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THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH was created by the General Assembly and can trace its statutory history to 1955. The Commission is an independent state agency that advocates for improvement in the quality of life for children and families, collects and distributes information on children and families for the planning and coordination of policies, programs and services, and administers the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act in Tennessee. The policy-making body for the Commission is a 21-person board whose members are appointed by the governor. At least one member is appointed from each of Tennessee’s nine development districts. The Commission staffs and coordinates nine regional councils that address the local needs of children and families, provides organizational structure for statewide networking on behalf of children and families, and provides local input to the Commission.

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The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) advocates to improve the quality of life for children and families and provides leadership and support for child advocates.

STATEWIDE COUNCIL MEMBERS
3,762 MEMBERS

INDIVIDUALS ON COUNCILS’ EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE

REGIONAL COUNCILS
The nine regional councils on children and youth provide training and networking opportunities, create collaborative environments for child-serving organizations, collect and distribute child-focused information and data across the state, and facilitate communication and understanding at the local, regional and state levels.

COORDINATE
ADVERTISE
EDUCATE
DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS
GRANTS
JUVENILE JUSTICE

As the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s KIDS COUNT partner in Tennessee, TCCY compiles and provides data to the KIDS COUNT database and produces publications, utilizing this and other data to report on the well-being of Tennessee children and families. TCCY administers kidcentraltn.com, a free, one-stop-resource for Tennessee families to access state services and find information to help raise healthy and happy kids.

NUMBER OF TRAININGS BY COUNTY

2015
2013
446
2012

Total Expenditures (with duplicates)

Number of Agencies: 27
Number of Data Records: 5,005
Number of Children Served: 32,085,537
(with duplicates)
Total Expenditures: $10,613,392,817

WEB STATISTICS NUMBER OF PAGE VIEWS

SOCIAL MEDIA

FACEBOOK

Twitter

LinkedIn

Instagram

Linkedin

652 Connections

Twitter

Facebook

Instagram

320 followers

HOME VISITING LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE
Completed an Audit Desk Review with the Department of Health for the HVLA grant and there were no findings.

2020 Meeting Dates
January 14, 2020—39 attended
April 2, 2020 (WebEx)—75 attended
June 23, 2020
September 15, 2020
November 17, 2020

SECOND LOCK COMMISSION
Based on recommendations from previous SCRC reports and actions taken by child abuse prevention stakeholders we have seen improvement childhood well-being.

• 75% DECREASE since 2014 in cases of secondary or subsequent severe abuse
• 134 FEWER CASES of secondary or subsequent severe abuse than in 2016

YOUTH TRANSITIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL
2020 Meeting Dates
February 13, 2020—74 attended
April 9, 2020 (cancelled)
June 18, 2020 (with YTAC)
August 20, 2020
October 15, 2020

2020 Meeting Dates
February 13, 2020—35 attended

TENNESSEE YOUNG CHILD WELLNESS COUNCIL
2020 Meeting Dates
February 13, 2020—35 attended
At Lentz Public Health Center
10000-200
May 13, 2020 (WebEx)
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TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

ADMINISTRATE

Regional Councils

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ENVIRONMENT

KIDS COUNT

TCCY gathers, analyzes and reports information on children and families in various publications, including the annual KIDS COUNT: The State of the Child in Tennessee, tracking the status of children’s educational, socioeconomic and physical well-being. Tennessee’s KIDS COUNT Project is part of the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s network of state-level KIDS COUNT projects. TCCY participates with the Casey Foundation in the release of reports on child well-being nationally, including the annual National KIDS COUNT Data Book.

Resource Mapping

TCCY oversees resource mapping of all funding through the state budget to help children in Tennessee be safe, healthy, educated, nurtured, and supported and engaged in activities to succeed in school and become productive adults. A report on prior fiscal year spending is submitted to the General Assembly annually. Twenty-five state agencies serving children reported on expenditures during fiscal year 2013-14.

Building Strong Brains Tennessee

Creating strong brain architecture and healthy child development in the earliest years of life is a critical strategy for preventing disease, disability and social problems across the lifespan. TCCY has interacted in advocacy and collaboration for early childhood well-being and preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). This work includes training, collaboration and advocacy at local, regional and state levels.

Tennessee Compilation of Laws on Children, Youth and Families

TCCY publishes the Tennessee Compilation of Selected Laws on Children, Youth and Families. The Compilations are distributed to juvenile court judges and staff, state agencies, attorneys and others serving children.

Other Publications

TCCY also distributes information through:

- The Advocate newsletter; Website (www.tn.gov/tccy);
- Facebook (www.facebook.com/tcntccy);
- Twitter (www.twitter.com/tcntccy);

Reports produced by TCCY’s collaborative and advocacy programs are available on the agency website.

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FINANCE

Department of Health

Based on the compiled data, the state budget for the fiscal year 2019-20 was $6,326,126. State funding accounted for $3,702,900 (59%), federal funding was $1,161,600 (18%), and other funding was $1,461,626 (23%).

The Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget

- State: $3,702,900 (59%)
- Federal: $1,161,600 (18%)
- Other: $1,461,626 (23%)

TOTAL FUNDS PASS-THROUGH: $2,075,665 (34%)

OPERATING FUNDS: $4,094,235 (66%)

Resources

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Educate and Collaborate

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Ombudsman Program

The Ombudsman responds to questions, concerns or complaints regarding children involved with the state’s child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Referrals are accepted from anyone. A mediation approach is used to resolve disputes in the best interests of the child and the safety of the community.

Council on Children’s Mental Health

TCCY has administrative responsibility for the Council on Children’s Mental Health (CCMH) charged with designing a plan for a statewide system of mental health care for children. The Council, composed of a broad range of stakeholders from all across the state, is co-chaired by the commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHAS) and the executive director of TCCY. TCCY also partners with TDMHAS through System of Care Across Tennessee (SOCAT), a 4-year, $12 million federal grant. SOCAT utilizes System of Care values and principles while empowering Tennessee families to work together with child-serving agencies as a partner to guide their care.

Second Look Commission

Administered by TCCY, the Second Look Commission (SLC) was established to review a sampling of cases involving a specific or repeat incident of severe child abuse and provide recommendations and findings to the General Assembly regarding whether or not severe child abuse responses provide appropriate protection for the children of Tennessee. The SLC is co-chaired by Senate and House members, and includes representatives from the Department of Children’s Services (DCS), law enforcement, courts, child abuse service providers and the advocacy community.

Youth Transitions Advisory Council

The Youth Transitions Advisory Council (YTAC) brings together young people and other stakeholders from across Tennessee who work with youth aging out of DCS custody and transitioning from child-serving to adult services systems. YTAC makes recommendations to DCS, courts, schools, higher education and service providers to improve outcomes for successful transition from adolescence to adulthood for young people who otherwise may not have supportive services.

Home Visiting Leadership Alliance

The Home Visiting Leadership Alliance (HVLA) includes leadership from home visiting programs, state departments and other stakeholders from across the state. The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) has administrative responsibility for the HVLA through a grant agreement with the Tennessee Department of Health (TDOH). HVLA is co-chaired by TNY and TCCY and meets quarterly.

TN Young Child Wellness Council

The Tennessee Young Child Wellness Council (TNYCWC), which seeks to improve the well-being of children in Tennessee by improving collaboration among child-serving agencies and programs, TNYCWC serves as the advisory committee for Tennessee’s Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program. MIECHV is a grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that is received by the Tennessee Department of Health to administer Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs and support the state’s early childhood system of care.