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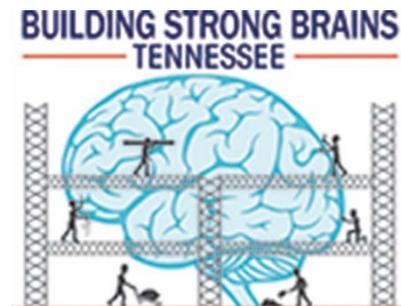
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### Tennessee Is Building Strong Brains

Former Deputy Governor Jim Henry was invited to testify to the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform on Identifying, Preventing and Treating Childhood Trauma, evidence of Tennessee's leadership in preventing and treating Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) through Building Strong Brains Tennessee (BSBT). Written testimony submitted in addition to his presentation detailed the history of BSBT, beginning in 2015. It celebrated the state's decision in 2019 to devote \$2.45 million of recurring funds to build a more prosperous and successful future of all Tennesseans.

Among TCCY's contributions to this public/private collaboration is participation in WCTE Cookeville Public Television's *Building Strong Brains Tennessee* video series and developing the Training for Trainers program. The 972 people trained by TCCY at 34 events have trained more than 40,000 people.

More information on Building Strong Brains Tennessee and ACEs is available on TCCY's website.

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## JJDP State Advisory Groups and System Change

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice, an organization of Office of Juvenile Justice State Advisory Groups including TCCY, asked representatives of these groups about their role in improving juvenile justice systems. It released [State Advisory Groups: Leading System Change](#) recently.

State Advisory Groups (SAG) work to improve juvenile justice systems at the state and local level. As the Tennessee SAG, TCCY administrates Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grants and ensures the state complies with the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. More information about [TCCY's Juvenile Justice Division](#) is available online.

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## Other Countries Have Found Differing Ways to Provide Health Care

Health care system change is in the news, with a range of proposals. While the Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) has helped expand health care coverage to children, lack of coverage for adults means less access for their children and potential loss of family income because of untreated conditions. More than 100 countries, including the 33 most developed countries, provide universal health care coverage. Each has its own method of doing so. The Commonwealth Fund, founded in 2018 with a focus on improved access to health care, conducts annual surveys of predominately North American and European developed countries and researches international health care systems. It has produced an article about the [universal health care coverage in eight countries](#). A more comprehensive report evaluates the [procedures and outcomes in 19 countries](#). The fund also evaluated U.S. [health care reform proposals](#).

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## Infant Safe Sleep Efforts Critical

The Tennessee Department of Health's [Safe Sleep program](#) is working to reduce infant deaths with the **ABC** reminder - Babies should sleep **A**lone, on their **B**acks and in a **C**rib. The importance of this campaign is reinforced by a recent [study](#) showing accidental suffocation and strangulation tripled from 1999 to 2016. The study found an increased challenges for non-Hispanic mothers living in the South and the Midwest.

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## Legislative Information Resources

[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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## Learning about Grant Funding

The [Grantsmanship Center](#) is a resource for information on the grant application process. Registration fees are required for webinars and trainings. Eligible nonprofit groups can apply for reduced rates.

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## Mark Your Calendar

TCCY lists relevant state and national events on its [website](#).

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](http://www.tjcsa.com), (615) 790-5812 or [chris.holz@williamsoncounty-tn.gov](mailto:chris.holz@williamsoncounty-tn.gov). Registration fees may be mailed to [chris.holz@williamsoncounty-tn.gov](mailto:chris.holz@williamsoncounty-tn.gov).

Aug. 8, **Youth Transitions Advisory Council**, Location Youth Transitions Advisory Council, Goodwill Industries, 1015 Herman St., Nashville... Contact: [Steve.Petty@tn.gov](mailto: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](mailto:Russette.Sloan@tn.gov).

Aug. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., **Council on Children's Mental Health**, Family and Children's Services The Honey Alexander Center, 2400 Clifton Ave., Nashville. Contact: [Melissa.McGee@tn.gov](mailto: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](mailto:John.Rust@tn.gov).

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## In the News

TCCY news releases are available on TCCY's [website](#).

Tennessee Department of Children's Services, **DCS Talks Podcast Interview with TCCY's John Rust**, <http://bit.ly/32Aj3q4>.

Horan, K., WTVF Newschannel 5, **Juvenile or Adult, What's at Stake for Jayona Brown**, <http://bit.ly/2YEOqgS>.

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Williams, P.G., *AAP News*, **Pediatricians, a Link Between Children, Programs That Boost School Readiness**, July 22, 2019, <http://bit.ly/2yf6sKV>.

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## Research Information

Samuels, G.M., et al. Chapin Hall, University of Chicago, **Young People Experience Significant Disruption and Loss Both Before and During their Homelessness**, 2019, <http://bit.ly/2MggYd6>.

Mitchell, C., *Education Week*, **Bring Back Anti-Discrimination Guidance on School Discipline, Commission Urges**, July 23, 2019. Lhamon, C.E., U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, **Beyond Suspensions: Examining School Discipline Policies and Connections to the School-to-Prison Pipeline for Students of Color with Disabilities**, July 2019, <http://bit.ly/2SEuKY9>.

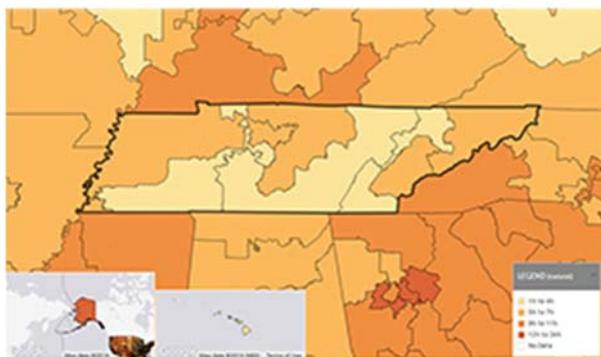
Will, M., *Education Week Teacher*, **Survey: Teachers Are Conflicted About the Role of Suspensions**, <http://bit.ly/2MwHEGU>.

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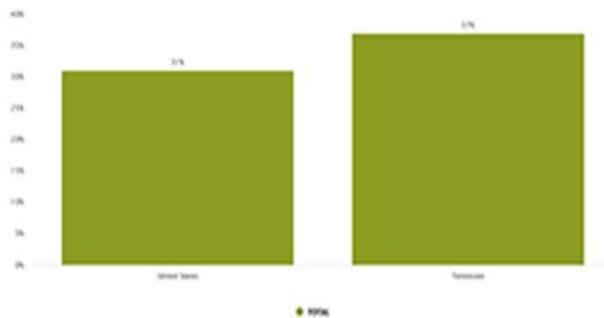
## Tennessee KIDS COUNT Facts

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

### Children <18 Without Health Insurance by Congressional District



### Children (9 to 35 Months) Who Received a Developmental Screening



More information available: <http://bit.ly/2MalPg8>

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

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