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School Will Be Starting Soon

Many schools in Tennessee begin in July. Education and students' connection to school can set the trajectory for their entire lives. What does research say are the factors for school success?

- **Standards and Expectations.** Successful schools and families clearly state expectations, goals and standards and let children know what they can do to meet these standards.
- **Structure.** A consistent pattern of events provide a structure that supports learning.
- **Opportunity and Tools.** Educational material, enrichment activities, appropriate teaching strategies and time are needed for successful education.
- **Ongoing frequent communication, praise and feedback** helps children learn and thrive.
- **School Climate/Relationships.** A cooperative, accepting environment, a good working relationship between home and school and other aspects of school climates contribute to educational success.

- **Modeling.** Adults involved in education demonstrate desired behaviors, which include reading, asking questions, setting goals being involved.

Christenson, S., et al., **Research on the Factors for School Success**, University of Minnesota Extension, <http://bit.ly/2ZJwAcM>.

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How Well Is Your School Doing?

The Tennessee Department of Education collects and shares information about public schools systems and individual schools across the state. The [State Report Card](#) is accessible online.

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Tennessee Ranks 36th in 2019 KIDS COUNT Data Book



This is the 30th year the Annie E. Casey Foundation has ranked states on child well-being. The well-being of Tennessee children has improved in many areas in the last 30 years, according to information in the *KIDS COUNT® Data Book* released today by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Despite having been ranked in the 40s in earlier years, the state's overall rankings in recent years have hovered in the mid-30s, including its **ranking of 36th in the 2019 report**.

[2019 KIDS COUNT Data Book.](#)

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Roots and Wings Takes Flight

Get to know TCCY's Executive Director Richard Kennedy as he talks with kidcentral tn Director Jonquil Newland on TCCY's inaugural podcast, [Roots and Wings](#). Look for upcoming Roots and Wings podcasts monthly.

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Legislative Information Resources

Many laws passed by the Tennessee General Assembly this year go into effect July 1. The budget for the FY 2020 beginning July 1 includes some budget improvements. It fully funds the Katie Beckett waiver to provide Medicaid funding for children with severe disabilities and includes recurring funding for CASA expansion development and training, recurring increased funding for each county CASA and \$1 million in non-recurring funding for evidence based home visiting.

[Sign up to receive TCCY federal policy information](#) by following the instructions online.

Tennessee General Assembly tool: [Find Your Legislator](#).

The **TCCY Legislative Summary of Bills Enacted** during the first year of the 111th General Assembly is available.

TCCY's [Budget Recommendations](#) also continue to be available.

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Foundation Center/Equity-Focused Policy Research

The [Foundation Center](#) is the most comprehensive database of grant makers. Access to most of its information is free to users. In addition to the online link, funding information can be found at the Knox County Public Library (500 W. Church Ave., Knoxville, 37902, 865-215-8753) and the Memphis Public Library (3030 Poplar Ave., Memphis 38111, 901-415-2734).

The [Center's South Regional Hub](#) is located in Atlanta (133 Peachtree St. NE, Lobby Suite 350, Atlanta, 30303-1804. It may be contacted at 404-880-0094.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is taking applications for **Equity Focused Policy Research Funding focused on building evidence on access to early care and education for low-income families**. Funding will support action-oriented research to advance health equity and inform policymaking to increase access to early care and education (formal and informal nonparental care for children ages birth to 5) for low-income families. Application is open to public (state and local governments) and private, nonprofit agencies and for-profit organizations. [Applications](#) are due by 3 p.m. ET on July 25.

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Mark Your Calendar

July 11, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT, Northwest Council on Children and Youth **Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): A Call to Action**, July 11, 7 a.m. EDT to 4 p.m. EDT, Celebration Church, 29 Shipley Ferry Rd., Blountville. Registration 7 a.m.; program begins at 8 am. Contact Jill.Stott@tn.gov. [Registration](#) is open.

July 11, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., **PR: Addressing Child and Teen Suicide**, Benjamin Hooks Public Library, Room A, Memphis. Speaker: Audrey A. Elion, Ph.D. [Register](#):

July 14-19, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation present the Ninth Annual **Tennessee Outdoors Youth Summit**, Clyde York 4-H Center, 62 4-H Center Dr., Crossville. The cost for the week-long experience is \$350 per student, which covers lodging, meals and beverages. Enrollment is limited to 120 participants. [Information](#) is available.

July 26-18, **National DEC Conference**, La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Pl., La Crosse, WI. Information: <http://bit.ly/2VQ2uXp>.

July 26, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CDT, Mid-Cumberland Council on Children and Youth presents **Trauma-Informed Approach: Key Principles**, Austin Peay State University, Clement Auditorium, 5 Browning St., Clarksville. Information: Susan.Cope@tn.gov. [Register online](#).

Aug. 4-7, **Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association** presents **36th Annual Conference on Juvenile Justice**, Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, 700 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin. Registration \$150; Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association membership \$40. Information: www.tjcsa.com, 615-790-5812 or chris.holz@williamsoncounty-tn.gov). Registration fees may be mailed to chris.holz@williamsoncounty-tn.gov.

Aug. 8, **Youth Transitions Advisory Council**, Location TBA. Contact: Steve.Petty@tn.gov.

Aug. 9, 9:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. EDT, **East Tennessee Council on Children and Youth** presents "**Bully Proofing and Understanding Bullying with Children and Teens**," Bridgewater Pl., 205 Bridgewater Rd., Knoxville. Guest speaker Dr. Tim Perry. Approved for 2 CEUs for ETCCY paid members. Breakfast at 9:25 a.m., with program at 10 a.m. [Registration](#) is available online. Sponsored by Camelot.

Aug.15, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Aug. 16, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., **Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Meeting**, Tennessee Tower, Nashville Rm., 312 Rosa L Parks Blvd., Nashville. Contact: Russette.Sloan@tn.gov.

Aug. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Council on Children's Mental Health, Location TBA. Contact: Melissa.McGee@tn.gov.

Aug. 23, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Cumberland Heights presents **Pillars of Recovery**, Collegesside Church of Christ, 252 E. 9th St., Cookeville. Costs: General admission, \$15; CE Credits: \$30. Register at <http://bit.ly/2VVkT5n>. Proceeds benefit Celebrate Recovery.

March 10-11, 2020, **Children's Advocacy Days**. Contact: John.Rust@tn.gov.

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In the News

Wiltz, T., Pew Charitable Trusts, Stateline, **Foster Care Crisis Opens Door to Second-Chance Parents**, June 5, 2019, <http://bit.ly/2WQURQb>.

Gibson, K.B., *Daily Memphian*, **Now is the time to invest in early childhood**, <http://bit.ly/2ZEIKEJ>.

Naccarato, R., *The Tennessean*, **Gun owners must make sure children don't have access to loaded firearms**, <http://bit.ly/2ZDCqVG>.

Gibbs, K., WTVF Newschannel 5, **Report shows state behind when it comes to children's mental health**, <http://bit.ly/2lorFle>.

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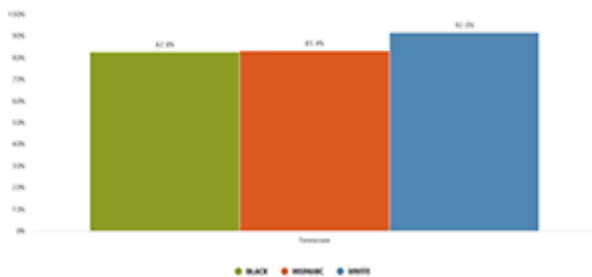
Research Information

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, **A Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty**, <http://bit.ly/2Vjt0az>. Tennessee Reductions, <http://bit.ly/2VfvSFH>.

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Tennessee KIDS COUNT Facts

High School Graduation Rates by Race



High School Graduation Cohort By Race And Ethnicity (Percent) - 2017

Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
KIDS COUNT Data Center, datacenter.kidscount.org
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<http://bit.ly/2FujFUy>

Teens Ages 16 to 19 Not in School and Not High School Graduates in TN



Teens Ages 16 To 19 Not In School And Not High School Graduates (Percent) - 2008-2017

National KIDS COUNT
KIDS COUNT Data Center, datacenter.kidscount.org
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<http://bit.ly/2Fuk4q2>

URLs below graphics link to larger versions of each. More data on Tennessee child well-being are available at <http://bit.ly/15alkVu>.

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