-1685 or contact <mailto:Steve.Petty@tn.gov>.

March 13-14, 2018, **Children's Advocacy Days**, War Memorial Auditorium. Contact: John.Rust@tn.gov.

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In the News

McReynolds, L., *Cookeville Herald Citizen*, "**Power of Putnam raises awareness about social hosting**," <http://bit.ly/2ney0s3>.

Wright, J., *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, "**Memphis bears scars of Adverse Childhood Experiences**," <http://memne.ws/2mNA0MJ>.

Armour, M., *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, "**We can change the way children in Memphis live**," <http://memne.ws/2o3ywxy>.

Hagar, E., *Washington Post*, "**Your child's been sent to jail. And then comes the bill.**" <http://wapo.st/2nJqiKr>.

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Research Information

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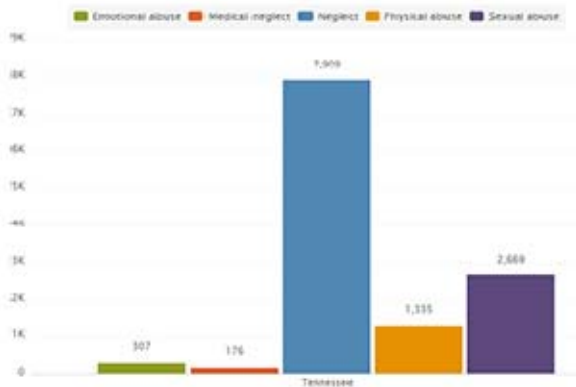
Robinson, L.R., et al., Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Differences in Health Care, Family, and Community Factors Associated with Mental, Behavioral, and Developmental Disorders Among Children Aged 2–8 Years in Rural and Urban Areas — United States, 2011–2012* <http://bit.ly/2oe0gNp>.

Gunja, M.Z., et al., Commonwealth Fund Issue Brief, *Insurance Coverage, Access to Care, and Medical Debt Since the ACA: A Look at California, Florida, New York, and Texas*, <http://bit.ly/2neJJXF>.

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Tennessee KIDS COUNT Facts

Maltreatment Victims by Type (2014)



CHILDREN WHO ARE CONFIRMED BY CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AS VICTIMS OF MALTREATMENT BY MALTREATMENT TYPE: 5 SELECTED (NUMBER) - 2014

National KIDS COUNT
KIDS COUNT Data Center, datacenter.kidscount.org
A project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation

Confirmed Child Abuse Cases Receiving Post-Investigation Services



Note: Non-consecutive years appear adjacent in the trend line because one or more years have been deselected.

CHILDREN WHO ARE CONFIRMED BY CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES AS VICTIMS OF MALTREATMENT WHO RECEIVED POST-INVESTIGATION SERVICES (PERCENT)

National KIDS COUNT
KIDS COUNT Data Center, datacenter.kidscount.org
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<http://bit.ly/2nkawCK>

<http://bit.ly/2ozfuf8>

Larger graphics of the above information are available by clicking on the links under the graphic. More data on Tennessee child well-being are available at <http://bit.ly/15alkVu>.

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