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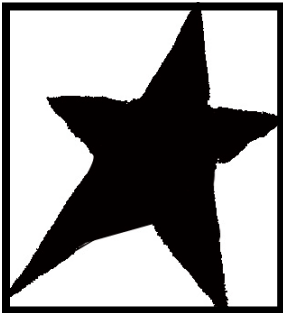
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# Letter from the Commission Chair

Dear Reader:

As it did for many of you, fiscal year 2010 brought challenges to TCCY. Budget cuts and downsizing continued, but we were able to see positive steps taken to benefit children, youth and families throughout Tennessee.



In an effort to further assist children and families involved with the Department of Children's Services in Tennessee (DCS), the Legislature created the Second Look Commission. This group of social service and other professionals monitors certain cases from DCS thought to need more attention and then provides recommendations regarding how to proceed with the case based on whether or not the child's best interest was met. The Second Look Commission is staffed by the newest TCCY staff member, Craig Hargrow, whose background is in social service and law.

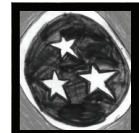
As the Second Look Commission began to monitor specific cases, Children's Program Outcome Review Team (CPORT) worked to assess the services available to Tennessee's children through DCS. I am happy to report that improvements have been seen across the state. The Juvenile Justice division of TCCY also continued to monitor the juvenile justice system in Tennessee to ensure each county remains in compliance with state and federal standards.

The Commission members and I are proud to be a part of the work done by the TCCY staff and are honored to serve as advisors to such dedicated individuals. Each report and meeting is a reminder of the positive impact the work of TCCY has upon the lives of children and families in the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Cynthia A. Durham".

Cindy Durham  
Chair, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth





# Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Reader:

Fiscal year 2010 was a very exciting year for the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY). Commission members continued to provide outstanding leadership for TCCY. Their support is vital to the agency's overall efforts to help create a better Tennessee for our children, because we know today's children are the economic engine of the state's future.



Over the past two decades, TCCY has played a role in efforts in Tennessee that have created public-private and state-local partnerships to implement essential public structures, "infrastructure" services, for children and families. These basic public supports developed in our child welfare, education, health, human services, juvenile justice, mental health and disability services systems are interrelated, so weakening public structure resources in one system erodes the strength of the foundation in all systems.

As the state faces budget challenges, TCCY has collaborated with advocacy partners to call for maintaining essential services and supports so children have opportunities to be safe, healthy, educated, nurtured and supported and engaged in activities that enable them to succeed in school and become good parents and productive employees. We believe Tennessee must continue to provide a foundation for a brighter, more prosperous future for the state.

In March, TCCY held a Gubernatorial Forum during Children's Advocacy Days (CAD) with the participation of all seven candidates who were still in the race at that time. John Seigenthaler, former publisher of *The Tennessean*, moderated the forum. This was TCCY's third Gubernatorial Forum, and the largest number of candidates ever to participate. Approximately 650 people attended CAD to hear the candidates, learn more about children's issues, network with each other and meet with their legislators.

May brought both excitement and challenges when historic flooding kept staff out of our Nashville office for over three weeks. During that period, the General Assembly was still in session, juvenile justice grant applications were due, the Children's Program Outcome Review Team (CPORT) had regional and other reviews, a national KIDS COUNT essay was released, the Ombudsmen handled cases, and a Commission meeting was scheduled. As is typical of the wonderful staff at TCCY, everyone stepped up, worked together and kept everything on track without a hitch.

# Letter from the Executive Director

The group climb in the dark to the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of Andrew Johnson Tower to retrieve notebook computers and other essential materials even provided a team building opportunity. Staff across all TCCY divisions continued their commitment to advocacy to improve the quality of life for Tennessee children and families.

Advocacy permeates all the work of the agency. One of the clearest ways we engage in advocacy is through participation of staff who hold more than 600 positions on boards, task forces and committees within state and local organizations all across Tennessee. The TCCY regional coordinators are a vital link between TCCY and child advocates and stakeholders at the regional/local level all across Tennessee.

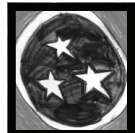
In fiscal year 2010, the relatively new TCCY responsibilities for the Council on Children's Mental Health (CCMH) and resource mapping of expenditures for children through the state budget really hit their stride. The first Resource Mapping data report was submitted to the General Assembly, as was the required CCMH Report, supported by stakeholders from across the state who participated in the process. This important group, with almost 60 people attending each meeting, focused on developing strategies to improve the children's mental health system in Tennessee.

As fiscal year 2011 speeds along, TCCY looks forward to working with a new Governor, General Assembly and administration, along with all citizens across Tennessee who are committed to ensuring our children have the opportunity to be successful. Please join with TCCY through involvement in the regional councils on children and youth, by attending CAD, participating with the CCMH or state or local Disproportionate Minority Contact and Confinement Task Forces, shadowing CPORT, using KIDS COUNT and resource mapping data for advocacy, signing up for the legislative Listserv and contacting your legislators, and other ways as we all work together to help Tennessee be the best we can be by improving outcomes for children.

Sincerely,



Linda O'Neal  
Executive Director



# Administration



Zanira Whitfield, Juvenile Justice Specialist



TCCY staff enjoy a team building exercise at the annual staff retreat in Montgomery Bell State Park

The Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) is an independent agency created by the Tennessee General Assembly to advocate for improved quality of life for children and families in Tennessee.

A Commission on Children and Youth or Children's Services Commission has existed in Tennessee continuously since the 1950s. The current statutory framework for TCCY was enacted in 1988, with minor revisions in 1999.

Appointed by the governor for up to three consecutive three-year terms, the 21 Commission members serve as the policy board for the agency. At least one Commission member represents each development district. The commissioners of state departments serving children, or their designees, are ex officio members.

The Commission also has, as necessary, up to five youth advisory members to meet the requirements for serving as the state advisory group under the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act.

Seven standing committees oversaw the operations of the agency during fiscal year 2009-10. The Commission officers, youth representatives and committee chairs served as the Executive Committee. The chair is appointed by the governor to a three-year term. Other officers, the vice-chair and the secretary, were elected by the Commission. Committee chairs and members were appointed by the Commission chair.

## TCCY Staff

- \* 49 full-time positions;
- \* 2 part-time secretarial positions;
- \* 9 full-time workers support regional councils and carry out regional/local tasks;
- \* 40 personnel are located in the central office in Nashville;
- \* The TCCY Organizational chart on page 70 of the Appendix indicates staff members at press.

# Committees

## **Budget and Data Committee**

Responsible for fiscal matters and oversight;  
Manages agency efforts to collect and disseminate information.

## **Children's Services Committee**

Provides oversight for the Children's Program Outcome Review Team's evaluation of services for children in custody of the Department of Children Services;  
Reviews implementation of the TCCY Ombudsman Program's coordination with child welfare, juvenile justice and mental health services for children in custody and kinship care and families involved with Child Protective Services.

## **Councils Committee**

Reviews activities related to the nine regional councils on children and youth, the Commission's annual Children's Advocacy Days and interdepartmental activities.

## **Juvenile Justice and Minority Issues Committee**

Supervises implementation of federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act in Tennessee;  
Oversees administration of state funds for juvenile justice and related activities;  
Ensures consideration of minority children's needs in all TCCY efforts, disproportionate minority contact/confinement in the juvenile justice system;  
Responsible for agency plan to address Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

## **Audit and Personnel Committees**

Administrative committees to assure effective operation of administrative processes;

## **Legislative Committee**

Meets annually to evaluate the impact of proposed legislation on children and recommend positions to the Commission;

## **Grant Review Committee**

Meets as required to evaluate grant applications and make recommends to the full Commission.



# Commission Members



Cindy Durham, Chair Nashville      Marti Herndon, Vice Chair Martin      Natasha Blackshear, Secretary Nashville

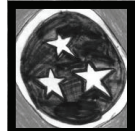
Phil Acord Chattanooga	Joshua Conner* Nashville	Trudy Hughes Maryville	Timothy A. Perry Kingsport	Dwight E. Stokes Sevierville
Sidney Bynum* Hendersonville	Beverly J. Cosley Chattanooga	Susan Lawless-Glassman Germantown	Mary Anne Poe Jackson	Nancy Williams Memphis
Leon D. Caldwell Collierville	Erica Gilmore Nashville	Carlton Lewis Nashville	James Roland Reid Brownsville	
Lindsay Callahan* Cookeville	Tim Goldsmith Bartlett	Harold Moses Love, Jr. Nashville	Col J.A. Robbins** Nashville	
Janell Clark Cookeville	Denise Hobbs-Coker Shelbyville	Diane Neighbors Nashville	Tawny R. Spinelli* Nashville	

At press time. Adam Grant Dickson, Jim Ford, Joy Strickland and Scott Meltzer served as Commission members during fiscal year 2009-10 \*Youth

## Commission Quick Facts:

- \* Governor appoints Commission Chair to 3-year terms;
- \* Commission Chair appoints members to 7 committees;
- \* Commission members elect other officers;
- \* Officers/committee chairs serve on Executive Committee.

The Commission met four times in fiscal year 2009-10 to carry out its responsibilities. Meetings included reports on activities across the state from the ex officio Commission members, other related agencies and regional coordinators. Topics ranged from the School House Adjustment Program in Memphis and the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program across Tennessee to Grant Review Training for Commission members, a report on a Federal Juvenile Justice/Mental Health Grant by Jeff Feix of Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Development Disabilities, a report on the Resource Mapping Project and approval of grant awards. Committees met to oversee program activities.



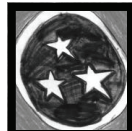


# Budget

TCCY is one of 17 small state agencies using the Department of Finance and Administration's Shared Services Solutions (SSS) to maximize efficiency and effectiveness in fiscal, procurement and human resource services. With this resource, the agency can access specialized expertise on demand in accounting, commodity procurement, service contracting and human resources, along with lowering costs through economies of scale for routine transactions.

<b>Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Financial Report For The Period July 1, 2009 Through June 30, 2010</b>					
	State	Inter- Departmental	Juvenile* Justice	Kids Count	TOTAL
<b>Personal Services and Benefits</b>					
Salaries / Longevity	\$ 918,488.78	\$ 782,863.29	\$ 293,938.35	\$ 94,052.00	\$ 2,089,342.42
Benefits	352,462.57	313,512.37	106,414.35	37,957.69	810,346.98
<b>Total Personal Services and Benefits</b>	<b>\$ 1,270,951.35</b>	<b>\$ 1,096,375.66</b>	<b>\$ 400,352.70</b>	<b>\$ 132,009.69</b>	<b>\$ 2,899,689.40</b>
<b>Other Expenditures</b>					
Travel	\$ 76,194.48	\$ 77,026.47	\$ 62,532.02	\$ 1,628.00	\$ 217,380.97
Printing, Duplicating, Binding	43.76	15.43	56,997.51	1.05	57,057.75
Communications & Shipping Costs	4,664.42	1,374.23	1,184.09	1,828.75	9,051.49
Maintenance, Repairs & Services	23.69	14.52	3.63	0.85	42.69
Prof. and Admin. Services - Third Party	25,807.93	3,244.99	14,773.34	342.16	44,168.42
Office/Operational Supplies & Materials	24,432.09	3,634.32	8,042.27	193.54	36,302.22
Rentals & Insurance	47,036.80	4,416.91	1,204.18	260.06	52,917.95
Awards & Indemnities, Other	222.00	136.00	434.00	8.00	800.00
Grants & Subsidies	4,020.33	1,387,017.68	2,253,293.68	55.00	3,644,386.69
Computers/Equipment, Related Supplies	35,363.40	10,881.22	2,492.04	2,701.83	51,438.49
Prof. Services From Another State Agency	283,571.42	184,164.27	66,149.38	11,086.64	544,971.71
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 501,380.32</b>	<b>\$ 1,671,926.04</b>	<b>\$ 2,467,106.14</b>	<b>\$ 18,105.88</b>	<b>\$ 4,658,518.38</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,772,331.67</b>	<b>\$ 2,768,301.70</b>	<b>\$ 2,867,458.84</b>	<b>\$ 150,115.57</b>	<b>\$ 7,558,207.78</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>					
State Appropriation	\$ 1,760,111.51	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 230,478.15	\$ 29,669.95	\$ 2,036,759.61
Federal Revenue	-	-	2,539,335.19	-	2,539,335.19
Interest Revenue	-	-	4,526.19	-	4,526.19
Interdepartmental Revenue	-	2,751,801.70	93,119.31	-	2,844,921.01
Non-Governmental Revenue	12,220.16	-	-	120,445.62	132,665.78
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>\$ 1,772,331.67</b>	<b>\$ 2,768,301.70</b>	<b>\$ 2,867,458.84</b>	<b>\$ 150,115.57</b>	<b>\$ 7,558,207.78</b>

\*Includes funding for Council on Children's Mental Health and ARRA Justice Assistance Grant



# Advocacy



Geronn Moore (L), recipient of the 2010 Youth Excellence Award



Advocates at the 2010 Children's Advocacy Days at War Memorial Auditorium

The primary mission of TCCY is advocacy to improve the quality of life for children and families and provide leadership for other child advocates. Major strategies for effective advocacy include extensive networking and coordination of services.

Many of the Commission activities combine advocacy and coordination of services while also complying with specific statutory mandates governing advocacy and coordination responsibilities (TCA 37-3-103) to:

- \* Make recommendations concerning establishment of priorities and needed improvements with respect to programs and services for children and youth;
- \* Advocate and coordinate the efficient and effective development and enhancement of state, local and regional programs and services for children and youth.



Glenciff High School Culinary Arts students



Dr. Linda Gilbert reporting



Gubernatorial Forum participants

## Children's Advocacy Days 2010

More than 800 advocates attended the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Children's Advocacy Days (CAD). The two-day event hosted by TCCY was held on March 9-10, 2010, in the War

### Advocates gathered to:

- \* Meet with legislators about children and youth issues;
- \* Observe legislative sessions;
- \* Receive legislative updates;
- \* Network with advocates from other parts of the state;
- \* Hear updates on issues affecting children.

Memorial Auditorium. This year's theme was "Growing the Next Generation."

On Tuesday, Commission Chair **Cindy Durham** welcomed participants before **Lowell Perry**, CEO of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee, gave the charge to advocates. **John Morgan**, deputy to the Governor; **Dr. Linda Gilbert**, Murfreesboro City Schools director; **Lois Snow** of Loudon County and **Elaine Jackson** of Stewart County Coordinated School Health programs; **Mary Lee**, business development specialist with Youth Villages and

formerly in foster care; **Carol Westlake**, executive director, Tennessee Disabilities Coalition; and **Millie Sweeney**, assistant director of programs, Tennessee Voices for Children, reported on children's issues. Participants then gathered for regional networking and a performance by youth from Carroll Academy.

Wednesday began with speeches by **Bill Bentley**, CEO and president of Voices for America's Children, and State Education Commissioner **Tim Webb** reporting on the state's successful Race to the Top federal grant application. Gubernatorial candidates participated in a forum on children's issues moderated by **John Seigenthaler** in the afternoon. High school student **Tyler Samuel**

### Award Winners

- \* **Jim Pryor Child Advocacy Award**  
Former Commission member **Connie Givens** for her championship of Coordinated School Health (posthumously awarded) .
- \* **Youth Excellence Award**  
**Geronn Moore**, Youth in Action Council member of Columbia Mule Town Family Network system of care program.
- \* **Making KIDS COUNT Media Award**  
**Blount Today** newspaper, Maryville; **Mary Reeves**, **Brian Mosley** and **Sadie Fowler** of the *Shelbyville Times-Gazette*;  
**The** (Nashville) *Tennessean* Opinion page (Dwight Lewis, editor).



# Legislative Advocacy

*Tennessee Code Annotated 37-3-103(b)(2) mandates the following activities for TCCY: Prepare and distribute impact statements analyzing the potential effect of proposals under consideration by the general assembly which relate to the health, well being and development of children and youth.*

## Activity Report:

- \* 21 Legislative Reports tracking 459 bills;
- \* 18 Legislative Updates tracking 194 bills;
- \* 1 Legislative Summary tracking 127 Public Acts;
- \* Supported 34 bills – 19 enacted into law;
- \* Opposed 13 – 1 enacted into law with amendment.

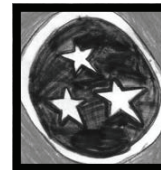
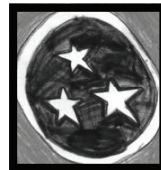
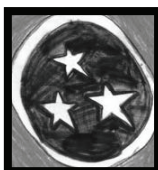
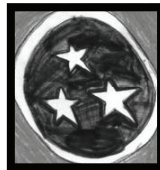
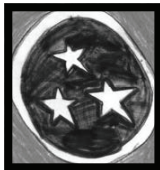
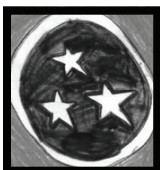
During the 2010 legislative session of the 106<sup>th</sup> Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth produced 21 *Legislative Reports* tracking 459 bills, 18 *Legislative Updates* tracking 194 bills, and one *Legislative Summary* tracking 127 Public Acts during the 2010 Fiscal Year. TCCY staff provided new *Legislative Update* and *Legislative Summary* until all Public Chapter numbers were assigned.

During the Second regular session of the 106<sup>th</sup> Tennessee General Assembly the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth took positions on 47 pieces of filed legislation. The Commission took supportive positions on 34 bills and opposed 13 bills. Of the 34 bills the Commission supported, 19 were enacted into law while only one of the bills

the Commission opposed was enacted and then only after being amended to address of TCCY's concern.

TCCY legislative staff provided regional council members and child advocates with weekly updates beginning February 26 and continuing throughout the legislative session. The updates and other information were made available statewide electronically, both through e-mail and posting to the TCCY web page.

TCCY also provided Internet links to contact information on the Tennessee General Assembly website, including e-mail links, office addresses and phone numbers; links to portable document files (pdf) of specific legislation or amendments under consideration; and links to other relevant advocacy groups, state agencies or reports related to legislative policy issues.



# Community Participation

## Committees, Task Forces and Boards

A major strategy for advocacy and coordination is participation of staff on national, state, regional and local committees, task forces and boards. This involvement provides opportunities for critical information sharing, networking, advocacy and coordination.

### National/Southeast Regional Organizations

These committees, task forces and boards focused on issues of juvenile justice, early childhood education, health and human services and family-centered medical services. For the list of these groups, please see page 77 of the Appendix.

### State Organizations

These statewide committees, task forces and boards addressed a broad range of issues including health, teen pregnancy, child welfare, mental health, child care, family assistance, juvenile justice and broad-based children's needs. For a list of these groups, see pages 75-76 of the Appendix.

### Regional Organizations

At the regional level, representatives of the Commission participated in a number of groups in almost every area of the state. Staff members also served on committees, task forces and boards unique to individual regions and addressing issues including child abuse, child care, education, Head Start, health, mental health, family assistance, foster care, adoptions, juvenile justice, substance abuse and teen pregnancy. For a list of these groups, please see page 77 of the Appendix.

### TCCY Involvement

- \* 300 government/nonprofit roles;
- \* 123 positions within local organizations;
- \* 6 national committees/task forces/boards;
- \* 1 Southeast committee/task force/board;
- \* 111 statewide committees/task forces/boards;
- \* 49 regional committees/task forces/boards;
- \* 7 national/multistate presentations;
- \* 19 regional presentations;
- \* 19 local presentations to more than 4,775 individuals;
- \* 24 displays for more than 4,500 individuals.

### Presentations and Displays

Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth staff members made presentations and prepared displays on a variety of topics to a range of different groups and organizations. These presentations focused on Commission activities, advocacy, Commission priorities and substantive issues. During fiscal year 2009-10, TCCY staff members made 86 presentations.

Additionally, TCCY staff presented 24 displays to about 4,529 individuals at one national, four statewide, 12 regional and seven local conferences, health fairs, college recruitment meetings and teen meetings. The purpose of these displays was to disseminate TCCY information and recruit members for the regional councils.

# Child Care Board of Review

Under Tennessee law, a Child Care Board of Review shall review actions of the Tennessee Department of Human Services' Child Care Licensing Division revoking, denying or otherwise limiting an operator's license to operate a program; any civil penalties imposed; and any long-term (90-days or longer) safety plan required. Under TCA 71-3-510(a)(2) the executive director of TCCY or a designee is a permanent member of the board. TCCY staff members serve as representatives of the executive director. During 2009-10, Field Staff Director Richard Kennedy served TCCY on this board, which met twice.

# Foster Care Review Board

*(4) Monitor foster care review boards; report on the impact of foster care review on children and youth in foster care; and make recommendations for improvement of the state's foster care system to the governor and each member of the general assembly. TCA-37-3-103*

Tennessee law (TCA 37-2-406) mandates cases of children in state custody be reviewed by juvenile courts within 90 days of entering custody and at least once every six months thereafter until they exit custody. Although juvenile court judges may review the cases, the preferred method is to form a foster care review board of community members. According to a 2005 publication by the Administrative Office of the Courts, 88 of Tennessee's counties reported having 108 foster care review boards. Most of the boards met monthly and had five to seven members.

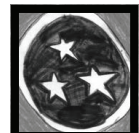
Members, who are appointed by Juvenile Court judges, may include a doctor, a lawyer, a staff member of a social service agency, a staff member of a mental health agency, a young adult (18 to 25 years old) and must include a parent of a minor child. In about half the boards, Department of Children's Services staff members schedule meetings. Court staff schedule the



The CASA "Forgotten Kids" display in Bicentennial Park

rest of the boards. Although boards are not required to review the cases of delinquent children, more than half the boards do so.

As a part of its efforts to fulfill its legislative mandate and to advocate for children in care, TCCY staff members serve on local foster care review boards. At least nine staff members served on foster care review boards in four counties, attending up to 12 meetings each during the year.



# Information Dissemination

The Tennessee KIDS COUNT project is part of a national effort to track the status of children throughout the United States, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. KIDS COUNT seeks to enrich local, state and national discussions of ways to secure better futures for all children by providing policymakers and citizens with benchmarks of child well-being. Publications completed and promoted during fiscal year 2009-10 included *KIDS COUNT: The State of the Child in Tennessee 2009*.

## KIDS COUNT

At the state level, the principal activity of the Tennessee KIDS COUNT Project is the publication and dissemination of the annual *KIDS COUNT: The State of the Child in Tennessee*. *The State of the Child in Tennessee* uses the best available data to measure the physical, educational, social and economic well-being of children and families in the state. The report also fulfills TCCY's mandate in Tennessee Code Annotated 37-3-103(a)(1)(E) to annually publish "a comprehensive report on the status of children and youth in Tennessee."

The 87-page report produced in fiscal year 2009-10 presented data on 40 indicators of child well-being. A complete list of these indicators can be found on page 77 in the Appendix.

The data sources for *The State of the Child in Tennessee* were the Tennessee departments of Children's Services, Education, Health, Human Services and Revenue; the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Administrative Office of the Courts; the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration; the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; other state agencies; the Metropolitan Nashville -Davidson County Juvenile Court; and various state and national reports.

# National KIDS COUNT Data Book

The National KIDS COUNT Data Book was released in July 2009. At the national level the principal activity of the KIDS COUNT Project is the annual KIDS COUNT Data Book, which uses the best available data to measure the educational, social, economic and physical well-being of children. Individual states and the District of Columbia are ranked on 10 indicators of child well-being. In the 2009 publication, Tennessee ranked 46th in overall cumulative rankings when compared with other states. The Tennessee KIDS COUNT project works with the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Casey Foundation's public relations firm to disseminate and publicize the findings of the book.

## Electronic Access to Data

Tennessee KIDS COUNT data were provided on the Internet during the fiscal year 2009-10 using the National KIDS COUNT Data Center. The KIDS COUNT Data Center houses information for all 95 Tennessee counties on 43 indicators, with the option to map, graph, rank and download raw data for Tennessee. The Data Center can be accessed at <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data/bystate/Default.aspx>.

## ListServ

TCCY uses a Listserv to distribute updates about state legislation during the legislative session, and alerts about other issues and national legislation and information about newsletters as they are released. Directions for ListServ access can be found at <http://www.tn.gov/tccy/listserv.html>.

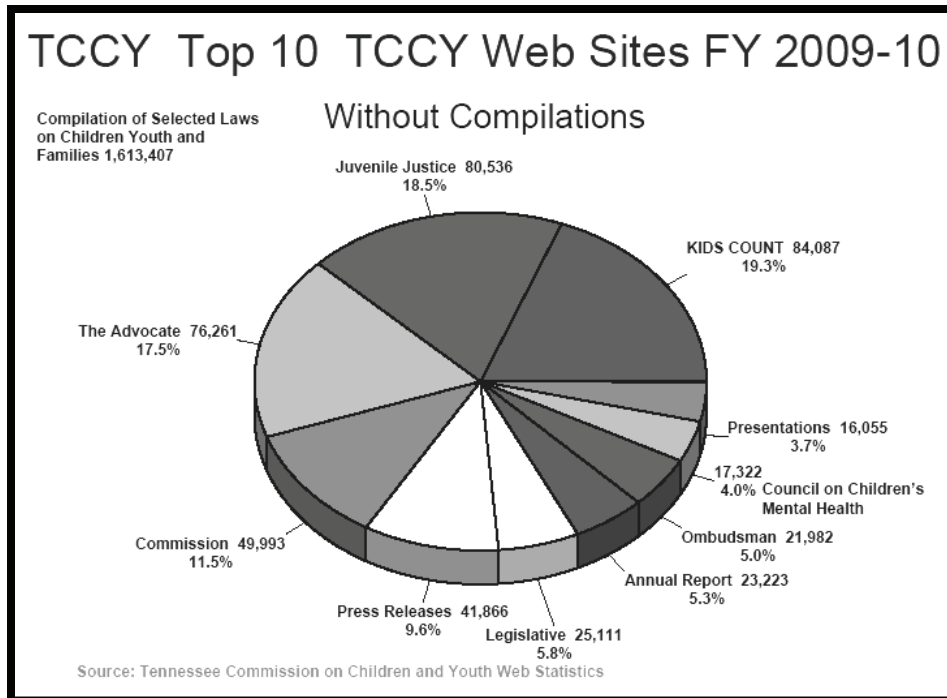


Advocates sharing information and ideas

Pam Brown presenting the 2010 Making Kids Count Media Award to Dwight Lewis with *The Tennessean*

# Website

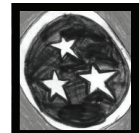
During the fiscal year 2009-10, the TCCY website included information about all available Juvenile Justice funds, the Children’s Program Outcome Review Team (CPORT) data, *KIDS COUNT: The State of the Child in Tennessee*, *The Advocate*, *The Resource Mapping Reports* and *Council on Children’s Mental Health Reports*. All the publications were on the Internet in pdf format. The TCCY calendar of events was updated weekly, and a listing of information sources on social service providers was included on the site. During 2009-10, the site received 2,717,863 visits.



## *The Advocate*

TCCY publishes *The Advocate*, a newsletter on children’s issues, to inform children’s advocates, children’s service providers, legislators, policy makers and regional council members about children’s issues. During fiscal year 2009-10, *The Advocate* continued to be available on the agency website and distributed through TCCY’s ListServ.

The first 2009-10 issue of *The Advocate* was a 12-page edition released in July 2009 and focused on Health Reform. The second issue reported on suicide prevention in Tennessee in October 2009. The third issue, in January 2010, discussed childhood trauma. The final issue, released in May 2010, focused on early education.





# Regional Councils

*Tennessee Code Annotated 37-3-106 requires the Commission on Children and Youth to organize a regional council on children and youth in each of the state's nine development districts. It establishes the councils at the ongoing communication link between the omission and regional and local areas in Tennessee.*

The statute requires one locally based staff person for each regional council and identifies the following duties of the council:

- \* Provide for mutual exchange of information and networking among service providers, advocates and elected officials;
- \* Educate council members, officials and others involved in services for children and youth and the general public concerning the needs and problems of children and youth in the region and the state;
- \* Coordinate regional and local efforts between public and private service providers to enhance services for children and youth;
- \* Advocate for legislation, policies and programs at the local and regional level to promote and protect the health, well-being and development of children and youth;
- \* Collect, compile and distribute data and make recommendations of the needs and problems of children and youth.



East Tennessee Regional Coordinator  
Lindsey Cody greets Senator Jamie Woodson  
at a regional council event

In fiscal year 2009-10, more than 2,600 community representatives and professionals were active members of the nine regional councils.

The information on the following pages presents the nine regions and regional coordinators.





# Northeast Tennessee Council on Children and Youth

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Senator Rusty Crowe with Northeast TN Council members

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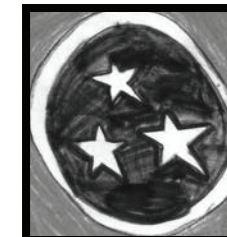
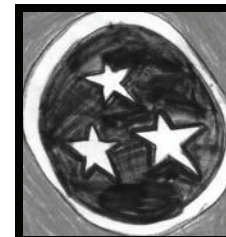
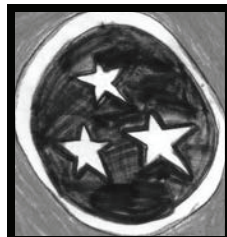
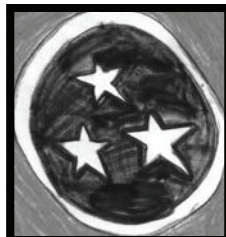
President	Larry Rose
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President-Elect	Shannon Mason
Past-President	Jeff Berry
Secretary	Anissa Lyttle
Treasurer	Beth Rader

## Committees and Chairs

Child and Family Support	Stephanie Sanders, CASA of Northeast Tennessee
Child Advocacy	Christen Minnick, Washington County Health Department
Legislative	Amy Cinnamon, Hawkins County Schools Family Resource Center
Juvenile Justice	Angel Blackwell, Washington County Juvenile Court
Membership/Nominating	Kay Ward, Bristol Tennessee Schools– Project Fine
	Jane Pack, Department of Children’s Services
Hospitality/Public Relations	Rose Rasmussen, Johnson County Schools

## Meetings and Topics

October 2, 2009	Step Up For Kids Event
November 18, 2009	Mental Health’s System of Care Update
February 5, 2010	Breakfast with Our Legislators
April 23, 2010	Child Abuse Prevention Training Conference
May 21, 2010	Wrap Up of the 106th TN General Assembly



# East Tennessee Council on Children and Youth

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Lindsey Cody (R) greets then Mayor Bill Haslam (L)

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President-Elect	Vacant 2009-10
Past President	Vacant 2009-10
Secretary	Margaret Durgin
Treasurer	Sandi Groover

**Committees and Chairs:**

Legislative Committee	Kate O'Day, CEO, Child and Family Tennessee, Kathy Bryant, M. Ed. Early Intervention Educator
Juvenile Justice	Darrell Smith, Director, Knox County Juvenile Court
Education/Prevention	Dr. Carolyn Stinnett, Knox County Family Resource Center
Membership	Bruce Crabtree, Boys and Girls Clubs of the TN Valley

**Meetings and Topics:**

October 29, 2009	"Step Up for Kids Event" Networking Conference/Council Meeting
January 26, 2010	Winter Conference: "Building Stronger Communities" with guest speakers Bill Haslam, Knoxville City Mayor, and Mike Ragsdale, Knox County Mayor
February 11, 2010	Legislative Council Meeting/Training, Blount County DCS, with guest trainer, Trudy Hughes, Director, New Hope, Blount County Child Advocacy Center and TCCY Commission Member
May 4, 2010	Children's Mental Health Week Conference: "Focus on Suicide Prevention" with Guest Speaker Connie Briscoe, University of Tennessee
June 29, 2010	Healing the Invisible Wounds: "Children's Exposure to Violence", conducted by Carla Snodgrass, Director of Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee

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Advocates from Southeast Tennessee meet with their representative

**Officers**

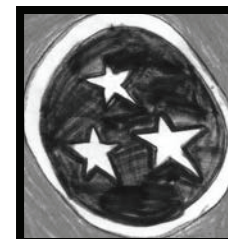
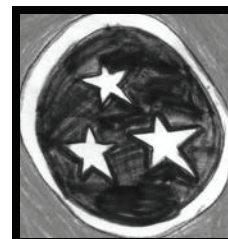
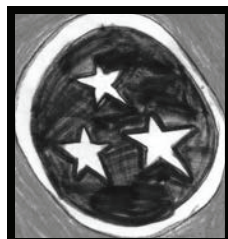
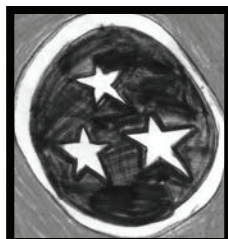
President	Katie Larue
Vice-President	Vacant 2009-10
President-Elect	Azusa Dance
Past-President	Becky Encizo
Secretary	Ericcka Hill

**Committees and Chairs**

Legislative	Max Hood, Parkridge Valley Intensive Outpatient Division
Public Relations	Azusa Dance, Siskin's Children's Learning Center
Membership/Awards	Shula Yelliott, Hamilton County Read 20, Hamilton County Government
Child Welfare	Beverly McKeldin, Human Services, City of Chattanooga
Juvenile Justice	Antinio Petty, Hamilton County Juvenile Court
Mental Health	Michele Bostwick, Chattanooga Head Start
Early Childhood	Marguerite Chambers, Parents As First Teachers
Hiwassee Council	Lisa Wiley, Action Counseling, Bradley County

**Meetings and Topics:**

August 24	Executive Committee Meeting
September 17	Quarterly meeting
January 17	Martin Luther King Conference
March 9-10	Children's Advocacy Days
May 7	"Children's Mental Health Week Celebration"



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## Officers

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Treasurer  
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Carolyn Isbell  
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Panelists at the Step Up for Kids Conference October 9, 2009

## Committees and Chairs

Executive Committee  
Legislative/Advocacy  
Membership/Hospitality  
Program Committee  
Publicity Committee

Officers, Past President, and Committee Chairpersons  
Kelly Dishman, County Mayor, Van Buren County  
Christy Pailing, Upper Cumberland Training Specialist, MTSU  
Lorie Krauss, Upper Cumberland Training Specialist, MTSU  
Jessica Tucker, Resource Linkage Coordinator, DCS

## Meetings and Topics

June 19, 2009

Annual Business Meeting

July 10, 2009

Quarterly Council Meeting, Topic of Training: "Cultural Awareness"

October 9, 2009

Step Up for Kids Legislative Event and Networking Conference

January 22, 2010

UCCCY Quarterly Council Meeting/Training, "Assessing Parental Attachment and Affecting Change in the Parent-Child Relationship"

## Special Events

August 25, 2009

Lunch and Learn, Smith County, Highlight: UT Extension Service Fentress County "Back to School Bash," Partnered with Fentress County Community Action Board and AmeriChoice Administered Student Surveys at Cookeville High School for Power of Putnam/CADCAT

August 26, 2009

August, 2009

October 29, 2010

Lunch and Learn, Van Buren County, Highlight: Kids Count Data Presentation

May 21, 2010

UCCCY and Volunteer Behavioral Health partnered to provide training on Children's Mental Health Awareness, Scott Ridgway, TSPN; Dustin Keller, TCCY; Vickie Harden, VBH; and Anne Stamps and Brenda Harper, VBH, were guest speakers

# Mid-Cumberland Council on Children and Youth

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## Officers

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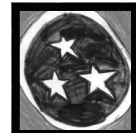
Flooding in May caused the temporary closing of TCCY's offices in Nashville and affected advocates across the state, particularly in Middle and West Tennessee.

## Meetings and Topics

August 25, 2009	Vanderbilt Community Fair
August 27, 2009	Lunch and Learn, "Anxiety Disorders," Nashville
September 2, 2009	Lunch and Learn, "Suicide Awareness and Prevention," Clarksville
September 22, 2009	Lunch and Learn, "Epilepsy Foundation," Gallatin
September 24, 2009	Lunch and Learn, "Suicide Awareness and Prevention," Smyrna
September 29, 2009	Lunch and Learn, "Misdiagnosis of Children Who Have Experienced Trauma," Nashville
October 9, 2009	Fall Conference, Legislative Event, Budget Issues, Nashville
March 9-10, 2010	Children's Advocacy Days, Nashville
April 7, 2010	Lunch and Learn, "Strengthening Families," Clarksville
April 19, 2010	Lunch and Learn, "Child Suicide," Nashville
May 20, 2010	Lunch and Learn, "Childhood Bullying," Nashville
June 3, 2010	Lunch and Learn, "Big Bird or Baby Einstein?" Nashville

## Special Events

December 2009	Dickson County Foster Parent Christmas Party
March 9-10, 2010	Children's Advocacy Days, TCCY, Nashville
April 2010	Child Abuse Prevention Month: MCCY delivered baskets of "goodies" to DCS central intake and all Child Advocacy Centers in the region.





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## Officers

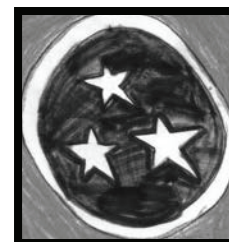
President	Bobbie Cox
Vice-President	Lynne Farrar
President-Elect	Nedra Dailey
Past-President	Tabitha Steadman
Secretary	Vacant 2009-10
Treasurer	Vacant 2009-10

## Committees and Chairs

Executive	Bobbie Cox, South Central Human Resource Agency
Legislative	Terri Phillips, Faith-Based Advocate
Juvenile Justice	James McCune, Tennessee Children's Home
Audit	Casey Knight, Retired Teacher

## Meetings and Topics

July 15, 2009	Business/Committee Meetings and Workshop "A Moment in Time"
August 4, 2009	Executive and Bylaws Committee Meeting
September 22, 2009	Council Business/Committee Meetings
October 7, 2009	Step-Up for Kids/Focus on Budget for Children's Services
October 21, 2009	Council Meeting and Workshops: "Protecting the Elderly Care Giver- While They Protect the Young"
January 12, 2010	Council Business/Committee Meetings, Columbia
January 21, 2010	Legislative Committee Workgroup
February 4, 2010	Council Meeting
February 24, 2010	Business Meeting and Committees
March 9, 2010	Children's Advocacy Days, Nashville
March 11, 2010	Membership Workgroup
April 8, 2010	Training: "An Ounce of Prevention," Columbia
April 16, 2010	Training: "An Ounce of Prevention," Fayetteville
April 24, 2010	Bylaws Committee
May 17, 2010	Business and Committee Meetings
May 21, 2010	Annual Council Meeting



## Special Events

August 07, 2009	Co-sponsored a pre-TSPN Awareness Event
September 10, 2009	Co-sponsored Regional Suicide Prevention Awareness and Education Event
May 13, 2010	Co-sponsored the Mule Town Family Network's Community Education and Training Workshop "Maury 101 Plus"
May 19, 2010	Participated in the Maury County Health Council's Health Expo
June-July, 2010	CAD 2010 Gubernatorial Video shown throughout region

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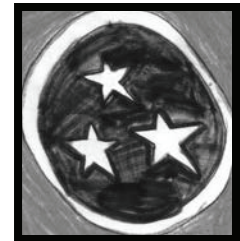
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President-Elect:	Vacant 2009-10
Past-President:	Vacant 2009-10
Secretary:	Sharye Hendrix
Treasurer:	Michelle Horton

## Committees and Chairs

Education/Prevention	Marilyn Goodman, Milan High School Lori Hendon, Weakley and Obion Child Abuse Prevention Center Derrick Palmer, Carey Counseling Center
Juvenile Justice	Eddy White, Dyer County Juvenile Court Lee Hayes, Gibson County Juvenile Court Clerk David Johnson, Benton County Juvenile Court
Legislative	Joetta Yarbrow, Dyersburg Family Resource Center Sherri Sedgebear, Carey Counseling Center Gina Hampton, Northwest Tennessee Head Start
Membership	Betty Rasberry, Retired Gretchen Beauchamp, Northwest Child Care Resource and Referral

## Meetings and Topics

September 18, 2009	Ethics Training: HIV/AIDS Understanding and Ethical Issues
October 8, 2009	NW Council Step Up for Kids Legislative Event
November 13, 2009	NW Council Fall Conference and Provider Fair
December 8, 2009	Life in the State of Poverty Simulation Training
February 3, 2010	Life in the State of Poverty Simulation Training
March 9-10, 2010	Child Advocacy Days
April 28, 2010	NW Council Spring Conference – “Children in the Spotlight”
April 29-30, 2010	TJCSA – West Mini Conference (Co-Sponsor)



## Special Events

Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month- 36 Appreciation Baskets

# Southwest Council on Children and Youth

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Treasurer	Barry Cooper
Secretary	Rhonda Ewing
Past Chairperson	Jonathan Searcy



An advocate listens to a Children's Advocacy Days speaker discuss pertinent issues affecting children and youth at the annual gathering for advocates across Tennessee

## Meetings and Topics

July 15, 2009	"Extending Foster Care to Age 21: Benefits, Costs and Opportunities for States" Web Conference
August 26, 2009	"Improving Early Identification and Treatment of Adolescent Depression" Web Conference
September 29, 2009	"Evidence-Based Systems of Home Visitation" Web Conference
November 10, 2009	Screening of "Urban Assault: Escape from Poverty"
January 14, 2010	"Budgeting, the Next Generation: Federal and State Investments in Children after ARRA" Web Conference
May 3, 2010	"What Is Required... A West Tennessee Summit on Mentoring" Workshop
May 7, 2010	"SOC 101: Introduction to System of Care" Workshop in cooperation with the Council on Children's Mental Health
May 24, 2010	"Healing the Hidden Wounds: Responding to Childhood Victimization" Workshop
June 7, 2010	"Beauty Redefined: The Future of Girls' Body Image, Health and the Media" Web Conference
June 28, 2010	"Faith-Based Roundtable"



# Memphis/Shelby County Council on Children and Youth

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Past-President	Kelli Grissom
Secretary	Jacqueline King
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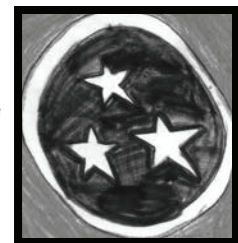
Decorations at the 2010 Children's Advocacy Days mirror the theme of traditional political picnic

## Committees and Chairs

Prevention	Henrietta Jones, Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
Youth and Juvenile Justice	Gwendolyn Harbert, Department of Human Services
Legislative	Bobbie Thompson, University of Tennessee

## Meetings and Topics

August 26, 2009	Coordinated School Health and System of Care for Children's Mental Health
November 18, 2009	New Mothers' Study
February 24, 2010	Healing the Invisible Wounds of Children Exposed to Violence
May 26, 2010	Overcoming Barriers to HIV Prevention Among African American Women



## Special Events

October 8, 2009	Step Up For Kids Forum
March 9-10, 2010	Children's Advocacy Days, Nashville

# Juvenile Justice

*Tennessee Code Annotated Section 37-3-103(a)(1)(C) establishes the following Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) responsibilities in the juvenile justice arena:*

*To implement the provisions of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974; and distribute, consistent with the purpose of the commission as set forth by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-3-102(a), such funds as the general assembly shall direct.*

TCCY strives each year to improve advocacy services for children and youth by complying with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act. The Act, reauthorized in 2002, requires participating states to have a state advisory group (SAG). TCCY serves as Tennessee's SAG.

TCCY also exercises the powers and duties designated in the Tennessee Code above. These include advocating for efficient, effective and relevant programs and services for children and youth. TCCY identifies problems and gaps in programs and services for children and families across the state.

In order to receive Federal Formula Grant funds to address delinquency prevention and intervention issues, a state must maintain compliance with the JJDP Act's four core requirements for continued participation:

- \* Deinstitutionalize status offenders (DSO);
- \* Remove children from adult jails;
- \* Separate children from adult offenders;
- \* Address disproportionate contact of minority children with the juvenile justice system.

## **Basic JJDP Act Requirements:**

- \* State advisory group;
- \* Compliance with 4 core requirements;
- \* Annual submission of 3-year plan or plan updates.

The JJDP Act requires the annual submission of a three-year plan or plan update to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Each year, the Commission submits a plan that includes a juvenile crime analysis of court referrals, adjudications, offenses and transfers to adult court categorized by race and gender. The plan includes program areas Tennessee will focus on to reduce juvenile delinquency using funds from the JJDP Act.

Funds provided to projects across the state will focus on evidence-based programs that have proven to work with at-risk and delinquent youth. Programs are required to submit performance measures to indicate results of services provided. The program areas TCCY focused on for this period included Delinquency Prevention, Minority Over-Representation, Youth Advocacy and Alternatives to Detention.

# Federal Formula Grants

TCCY annually awards grants from funds provided through the JJDP Act. Federal Formula grants are awarded for one year. Renewal is not automatic, and grantees must submit an application each year, but these grants are renewable for up to two additional years with the funding levels for the second and third years decreasing to 75 percent and 50 percent, respectively, of the first year's budget.

Federal regulations require funds be allocated for programs as a part of a coordinated and comprehensive community system of services, including collaborative efforts such

## **Federal Formula Grant:**

- \* Grant for up to 3 years;
- \* Year 1 = 100% funding;
- \* Year 2 = 75% funding;
- \* Year 3 = 50% funding;
- \* 2,700 children served during reporting period;
- \* 870 volunteers recruited during reporting period.

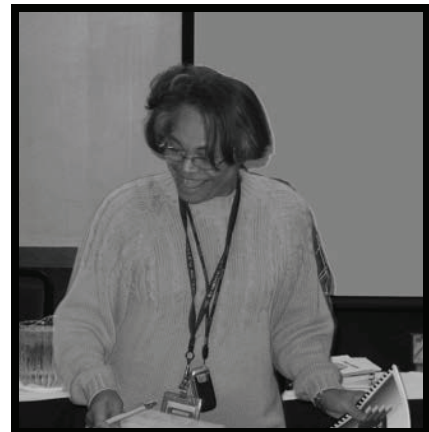
as the Community Prevention Initiative. Funded programs must ensure services for the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency and be consistent with policies focusing on preserving families and providing appropriate services in the least restrictive environments.

TCCY gives preference to evidence-based programs that provide direct services to youth and encourages private and public partnerships in the delivery of services for the prevention and intervention of juvenile

delinquency. Funded projects should focus on early intervention efforts for children at risk of developing emotional or behavioral problems because of physical or mental stress and abuse.

Tennessee received approximately \$1 million in Federal Formula Grant funds in fiscal year 2009-10. TCCY awarded grants to agencies for delinquency prevention and intervention projects to ensure youth at risk of committing offenses received appropriate services. During this reporting period, grantees served more than 2,700 children with 870 volunteers, mainly as mentors to the youth, working on the projects. A chart of grantees and monies allotted can be seen on page 78 in the Appendix.

TCCY staff provided grant-writing training and technical assistance to potential applicants for all federal grants it administers. An orientation session and technical assistance were given by TCCY staff to agencies and organizations approved for funding to assure successful implementation of programs.



Juvenile Justice Director Debrah Stafford

# Title V Delinquency Prevention Grants

The 2002 reauthorization of the JJDP Act included Title V provisions to promote collaboration within communities to develop delinquency prevention strategies. Title V requires community-based planning process focused on reducing risks and enhancing protective factors to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system. Local communities completed risk and resource assessments to determine effective strategies and specific programs for target populations.

Unlike Federal Formula grants, which may be awarded to individuals or single agencies, Title V funds must be given to local units of government. To be considered for funding, a community must demonstrate collaboration by the establishment of a multidisciplinary prevention policy board (PPB) and the development of a three-year plan for delinquency prevention. In addition, the local unit of government must provide a 50 percent

cash or in-kind match. The county must also be in compliance with the mandates of the JJDP Act.

In fiscal year 2009-10, TCCY continued its participation with the Tennessee departments of Health, Children's Services and Education and the United Way in the Community Prevention Initiative for children. Title V programs and those funded by the Department of Health through the Community Prevention Initiative share similar philosophies and goals. To receive these funds, community collaboration must be demonstrated in the development of strategies to prevent negative behaviors and outcomes for children.



Speakers at Children's Advocacy Days in March of each year educate advocates on issues pertaining to youth in Tennessee, including delinquency

During this reporting period, Title V grantees served more than 270 children. Also, 29 volunteers worked on some of the projects.

## Title V Requirements

- \* Granted to local units of government;
- \* Multidisciplinary prevention policy board;
- \* 3-year delinquency prevention plan;
- \* 50% cash/in-kind match of funds from local government;
- \* County compliance with JJDP Act.

# JJDP Act Monitoring

TCCY continues to strive to make Tennessee violation free. New juvenile court judges and their staffs, new sheriffs, jail administrators and their staffs attend TCCY trainings, and TCCY has notified youth service officers and the Administrative Office of the Courts' staff that it will provide any information required by those who are having trouble understanding or who are unaware of the rules or guidelines of the JJDP Act, including those covering Deinstitutionalization of Status Offender and Jail Removal

<b>TCCY Juvenile Justice Facility Monitoring Activities Fiscal Year 2009-10</b>			
<b>Number</b>	<b>Type of Program</b>	<b>Monitoring/On-Site Frequency</b>	<b>Total Number of TCCY Monitoring Activities</b>
110	Jails and/or Lockups***	Annually/Quarterly	150
9	Temporary Holding Facilities	Monthly	108
18	Juvenile Detention Centers	Monthly	216
3	Youth Development Centers	Annually/Quarterly	6
2	Youth Development Program	Monthly	8
142	<b>Total</b>		488

\*\*\* Jails and Lockups are generally monitored annually unless the volume of inmates is so large that the monitor will visit quarterly to save time. Temporary Holding Facilities are monitored monthly as well as Juvenile Detention Centers, both public and private. Youth Development Centers are monitored annually unless the monitor feels it is necessary to monitor quarterly due to the volume of juveniles.



# Facility Compliance Monitoring

Each year TCCY submits to OJJDP a monitoring report summarizing violations of the Act's mandates. For the 2009-10 Compliance Monitoring Year, Tennessee had 41 deinstitutionalization of status offender (DSO) violations statewide. The maximum allowed to continue to be eligible for funding is 409. The decrease from 103 the previous year can be

DSO Violations			
1989-90	118	2000-01	290
1990-91	100	2001-02	184
1991-92	182	2002-03	166
1992-93	242	2003-04	147
1993-94	318	2004-05	249
1994-95	391	2005-06	137
1995-96	346	2006-07	119
1996-97	351	2007-08	115
1997-98	484	2008-09	103
1998-99	783	2009-10	41
1999-00	364		

credited to the ongoing education of detention facility and juvenile court staffs on dealing with status offenders and finding alternatives to detention. We strive to make new and seasoned youth service officers aware of the guidelines set by the JJDP Act. TCCY continues to provide the updated, necessary materials and make clear the understanding of the Act and the use of Valid Court Orders.

The violation process continued to involve an ongoing training program. Monitoring juvenile detention facilities,

temporary holding resources, jails and lockups on a monthly rather than a quarterly basis by juvenile justice specialists, and TCCY regional coordinators intervened to stop problems before they started. The monitoring also provided an opportunity for technical assistance and advice on alternatives to secure placements. Commission members continued reduction efforts by talking to judges and facility directors in their areas regarding the alternatives to secure placements. Tennessee had no counties out of compliance for DSO violations.



Juvenile Justice specialist Vicki Taylor

# Facility Compliance Monitoring

In regard to the jail removal and separation core requirements of the JJDP Act, Tennessee has remained in compliance since 1986. The Act has had a strong impact on Tennessee's juvenile justice system regarding children held in adult jails. The number of violations for children held in adult jails has been reduced from approximately 10,000 in 1980 to no violations for 2008-09. For the 2009-10 year Tennessee had one Jail Removal violation.



However TCCY is currently awaiting determination from OJJDP concerning Jail Removal and Separation. During May of 2010 Davidson and surrounding counties were flooded. The Davidson County Juvenile Detention facility in Nashville was also flooded. Juveniles were evacuated to two different adult jails, one for females and one for males. This was done for their safety as well as for the safety for the community. TCCY contacted OJJDP with regards to holding the juveniles in adult placements during the process. TCCY as well contacted Davidson County Juvenile Court administrators to make sure that all juveniles were being held in compliance with OJJDP guidelines and state law as far as possible. Davidson County housed male juveniles in the basement of the adult jail maintaining sight and sound compliance once the juvenile is in the secured area. Juvenile females were being held at the Williamson County Juvenile Detention facility.

With or without Separation or Jail Removal violations, TCCY will continue to work with the local sheriffs, jail administrators and Correction Facilities to prevent future violations.

TCCY Juvenile Justice Facility Monitoring Activities Fiscal Year 2009-10			
Number	Type of Program	Monitoring/On-Site Frequency	Total Number of TCCY Monitoring Activities
110	Jails and/or Lockups***	Annually/Quarterly	150
9	Temporary Holding Facilities	Monthly	108
18	Juvenile Detention Centers	Monthly	216
3	Youth Development Centers	Annually/Quarterly	6
2	Youth Development Program	Monthly	8
142	<b>Total</b>		488

\*\*\* Jails and Lockups are generally monitored annually unless the volume of inmates is so large that the monitor will visit quarterly to save time. Temporary Holding Facilities are monitored monthly as well as Juvenile Detention Centers, both public and private. Youth Development Centers are monitored annually unless the monitor feels it is necessary to monitor quarterly due to the volume of juveniles.

# Minority Over-Representation

One of the four core requirements of the JJDP Act of 1974 was to address minority over-representation (MOR) in secure confinement. The act, reauthorized in 2002 (and currently up for reauthorization again), included disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system as a core requirement to replace disproportionate minority confinement.

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## Tennessee remains in compliance with MOR core requirements of the JJDP Act by:

- \* Data collection to verify a disproportionate number of minority youth in secure confinement in rural and metropolitan areas;
- \* Educating local communities on DMC;
- \* Presentations on Tennessee’s achievements at national DMC conferences and keeping updated on MOR information;
- \* Acquiring Technical Assistance (TA) from OJJDP and National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) on strategies to address and reduce the large number of children of color at all levels of the juvenile justice system;
- \* Using Federal Formula Grant funds for programs that develop detention alternatives;
- \* Funding grant applications that focus services on children of color;
- \* Establishing a statewide DMC Task Force coordinator;
- \* Diversifying racial and ethnic composition of the DMC Task Force membership;
- \* Developing local DMC Task Forces now in six cities in the state (Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Memphis, Alcoa and Clarksville);
- \* Seeing that state legislation HR 890 passed to authorize the Select Committee on Children and Youth (SCCY) to work with TCCY on DMC issues
- \* Funding the Special DMC Project in Memphis City Schools, the School House Adjustment Program Enterprise (SHAPE), to reduce the number of minority youth in the juvenile justice system;
- \* Funding additional DMC Projects to reduce the number of children of color in the juvenile justice system;
- \* Increasing statewide DMC Task Force budget for operations;
- \* Co-sponsoring Western Region DMC Conference with Memphis City Schools.



# Minority Over-Representation

The statewide DMC Task Force first formed in 1995. It works to address minority over-representation (MOR) issues at the state and local levels. The task force met three times during fiscal year 2009-10 to develop strategies to reduce DMC in problem areas. The latest research and best practice programs show the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) has proven to be the best nationwide effort to reduce the number of children of color found in secure confinement, as well as the number of majority American children who find themselves securely confined.

<b>Disproportionate Minority Contact/Confinement (DMC) Task Force Members</b>		
<b>East</b>		
Hoan Bui	Professor (UTK)	East
Amadou Sall	Professor (UTK)	East
Beverly Cosley	Chattanooga City Government	Southeast
Dwight Stokes, Vice Chair	Juvenile Court Judge	East
Bo Walker	Administrator	Southeast
<b>Middle</b>		
Gwen Harris	DCS	Mid-Cumberland
Linda Copeland	DCS	Mid-Cumberland
Jaunita Veasy	Black Children's Institute	Mid-Cumberland
Elvira Newcomb	Adm. Office of the Court	Mid-Cumberland
Trish Hayes	Public Defender's Office	Mid-Cumberland
Merriel Neal, Esq.	Attorney	Mid-Cumberland
Atica Helms	Metro Nashville Juvenile Court	Mid-Cumberland
Yolanda Hockett	Metro Nashville Juvenile Detention	Mid-Cumberland
Tommy Vallejos	Faith Outreach Church	Mid-Cumberland
Marcy Melvin	Centerstone	Mid-Cumberland
Beverly Norment	DCS Family Support Specialist	Mid-Cumberland
<b>West</b>		
Wayne Pitts	University of Memphis	Shelby County
John Hall, Chair	Memphis City Schools	Shelby County
Susan Adams	Service Provider	Shelby County
Wanda Halbert	Memphis School Board	Shelby County

# Minority Over-Representation

.In 2009 in Tennessee, there were 627,828 youth ages 10 to 17. All youth in this age category are considered to be at risk. Of that population, 27 percent were children of color, and 21 percent were African-American children. Although African American children only represented 21 percent of the at risk population, they made up 30 percent of the referrals to Juvenile Court. This disproportionately higher referral rate translates into higher incarceration rates in state secure facilities.

A comparison of the latest juvenile court data for Tennessee's 2009 Relative Rate Indexes (RRI) shows African American children were five times more likely to be transferred to adult court when compared to their White youth counterparts. The RRI is the indicator of disproportionate over-representation of children of color in our state juvenile justice system required by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

According to the Tennessee Annual Juvenile Court Statistical Report, comparisons in the number of African American children transferred to adult court remains high. In 2007, 291 African American Children were transferred, in 2008 388 African American children, and 2009 311 children.

TCCY is serious and proactive in trying to reduce the number of children of color in secure confinement. Several initiatives have been completed that will actively assist TCCY in its overall goal. The DMC Pilot Project that has proven to be effective in

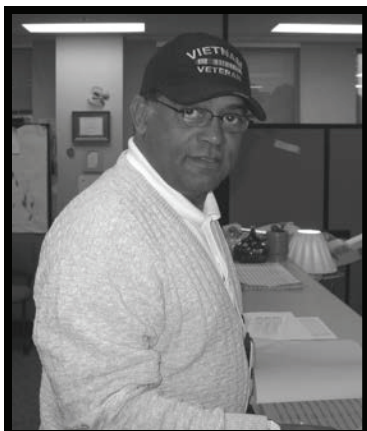
reducing minority youth in the juvenile justice system is the School House Adjustment Program Enterprise (SHAPE) in Memphis-Shelby County. SHAPE is a collaborative effort between Memphis City Schools, the Memphis Police Department, the offices of the Memphis City and

**Number of Children Transferred to Adult Court**  
2007, 2008, 2009

Year	White	African American	Other/ Mixed Race
2007	61	291	88
2008	83	388	24
2009	112	311	14

Source: Tennessee Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges Statistical Report

# Minority Over-Representation

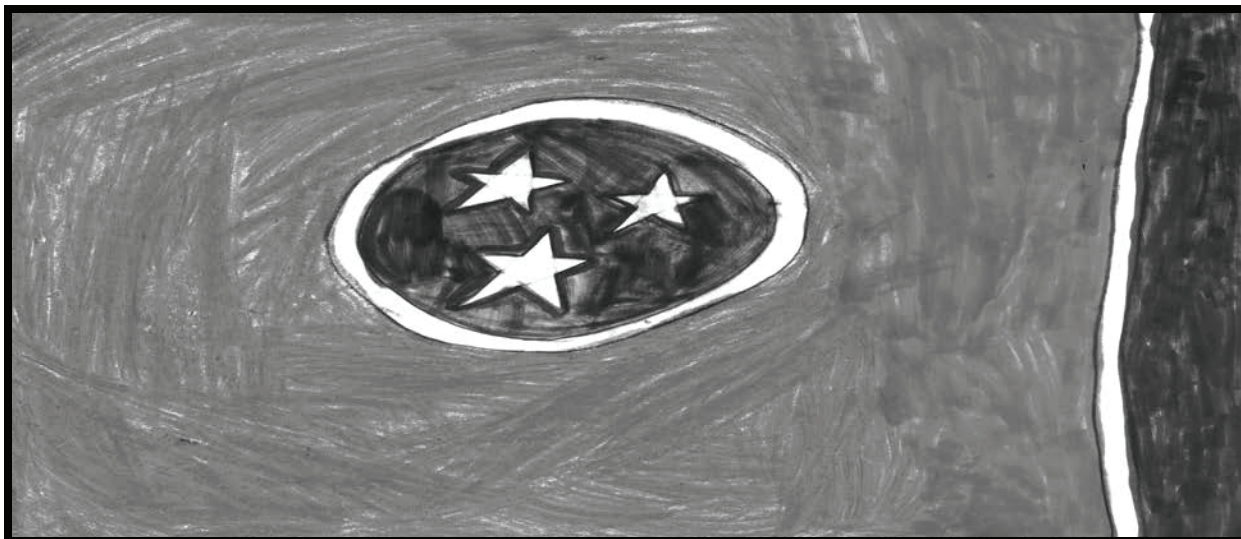


Ron King is the DMC Task Force Coordinator for TCCY

Shelby County mayors, the Public Defender's Office, Juvenile Court and the local Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Task Force. Started in October 2008, the program's purpose is to reduce the number of minority students referred to juvenile court for minor offenses committed at school (e.g., simple assault with no serious injury, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct).

There are presently 22 schools participating in the program (17 high schools and 5 middle schools), an increase from the eighteen (18) schools that started the program. The students selected attend after school sessions lasting approximately six weeks and involving homework assistance, tutoring, mentoring and social and life skills training.

Approximately 360 students have been involved in the program with 62.5 percent successfully completing it in 2009. Successful completion of SHAPE is defined as completing all curriculum requirements and having no contact with juvenile court while in the program. During the 2006-07 school year, more than 1,700 students were transferred to juvenile court from Memphis City Schools. In 2008-09, there was a reduction of 29.4 percent of students transported to juvenile court. In FY 2009-2010, there was more than a 30 percent reduction in the students transported to juvenile court.



# Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

TCCY strongly urges Congress to maintain funding for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) enacted in the 2002 reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Formerly funded through appropriations bills as the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG), the current Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program provides dollars for use by states and units of local government to promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. From its beginning in 1998 to September 2001, the Department of Children Services (DCS) administered these funds in Tennessee. Effective October 1, 2001, the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) became the administrator for the JAIBG/JABG program.

The benefits to Tennessee have been numerous, including:

- \* Tennessee has received a total of **\$31,299,900** from **1998 through 2009** for accountability-based juvenile justice system programs.
- \* Rural counties across the state have received funds to help with juvenile court services and the backlog of juvenile cases.
- \* Programs funded have included:
  - 1) Intensive probation services;
  - 2) Residential observation and assessment services;
  - 3) Intensive after care services;
  - 4) Alternative school and summer adventure-based programs;
  - 5) Additional referees to handle cases;
  - 6) Improved data systems for tracking juveniles;
  - 7) New youth and drug courts for diversion from the regular juvenile justice system, etc.
- \* Juvenile courts in rural areas, which normally have minimal resources, now have a greater variety of services to meet more individualized needs.



# Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

In Tennessee, juvenile offense referrals for crimes such as homicide, robbery, aggravated assault, rape, larceny, and burglary have been reduced by 8 percent from 2001 to 2009.

**Unfortunately, JABG funds to Tennessee have been drastically reduced since 2001. The total award for 2009 was \$930,200 compared to \$4,302,300 in 2001.**

It is important to maintain Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funds to continue the success of reducing juvenile crime in Tennessee and providing more individualized, accountability-based interventions for youth involved with the juvenile courts.

## Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Pass-Through Grantees and the Amount Received

Grantee	Amount
Davidson County Government	\$111,238
Knox County Government	\$ 36,685
Shelby County Government	\$199,785

## Juvenile Accountability Block Grant State-Allocated

Grantee	Amount
Frontier Health	\$160,000
Madison County Government	\$200,000
New Visions, Inc.	\$ 70,000
TN Community Services Agency	\$ 75,000
Upper Cumberland HRA	\$ 90,000





# Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws

Adolescence marks the age at which experimentation with mood-altering substances is most active. More youth in the United States drink alcohol than smoke tobacco or marijuana, making it the most socially acceptable drug used by teens. Though progress is being made, underage drinking remains a persistent problem among youth.

Binge drinking has increased among girls. A 2009 Attitude Tracking Study completed by the Partnership for Drug-Free America showed 70 percent of girls surveyed reported that alcohol helped them cope better by allowing them to forget problems at home or with friends. Long-term studies show a direct link between alcohol advertising and youth drinking. Young people who see and hear more alcohol advertisements are more likely to drink than their peers.

According to a June 2009 study by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), drinking related accidental deaths are on the rise and heavy episodic drinking (sometimes referred to as binge drinking) and drunk driving has increased among college students. The study also states that there is growing evidence that college prevention programs help reduce binge drinking and other alcohol-related problems.



Juvenile Justice Administrative Assistant Diane Baham

A request for proposals was developed, and training on the EUDL program was held for agencies, coalitions and organizations interested in reducing the sale and use of alcohol by minors. Activities funded were:

- \* Task forces of state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies that target establishments suspected of a pattern of violations of state laws governing the sale and consumption of alcohol by minors across the state;
- \* Innovative programs to prevent and combat underage drinking;
- \* Public advertising campaigns to educate establishments about statutory prohibitions and sanctions.

Programs funded and areas of focus for 2009-10 can be found on page 79 of the Appendix.



# Juvenile Justice Reimbursement

The Commission allocates a combination of state (\$18,000) and federal (\$117,000) JJDP Act funds to provide financial assistance to counties for alternatives to placing children in adult jails (TCA 37-1-161). These funds can be used to provide services to children who meet the criteria of TCA 37-1-114(c), which describes appropriate placement of children in secure facilities. Allowable services include, but are not limited to, the following programs: attendant care services, emergency transportation, emergency shelter and foster care, temporary holding and secure detention. In fiscal year 2009-10 TCCY contracted with 69 counties for the use of Reimbursement Account funds.

Each county accepting these funds must develop and submit local rules and procedures for each service provided. Account funds can only be used to provide services to children who are taken into custody in a county that did not operate a secure detention facility in 1983. Counties that established secure detention centers since the passage of legislation in 1983, which prohibited the placement of children in adult jails, are eligible for reimbursement for non-secure placements only. Counties receive funds according to a weighted formula based on historical usage of the grants. The list of counties receiving Reimbursement Account Funds is on page 80.

# Juvenile Justice State Supplements

The Commission administers state funding for improving juvenile court services as provided by TCA 37-1-162. In fiscal year 2009-10, each county was eligible to receive \$9,000; however, Claiborne and Fayette counties opted out of State Supplement Funding.

In counties with more than one juvenile court, each court is entitled to an equitable share of the county's allocation. To receive the funds, the juvenile court must have at least one full- or part-time youth services officer (YSO) who is appointed and supervised by the juvenile court judge. The youth services officer must meet identified educational requirements (60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of undergraduate credit from an accredited college or university in a social service-related field) and receive training annually (40 hours during the first year of employment and 20 hours of training during each subsequent year).

State supplement funds cannot be used to pay salaries or expenses of juvenile court judges or for construction or remodeling of adult facilities. In fiscal year 2009-10, 94 counties used approximately 83 percent of the state supplement funds to pay the salaries of youth services officers or other staff to enhance the services of the court. In addition, funds were used for travel for YSOs, equipment and supplies for the court. Use of these funds can vary as long as the expenditures improve juvenile court services and do not supplant local funds.

# Court Appointed Special Advocate

TCCY also administers state funds for Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs in Tennessee. The purpose of the CASA programs is to recruit, train and supervise court-approved volunteers. These volunteers advocate for the best interests of abused, neglected or dependent children and other children who are placed out of their homes by the court. CASA volunteers assist the court by collecting background information, preparing reports for the court and participating in case reviews. The CASA volunteer works with the court and other agencies to ensure that a permanent placement is found as quickly as possible and to ensure that appropriate resources are made available to meet the needs of these children.



Mary Lee, Business Development specialist for Youth Villages and advocate for children in foster care, speaks at the 2010 Child Advocacy Days

As indicated above, several of the programs receiving funding served more than one county. Each county received \$15,000. A total of 4,638 children benefited from these CASA programs.

## CASA Programs Funded (with Counties Receiving Funds)

<b>CASA Corridor of East Tennessee</b> (McMinn, Meigs and Rhea);	<b>CASA of Maury County;</b>	<b>District</b> (Morgan and Roane);
<b>CASA for Kids, Inc.</b> (Hawkins and Sullivan);	<b>CASA of Memphis and Shelby County;</b>	<b>CASA of the Tennessee Heartland</b> (Anderson and Scott);
<b>CASA Inc of Davidson County;</b>	<b>CASA of Northeast Tennessee</b> (Greene, Unicoi and Washington);	<b>CASA of Tipton County, Inc.;</b>
<b>CASA Monroe;</b>	<b>CASA of Robertson County;</b>	<b>CASA Overton;</b>
<b>CASA of Campbell County;</b>	<b>CASA of Rutherford County;</b>	<b>Dyer-Lake CASA;</b>
<b>CASA of East Tennessee</b> (Blount, Hamblen, Knox and Sevier);	<b>CASA of the Center for Family Development</b> (Bedford and Coffee);	<b>Hamilton County CASA;</b>
	<b>CASA of the Ninth Judicial</b>	<b>Madison County CASA, Inc.;</b>
		<b>Putnam County CASA;</b>
		<b>Sumner County CASA, Inc.;</b>
		<b>Williamson County CASA, Inc.</b>

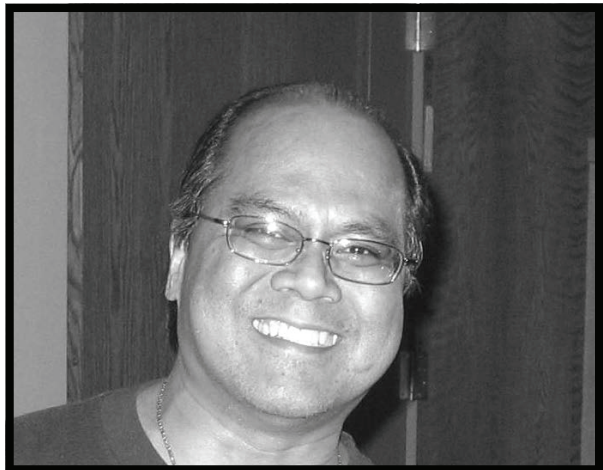
# Ombudsman

The Ombudsman Program acts as an impartial and independent reviewer of concerns, issues and complaints pertaining to children in state custody (foster care and juvenile justice systems), involved with child protective services and in the kinship care (relative caregiver) program. As a neutral and autonomous reviewer, the ombudsman is a public servant who advocates for the well-being of children, ensures adequate family support and evaluates appropriate delivery of services.

The goal of this collaborative effort is to assist the department in providing quality services to children and families. This procedure can affirm when policies and best practices were followed, and it can identify areas for improvement based upon review findings.

The Ombudsman Program does not seek resolution of a dispute if it is contrary to the best interest of the child or community safety or is inconsistent with local, state or federal laws and regulations. Additionally, the ombudsman cannot and will not:

- \* Serve as an agent of law enforcement;
- \* Act as an attorney or provide legal advice;
- \* Find individual fault;
- \* Participate in a case bound for court due to Termination of Parental Rights, Child Protective Services, child custody or other non-jurisdiction circumstances.



Gerald Papica is one of the two TCCY ombudsmen serving children and families across the state

To find an Ombudsman: [www.tn.gov/tccy/ombuds.shtml](http://www.tn.gov/tccy/ombuds.shtml) or 1-800-264-0904.



# Ombudsman

Any individual or agency calling about a child or family receiving state services may get in touch with the Ombudsman Office with questions or concerns. Referrals are obtained from a variety of sources:

- \* The departments of Children Services, Education, Health, Mental Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities;
- \* The offices of the governor and state legislators (senators and state representatives);
- \* TennCare Consumer/Child Advocacy Program;
- \* Tennessee Voices for Children;
- \* ACLU and Legal Aid Services and other Advocacy agencies;
- \* Guardians ad litem, therapists and service providers;
- \* Out of state children's advocacy groups;
- \* Foster parents, caregivers and relatives;
- \* Biological/adoptive parents;
- \* Child/youth, neighbors and friends.

Upon initial contact, the ombudsman will determine if the referral has merit or is legitimate per the Ombudsman Program protocol and jurisdiction. Additionally, the ombudsman will assess if the referent has sufficiently attempted to resolve his or her problem through normal administrative channels. The service is not designed or intended to supersede any existing complaint and grievance mechanisms established within the custodial department or other agencies providing state-funded services to children. Referents who have not attempted to get their concerns addressed in this manner are informed of the appropriate contacts and steps that can assist with their specific issues. When referents have sufficient reasons to depart from normal administrative systems or have been reasonably dissatisfied with the outcome of their complaints, the ombudsman may activate the referral as a valid case.

During the data-gathering phase, the ombudsman will plan a series of interviews with individuals directly involved in the case. These contacts may include the parents, caregivers and caretakers; children or youth; custodial department's case managers, probation officers and middle to upper level management; juvenile court staff; caregivers; or residential and medical providers; foster parents; therapists; guardians ad litem; attorneys; teachers; relatives; friends; and relevant others or stakeholders.

Preliminary contacts are used to:

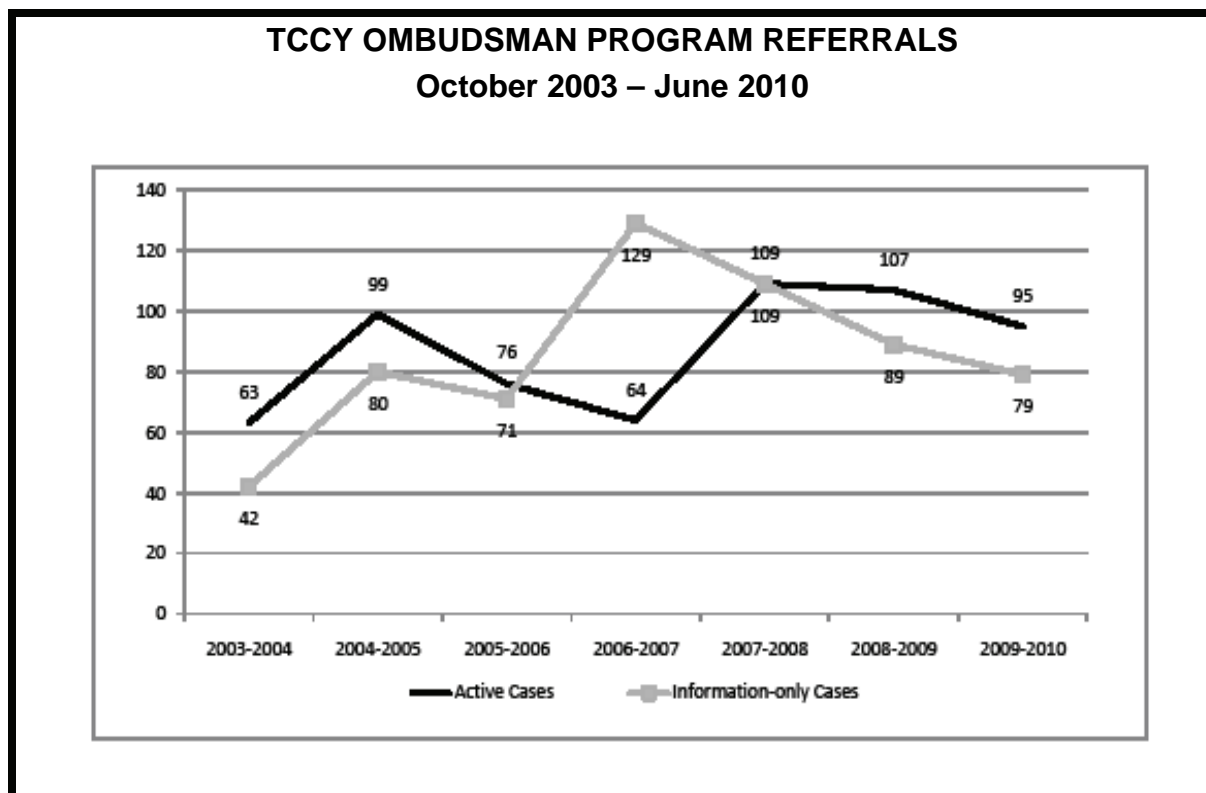
- \* Verify referral information specific to the child's status or condition;
- \* Collect additional facts or information specific to the question or concern.

# Ombudsman

Through case-specific contacts, the validity as well as reliability of the complaint is assessed. Following initial interviews, follow-up contacts are used on an ongoing basis to provide updates and share information with individuals invested in the case. The data-gathering phase of the referral process may require anywhere from two days to two weeks or more on any case.

The Ombudsman Program also provides information-only services. Increasingly, the number of information-only cases has become close to the number of active or open cases. Referrals related to the referent's lack of familiarity with the department and the system or misunderstanding of information given by the Department of Children's Services or service providers are resolved by providing a thorough explanation of policies and procedures of the custodial department or other agencies.

Referrals about obstacles to achieving agreed upon case outcome can lead to formal or informal mediation facilitated by the ombudsman. The ombudsman also tries to establish seamless communication among all parties involved in the case. Education and mediation efforts can lead to a meeting or re-staffing to strengthen and finalize the strategy for overcoming obstacles and achieving the desired outcome. Building on a common goal – the best interest of the child – is the overarching goal.





# Ombudsman

The TCCY Ombudsman Office takes advantage of ongoing outreach opportunities with a wide range of Tennessee children's services stakeholders. Dissemination of information efforts have included participation in TCCY regional councils and child advocacy organizations. Informative presentations during local and statewide meetings and conferences are made upon requests. The Ombudsman Office is always available to provide lectures and workshops to interested community groups, nonprofit organizations and other agencies working with children.

Originally funded in 1996 by a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Challenge Grant, the Ombudsman Program has a mandate to improve the quality of children's lives in Tennessee by emphasizing thorough and expeditious service delivery. In fiscal year 2002-03 the program was expanded to include children in kinship care. As the Challenge Grant funds phased out, the state continued to fund the program.

The program, among other things, relies on confidentiality and a credible review process in achieving problem resolution. Referrals to the ombudsman are taken from any individual or agencies concerned with the plight of a child in the foster care system or relative caregiver program. Referrals must involve conditions or situations that may adversely affect the health, safety, welfare or rights of children and youth.



## Highlights of Fiscal Year 2009-10

- \* 174 Ombudsman Program referrals received from July 1 to June 30.
- \* 155 referrals closed from July 1 to June 30.
- \* The TCCY ombudsmen provide informational classes at the Tennessee Correction Academy (Tullahoma) every three weeks for new DCS juvenile justice employees. This service is has been provided for the last three to four years.
- \* One of the TCCY ombudsmen has served as a Davidson County Foster Care Review Board member.

The ombudsman assumes various roles that include:

- \* A voice or an advocate on behalf of the child;
- \* An informal or formal mediator between a child and the system;
- \* A communicator or educator to help stakeholders understand policies/procedures;
- \* A facilitator expediting timely delivery of services.



# CPORT

## Children's Program Outcome

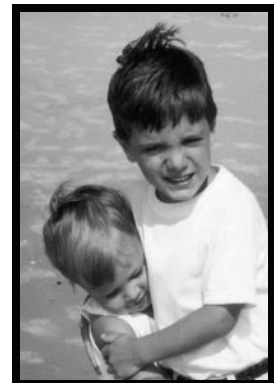
The Children's Program Outcome Review Team (CPORT) uses a quality service review (QSR) approach to collect, analyze and report essential information about the population of children in state custody and their families. The CPORT process was initiated in 1994 and continues to assess the status of children in state care and measure the effectiveness of the service delivery system to promote positive system change and guide policymakers toward decisions that enhance the safety and well-being of children and families.

Since 2005, the CPORT division staff has worked collaboratively with the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to continue the intensive case review process with reviewers from both agencies and the Tennessee Center for Child Welfare (TCCW). The integration of CPORT and DCS Quality Service Review (QSR) produces quantitative and qualitative results and ensures high quality evaluation results used for continuous system improvement and implementation and reinforcement of best practices to children and their families.

The QSR serves as the evaluation tool and methodology for measuring child welfare outcomes relative to what is working and not working in case practice. The QSR protocol is designed for use in a case-based QSR process for conducting a guided professional appraisal of the current status of a child and family, and the adequacy of the performance of key system of care practices and services for the child and family.

The process for the reviews includes face-to-face interviews (except when circumstances prevent) with the following: child (if age appropriate), parents, DCS caseworkers, caregivers (foster parent or direct care staff in a group facility), teachers and other relevant service providers. The case records are reviewed, and pertinent documents or reports are copied and compiled for the reviews. The majority of information is collected through the interview process.

CPORT case reviewers, along with DCS and TCCW staff, worked in pairs in 2009-10 to examine and determine the status of children and families and the adequacy of performance of key system practices and services for the children reviewed. CPORT statistical analysts provided technical support producing QSR samples, data analyses and reports.



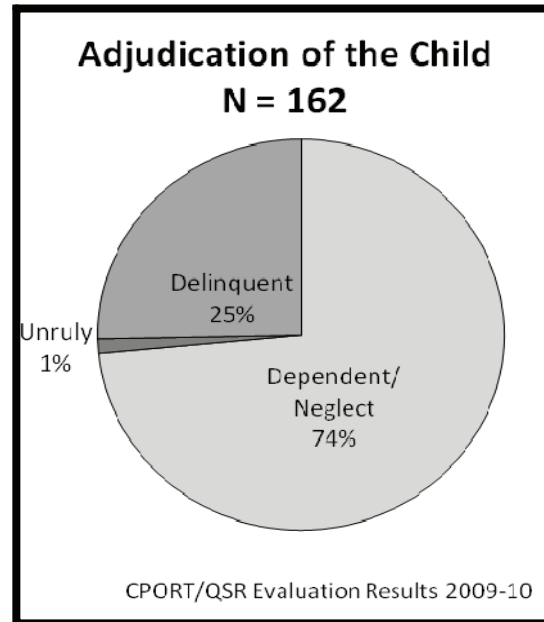
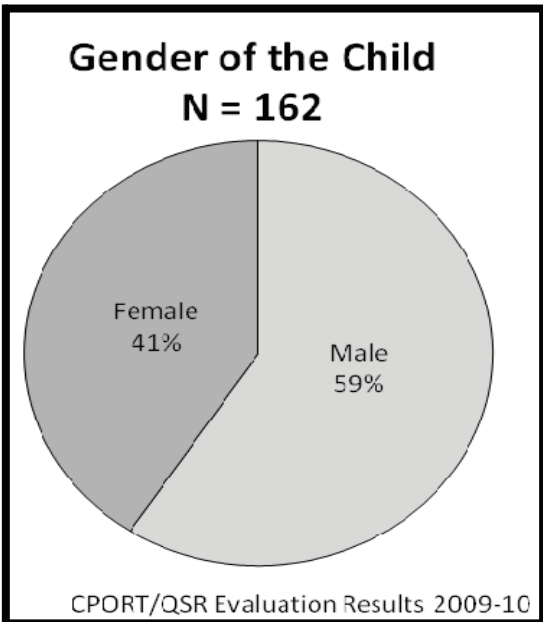
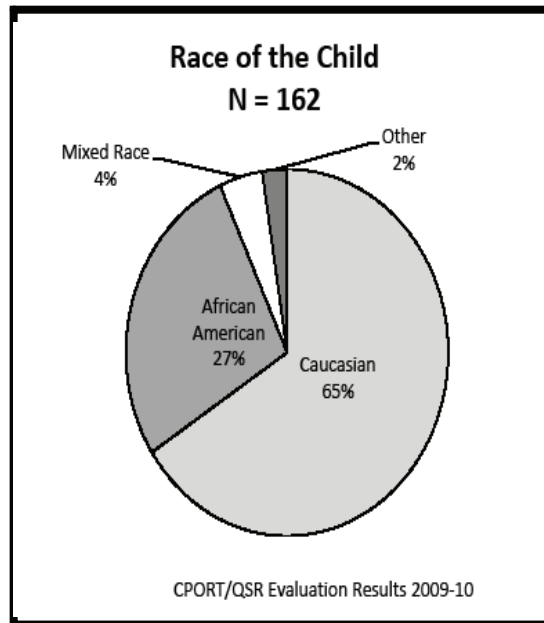
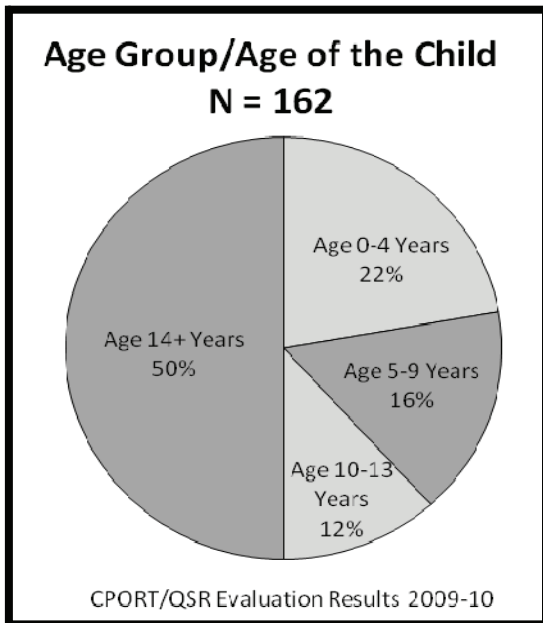
The quantitative data were a result of an examination of 11 status indicators for the child and family and 11 system functions or capabilities in the context of how the system served one child at a time.

11 Status Indicators:	11 System Functions Evaluated:
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Well-Being</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Safety;</li> <li>* Stability;</li> <li>* Appropriate Placement;</li> <li>* Health/Physical Well-Being;</li> <li>* Emotional/Behavioral Well-Being;</li> <li>* Learning and Development (based on life stage);</li> <li>* Caregiver Functioning.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Family and Permanence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Permanence;</li> <li>* Family Functioning and Resourcefulness;</li> <li>* Family Connections;</li> <li>* Satisfaction.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Practice Model Indicators</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Engagement;</li> <li>* Teamwork and Coordination;</li> <li>* Ongoing Functional Assessment;</li> <li>* Long-Term View;</li> <li>* Child and Family Permanency Planning Process;</li> <li>* Permanency Plan/Service Implementation;</li> <li>* Tracking and Adjustment.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Conditions and Attributes of Practice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Resource Availability and Use;</li> <li>* Informal support and Community Involvement;</li> <li>* Placement Supports;</li> <li>* Transitioning for Child.</li> </ul>

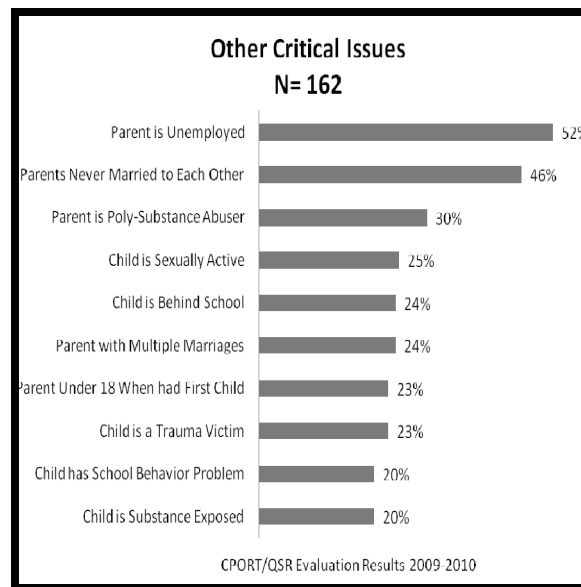
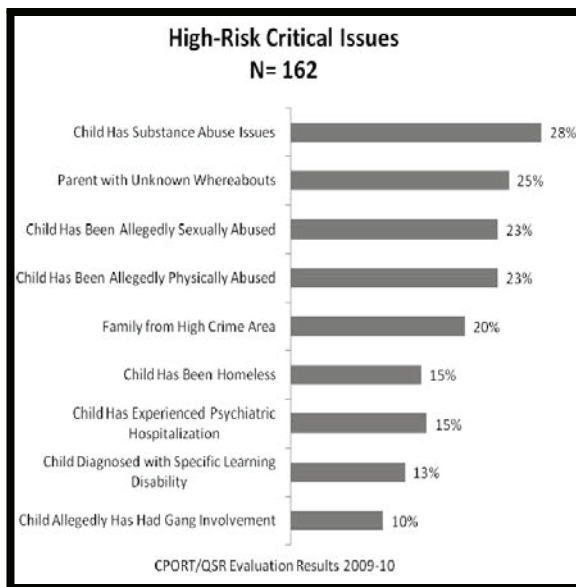
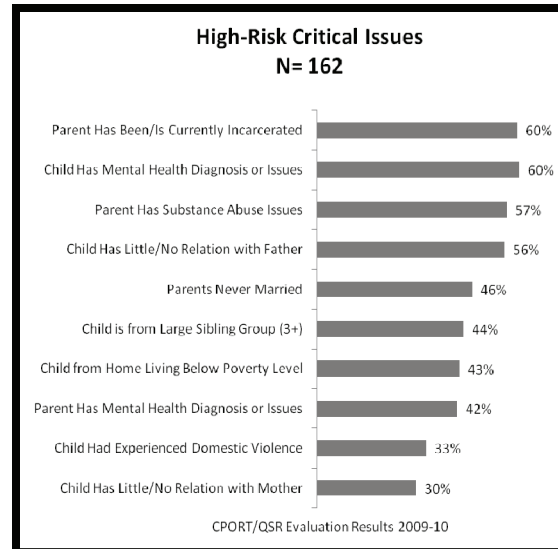
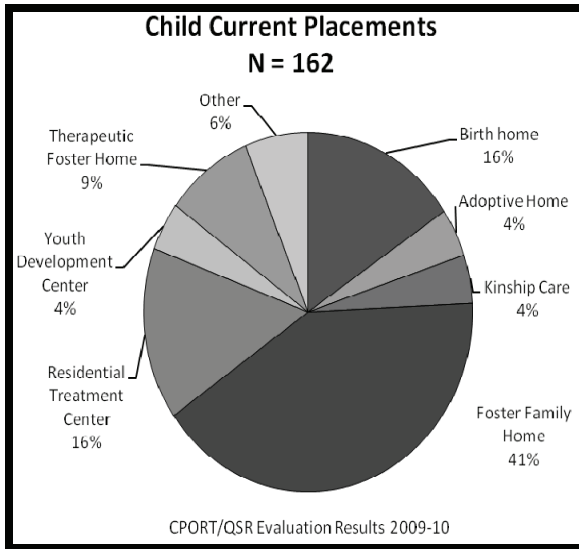
During fiscal year 2009-10, quality service reviews were conducted in each of the DCS regions involving randomly selected cases stratified over age, race, gender, adjudication and DCS case manager/team leader. By May 2010, 284 cases were reviewed in order to assure the sample most accurately reflected the population of children in custody.

The statewide sample consisted of the number of child-custody cases (162) designed to be statistically significant at the 99 percent level of confidence with +/-10 percent accuracy. Additionally, regional samples were designed to be statistically significant at the 85 percent level of confidence with +/-15 percent accuracy. The data results on the following pages reflect the population of children (approximately 7,000) in the custody of DCS statewide .

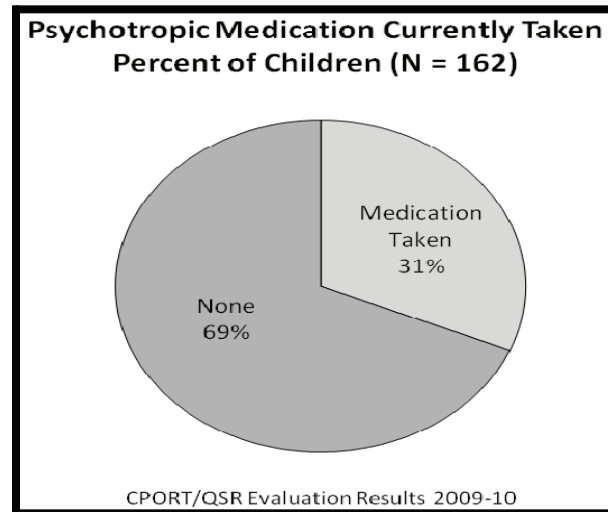
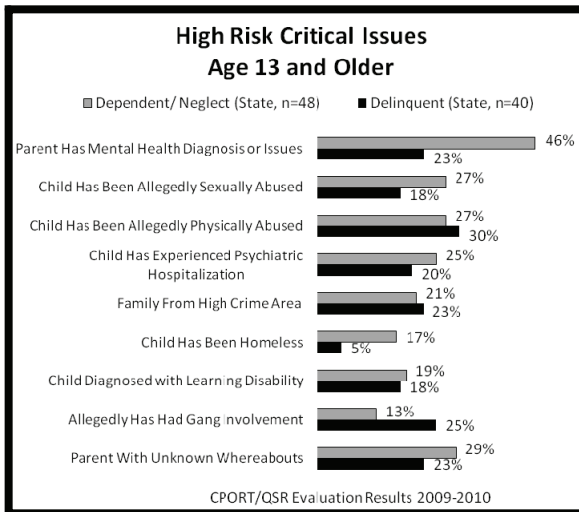
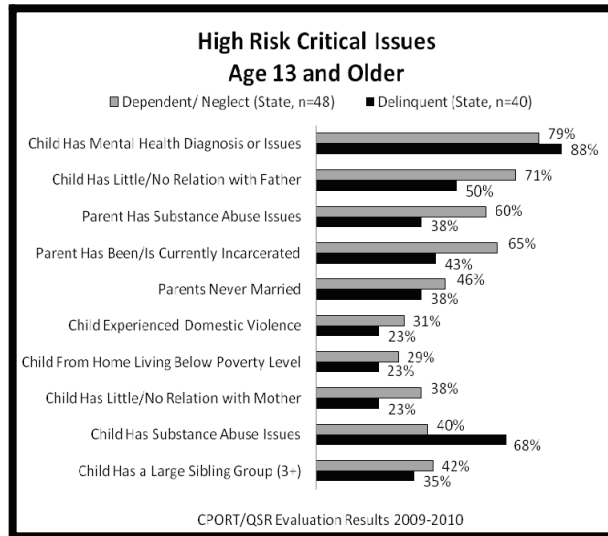
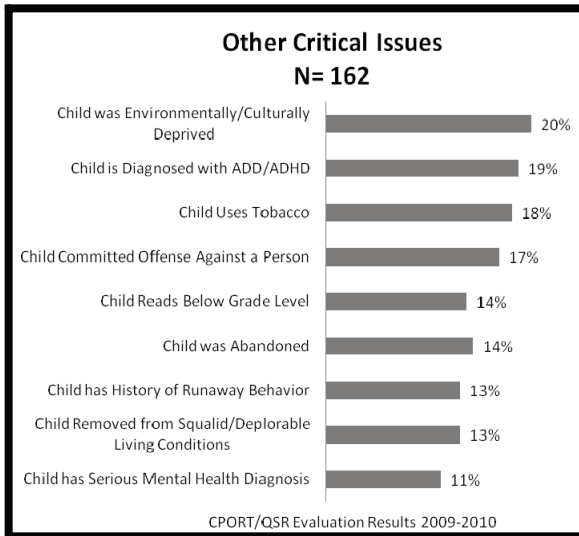
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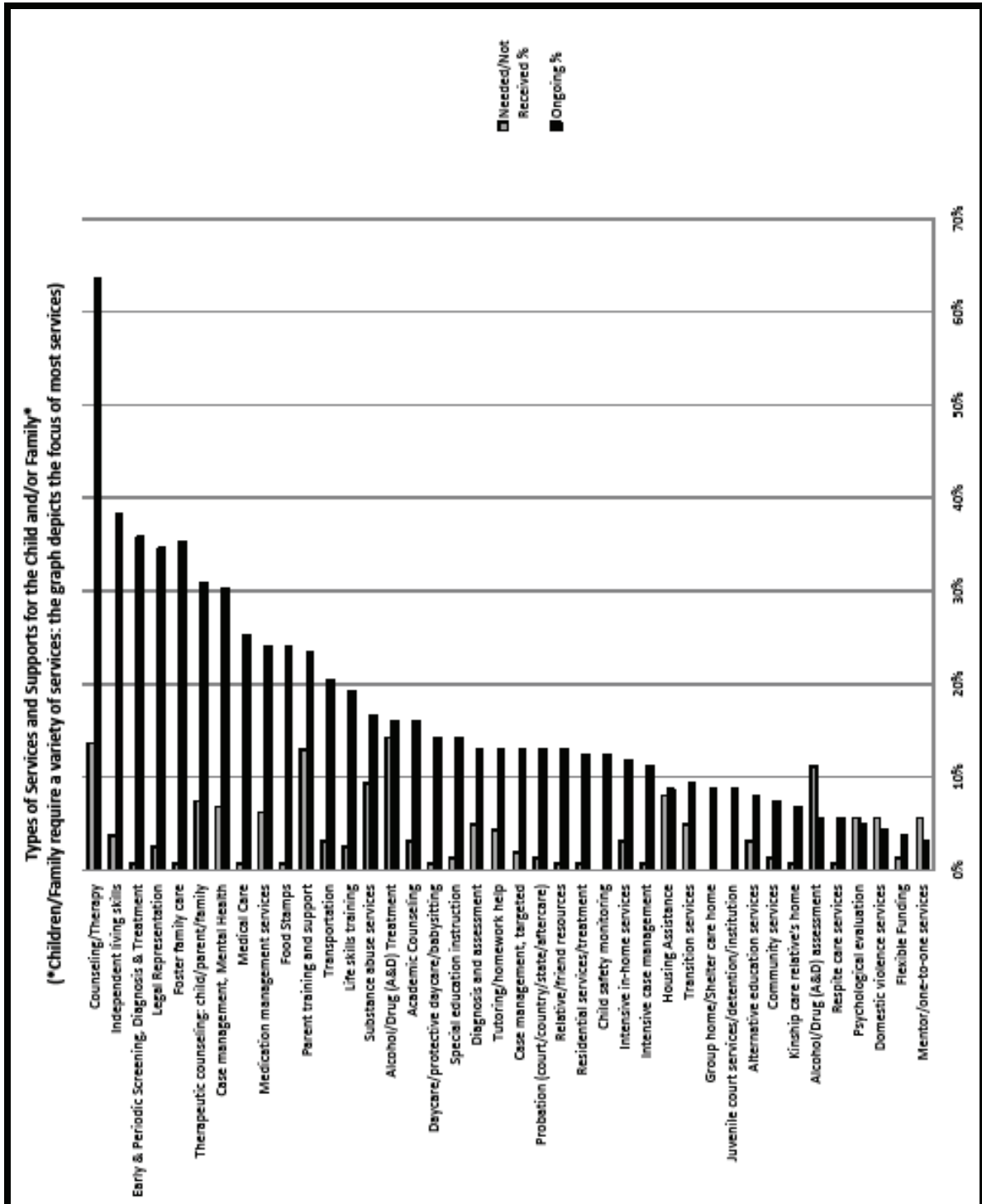
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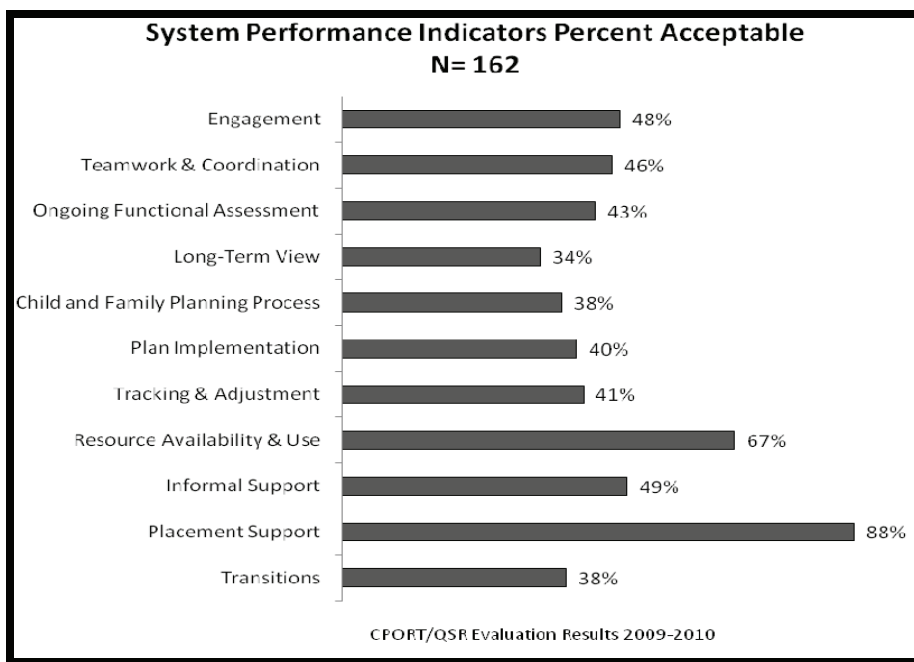
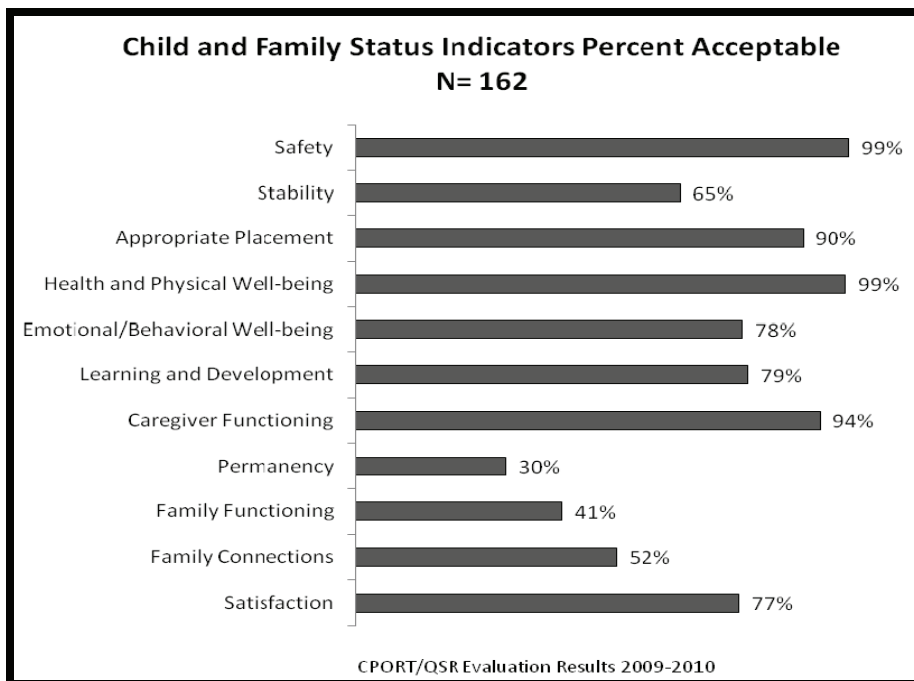


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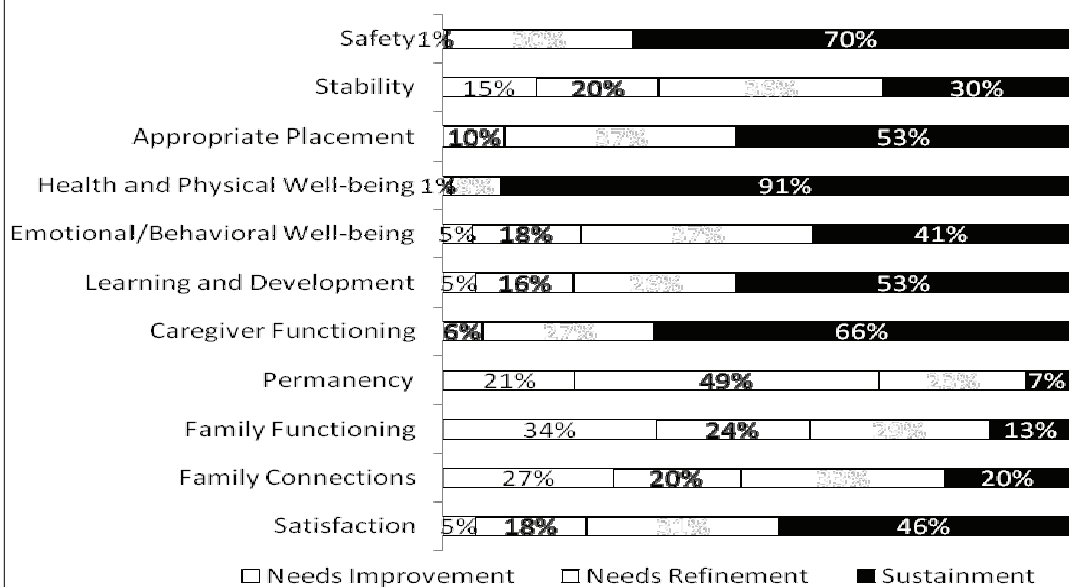


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## Rating the Key Indicators for Status

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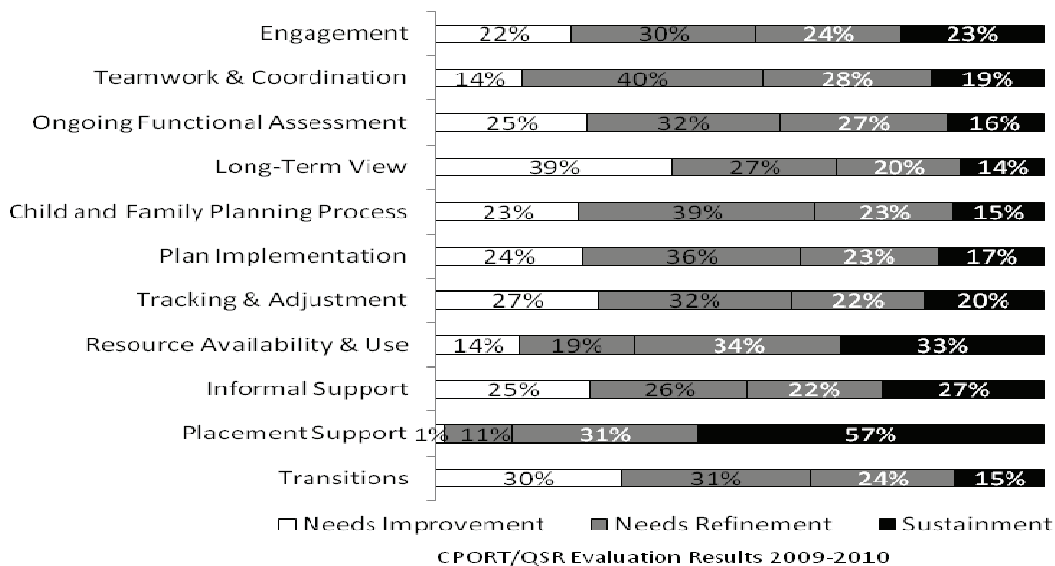
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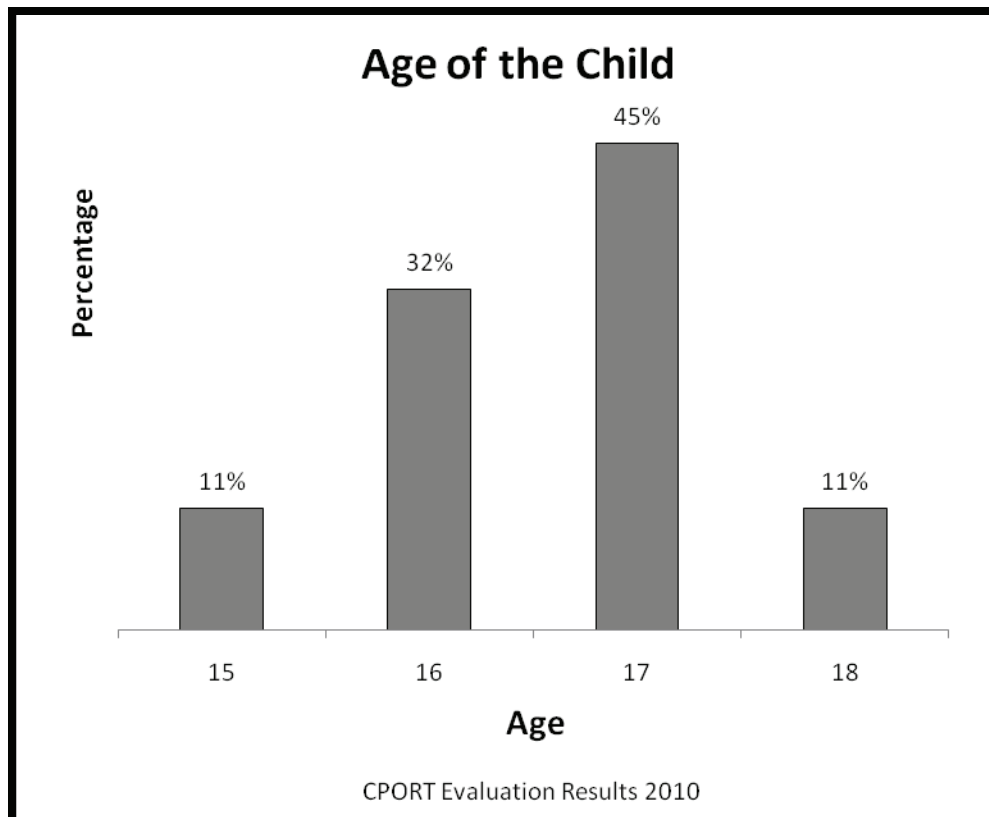
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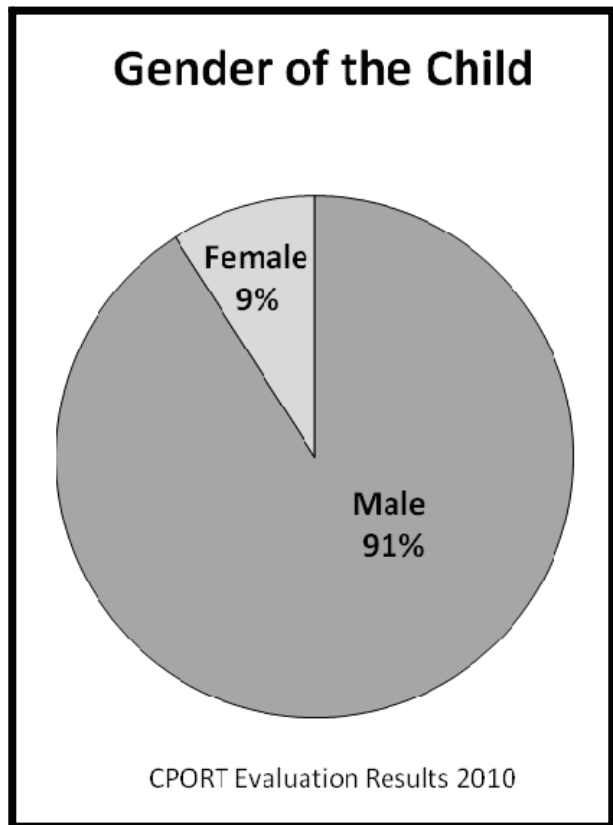
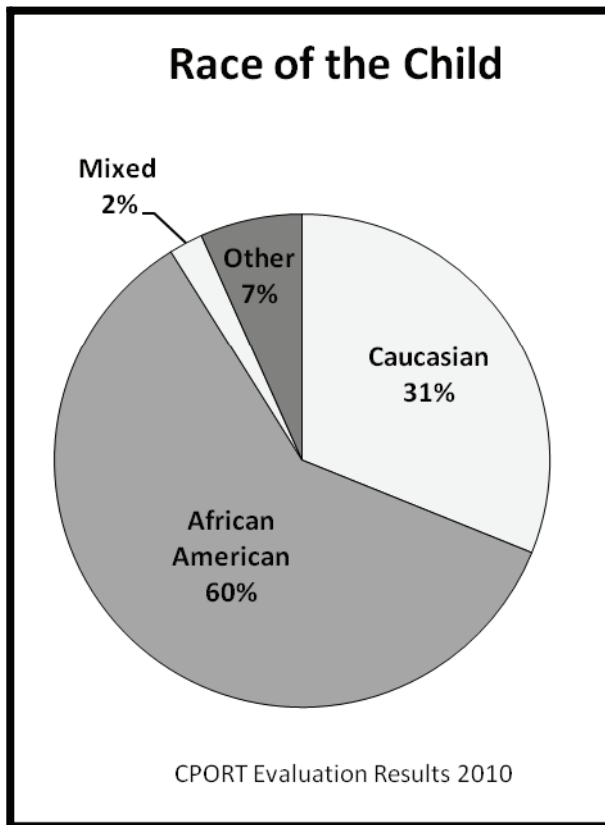


# Targeted Review: Juvenile Justice/YDC

Toward the end of fiscal year 2008-09 and beginning of 2009-10, in collaboration with DCS Juvenile Justice Division, CPORT conducted quality service reviews of children residing in five Youth Development Centers (YDC): Woodland Hills, June 1-3; New Visions, June 28-30; Mountain View, July 13-15; Taft, August 3-5; and Wilder, August 24-26. Children placed at the youth development centers are adjudicated delinquent and meet criteria established by the Department of Children's Services for placement at these secure facilities. The sample consisted of 44 child-custody cases randomly pulled for qualitative research and was based on the number of children residing in the facilities at the time of the review.

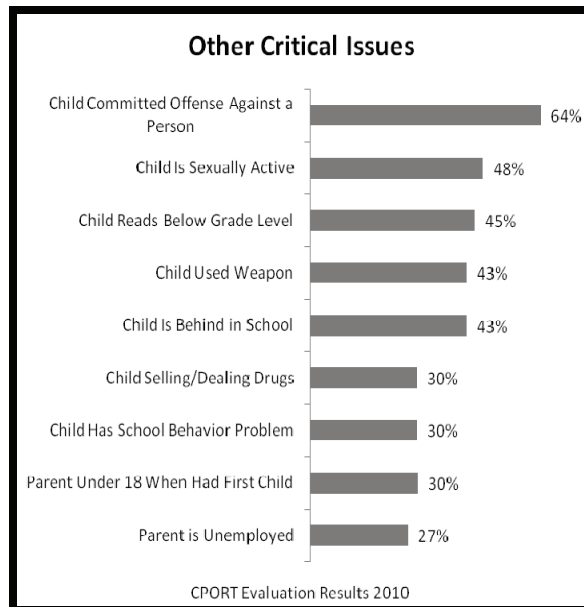
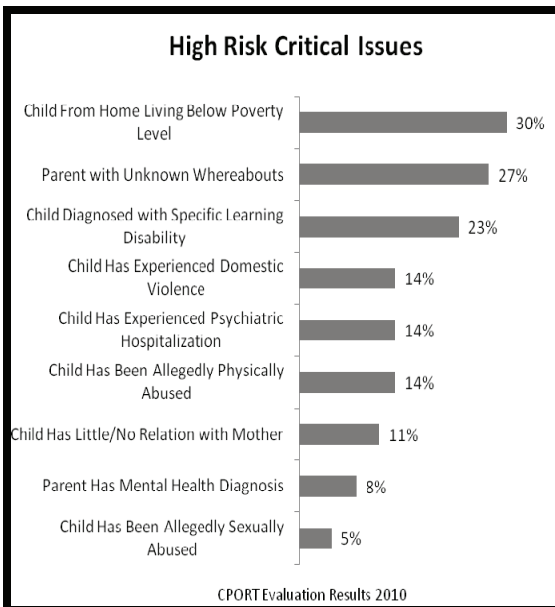
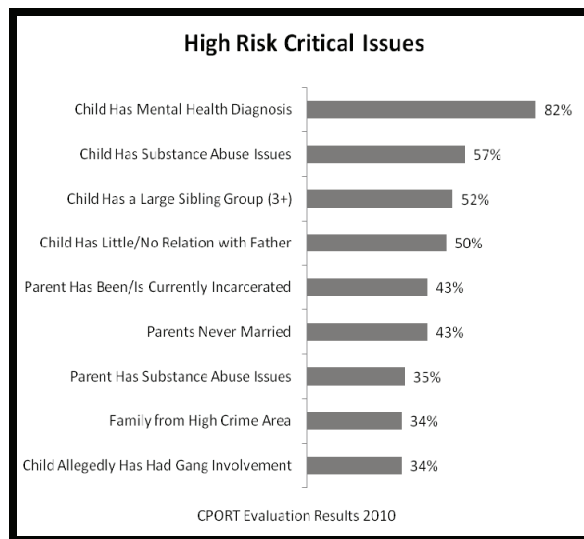
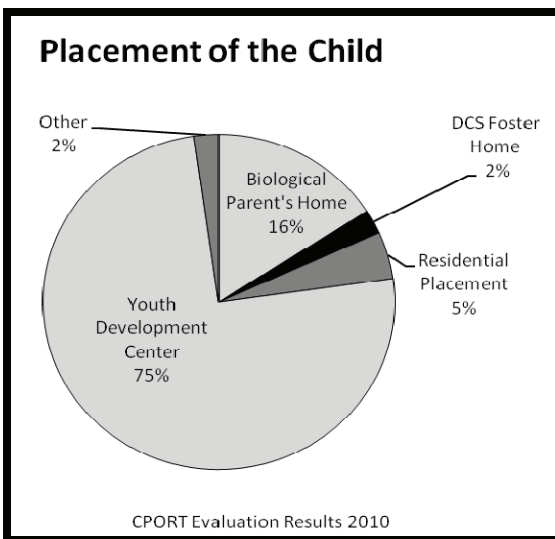


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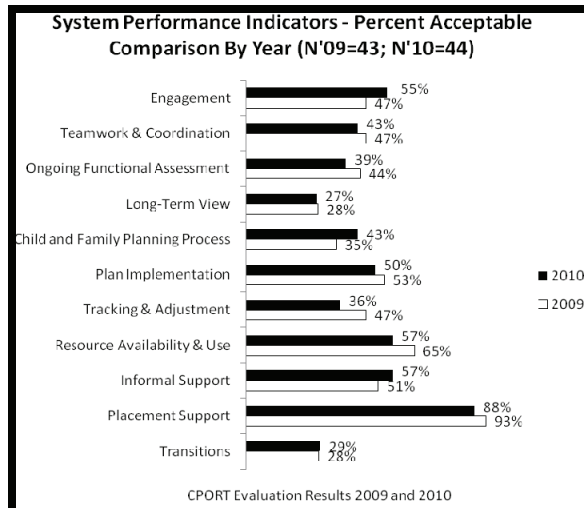
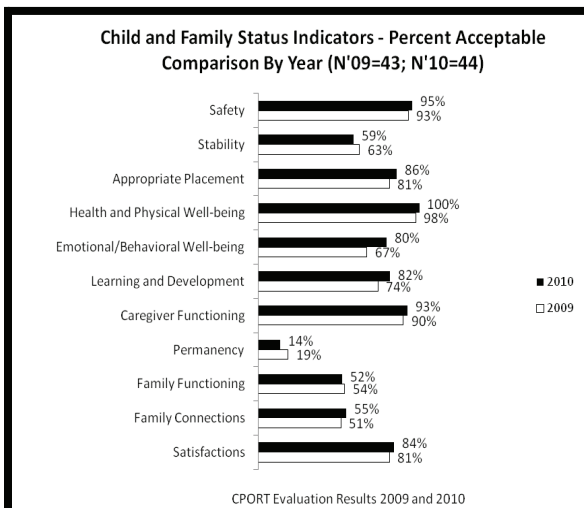
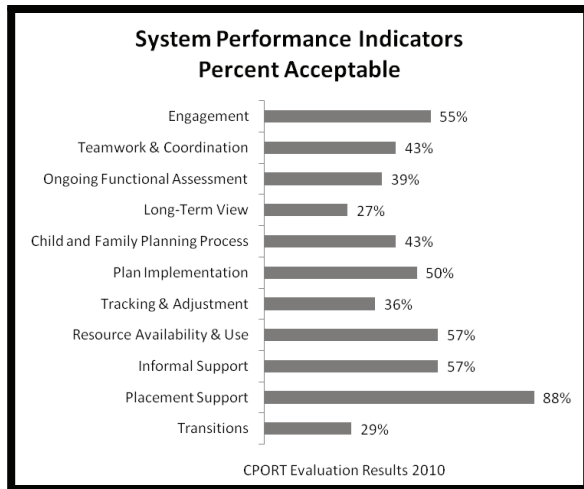
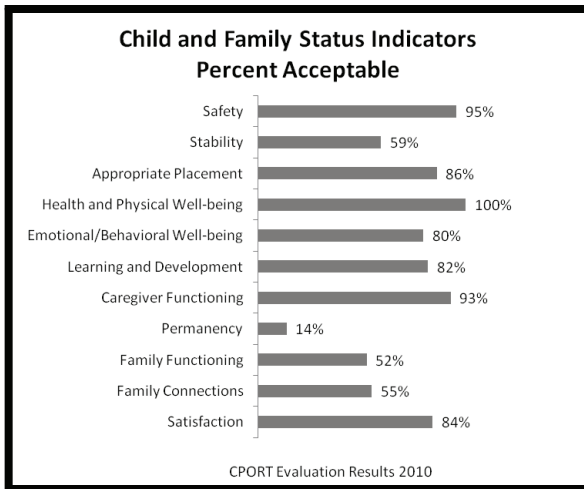
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From the time the cases were selected for review and the time of the review, 20 percent of children had either returned home, or moved to a resource (foster) or relative home.





# Targeted Review: Juvenile Justice/YDC



# CPORT

The DCS juvenile justice division continues juvenile justice reform efforts to address the needs of children and families using a more holistic approach to practice. The involvement of CPORT staff to support these efforts includes participation in the training and coaching of



juvenile justice staff regarding the QSR process. The CPORT staff participated in conducting preparatory training with staff from the five Youth Development Centers prior to their quality service reviews.

CPORT staff attended a three-day Advanced Reviewer training conducted by the Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group (CWPPG), which specializes in training and mentoring for certified reviewers. Time was spent debriefing the development of QSR in

Tennessee. Several CPORT staff provided technical assistance for the QSR implementation process in Tennessee and served on the Tennessee QSR Team. The meeting provided an in-depth discussion with CWPPG staff regarding the progress and focus of Tennessee's QSR, the sustainability of the process, the infrastructure needed to support the process and next steps and strategies for continuing improvement in child welfare practices.

CPORT staff played a large role in collaborating with the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) and the Tennessee Lives Count evaluation. This is the third year of collecting and compiling information using the Tennessee Lives Count survey to assess the outcomes of suicide prevention training. The final report is expected to be completed in Fiscal Year 2010-11.



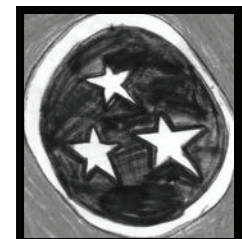
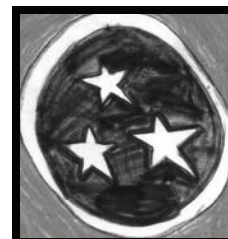
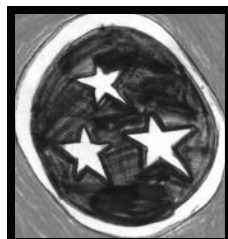
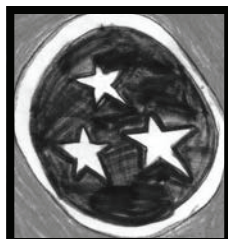
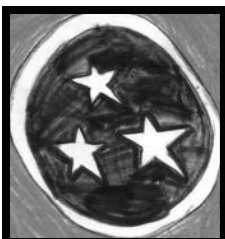
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The national report, *Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2008-2009*, identified the Woodland Hills Youth Development Center as having among the highest prevalence of sexual victimization. As a result, the Department of Children's Services requested TCCY's collaboration to design and implement activities or actions to evaluate and/or address the current procedural safeguards to ensure the protections and safety of students residing in Youth Development Centers (YDC). The immediate plan of action involved CPORT staff developing and establishing a protocol for the implementation of a student safety interview process using a specially designed survey questionnaire entitled Student Safety Interview.

The tool used a survey format containing questions related to physical and sexual abuse. A rigorous methodology was followed using statistical random sampling representing the number of children in each of the five Youth Development Centers. A process for maintaining the integrity of the survey responses was employed using paired experienced interviewers to administer the survey one student at a time. The students were segregated prior to the interview and returned to their dorm upon completion of the survey.

A total of 165 students were interviewed. Preliminary results were compiled and debriefed with each facility, except one, during 2010. The final report is expected by early 2011.

In addition, the CPORT director and the DCS Team testified before the Review Panel on Prison Rape, Hearings on Sexual Assault and Victimization in U.S. Jails in Washington D.C on June 3-4. A brief summary of TCCY roles and responsibilities as the State Advisory Group for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and preliminary survey results from the Woodland Hills Student Safety Interview were presented to the Panel.



# CCMH

## Council on Children's Mental Health

The Council on Children's Mental Health is required by TCA 37-3-111 to design a plan for a statewide system of mental health care for children. The children's mental health system must be child-centered, family-driven, and culturally and linguistically competent and provide a coordinated system of care for children's mental health needs in the state. The Council was co-chaired by the commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Virginia Trotter Betts, and the executive director of the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, Linda O'Neal. Late in the previous fiscal year approval for an exception to the state hiring freeze to fill the Council on Children's Mental Health director position was received, and a staff person was hired effective July 1, 2009.

The plan created by the Council must:

- \* Provide a service delivery system that focuses on the principles of care for a system of care;
- \* Include a core set of services and supports that appropriately and effectively address the mental health needs of children and families;
- \* Develop a financial resource map and cost analysis of all federal and state funded programs for children's mental health, updated on an annual basis, to guide and support the plan.

Other council duties include stimulating more effective use of resources; assisting in developing interagency agreements; determining whether programs are evidence-based, research-based and theory-based; and submitting those findings.

The Council on Children's Mental Health is composed of a broad range of stakeholders from all across the state. The council has nine workgroups, including a steering committee, to assist in the organization and

### 9 CCMH Work Groups:

- 1) Accountability Management Information Systems;
- 2) Funding;
- 3) Interagency Collaboration;
- 4) Service Array;
- 5) Cultural and Linguistic Competency;
- 6) Evidence-Based Services;
- 7) Youth and Family Engagement\*;
- 8) Multiple Response System and System of Care\*;
- 9) Media Relations;

\* These two workgroups were added over the past fiscal year.

# Council on Children's Mental

The Council on Children's Mental Health officially filed its July 2010 Report to the Legislature on June 30, 2010. This report may be found at <http://www.tn.gov/tccy/ccmh-report10.pdf>.

The following is a list of meetings dates and abbreviated agenda topics:

## August 20, 2009

- \* Review of Public Chapter 1062 creating the Council;
- \* Overview of Council's Progress;
- \* Steering Committee Proposal;
- \* CCMH Recommendations for funding priorities to TDMHDD.



## October 8, 2009

- \* Overview of Sunset Hearing;
- \* Conflict of Interest and Title VI Training;
- \* Youth video and presentation from Mule Town Family Network;
- \* Sample system structures;
- \* Overview of Integrated Court Screening and Referral Project;
- \* K-Town Youth Empowerment Network and related grant opportunities.

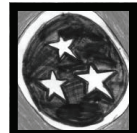
## December 10, 2009

- \* Overview of Tennessee Integration of Schools and Mental Health Grant;
- \* Presentation of outcome data from Mule Town Family Network;
- \* Discussion of Early Connections Network grant application;
- \* Update on CoverKids;
- \* Overview of Steering Committee meeting;
- \* Discussion from workgroups.

## February 25, 2010

- \* Presentation of TennCare Healthcare Effectiveness Data Information System results;
- \* Information from Select Committee on Children and Youth Child Protective Services Study;
- \* Report from efforts in Northeast Tennessee on collaboration;
- \* Legislative overview and update;
- \* Structured workgroup feedback and discussion.

## April 22, 2010





# Council on Children's Mental

- \* Discussion about a draft of the Council's July 2010 report;
- \* Workgroups and Planning Units were allowed ample time to complete work for the report.

## June 24, 2010

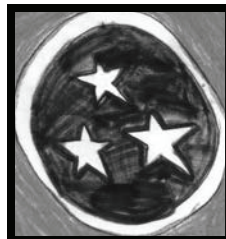
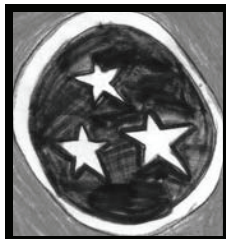
- \* Update on legislative activities from current session;
- \* Presentation on integration of cost effective mental health prevention strategies into statewide system of care using the public health approach;



Dustin Keller representing the Council on Children's Mental Health and TCCY at TCSW in Chattanooga with Jason H. Padgett, Tennessee Lives Count Project coordinator.



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# Resource Mapping

*The commission shall design and oversee a resource mapping of all federal and state funding sources and funding streams that support the health, safety, permanence, growth, development and education of children in this state from conception through the age of majority or so long as they may remain in the custody of the state (TCA 37-3-116).*

The ultimate aim of Tennessee's resource mapping project is to provide legislators, administrators and citizens with clear, complete information for decision making that impacts programs for children. Resource mapping represents a new perspective for understanding and analyzing the diversity of services provided to children and youth. The project aims to present a comprehensive statewide view of programs available to the youth population from both a programmatic and a fiscal perspective. This contrasts with traditional state reporting by attempting to remove the departmental dividers that govern current reporting to reveal a more holistic view of programs and services.



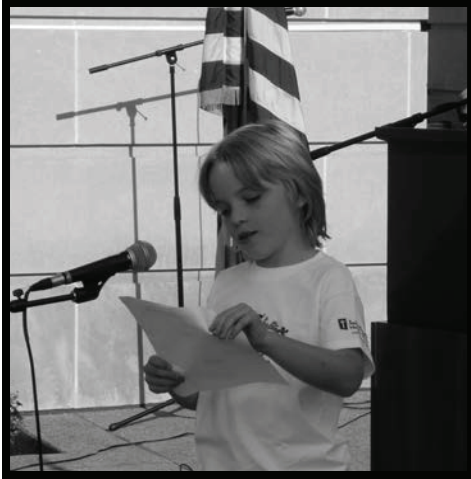
Panelists discuss resources available to advocates and how to best use those resource

TCCY continued to solicit input from all child-serving agencies statewide via participation in the Resource Mapping Advisory Group. This stakeholder group, composed of a mix of programmatic and fiscal delegates from representative agencies, met on August 18, 2009, and on June 16, 2010. As a result of the group's ongoing work, resource mapping data was collected for fiscal years 2006-07 and 2007-08.

During this initial data entry period, TCCY offered both group technical assistance and one-on-one training to agency staff on navigating and using the data collection template. A group technical assistance session held on October 28, 2009, was attended by 23 individuals. In addition, TCCY staff made a number of site visits to specific agencies to address data entry concerns particular to those organizations' operations.

Given that this fiscal year was the inaugural period for resource mapping data entry, TCCY set a goal date of November 17, 2009, for agencies to aim for in completing data submissions. All the agencies engaged in the project were cooperative and worked diligently to harvest the required data from their information systems. However, as is

# Resource Mapping Data



expected with any start-up project requiring collaboration among multiple parties, some delay was experienced in finalizing all data. In fact, the data collection phase of the project was not completed until March 17, 2010.

TCCY's partners in this project displayed good group dynamics, and each agency demonstrated heightened understanding of the project's goals along with increased skill in acquiring and entering the necessary data elements. The efforts made by all agencies during this transitional year will serve as an investment in streamlining future data collection years.

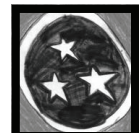
In conjunction with representative members of the Resource Mapping Advisory Group, the Select Committee on Children and Youth and the legislative budget office, TCCY staff honed the vision of how the collected data should be reported in order to provide the most effective communication regarding the status of services for children and youth in this state. TCCY personnel involved with the mapping project spent a good deal of time organizing and analyzing the collected data. After review of the

children and youth services data, we developed an even better sense of the length of time needed to thoroughly review and properly assimilate the information. In future years, a primary goal of the resource mapping project will be to find ways to support the data collection process in order to allow even more time for meaningful data analysis.

As required by 2008 Public Chapter 1197 establishing resource mapping, TCCY delivered the annual data report to the state legislature on April 15, 2010. This report reflected program and fiscal information for all identified services provided to children and youth based upon data submitted by the 25 state agencies participating in the mapping project. Necessary revisions to the resource mapping report were prepared and posted to the agency's website in January 2011. During fiscal year 2006-07, over \$7 billion were expended to provide services for the children and youth of Tennessee and in fiscal year 2007-08, total expenditures benefiting children and youth increased to more than \$8 billion.

## Report Overview

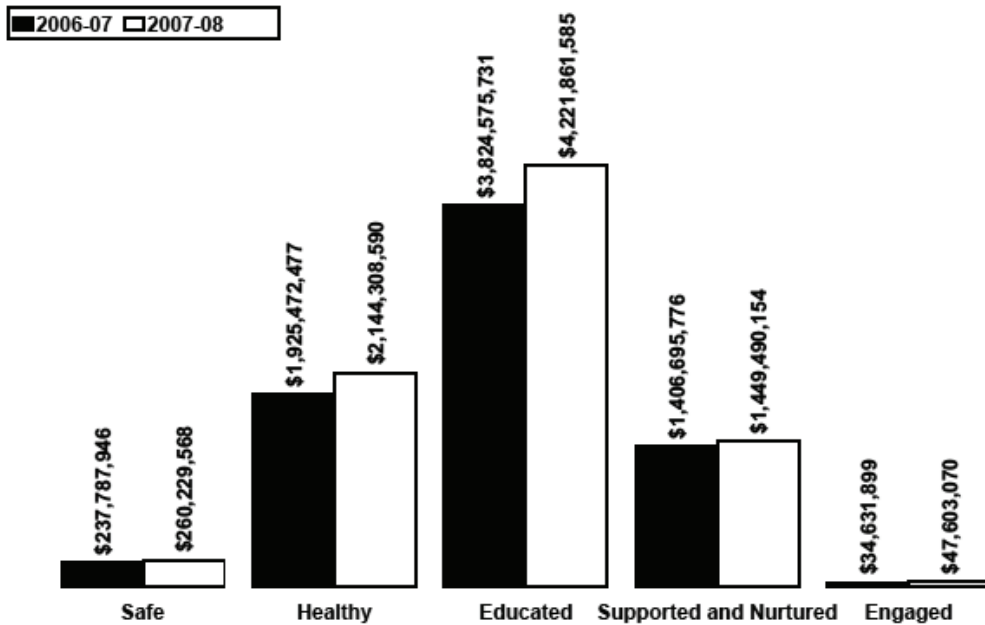
- \* Data collection completed March 17, 2010;
- \* Report presented to legislature April 15, 2010;
- \* More than \$7 billion in services for children and youth in Tennessee.



# Resource Mapping Data

## Expenditures by Primary Outcome Area

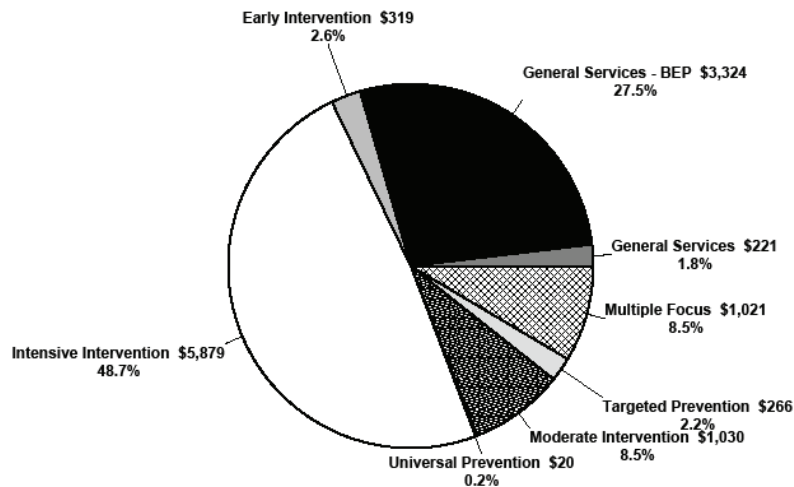
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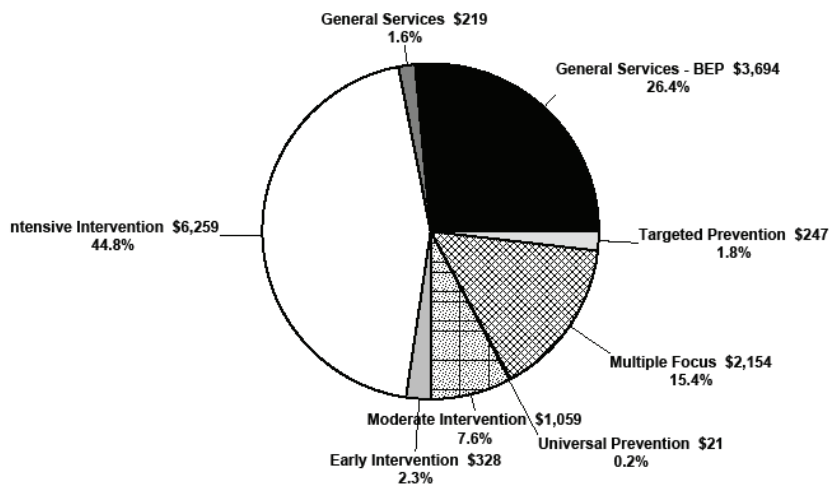
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## Expenditures Per Child by Programmatic Focus 2006-07



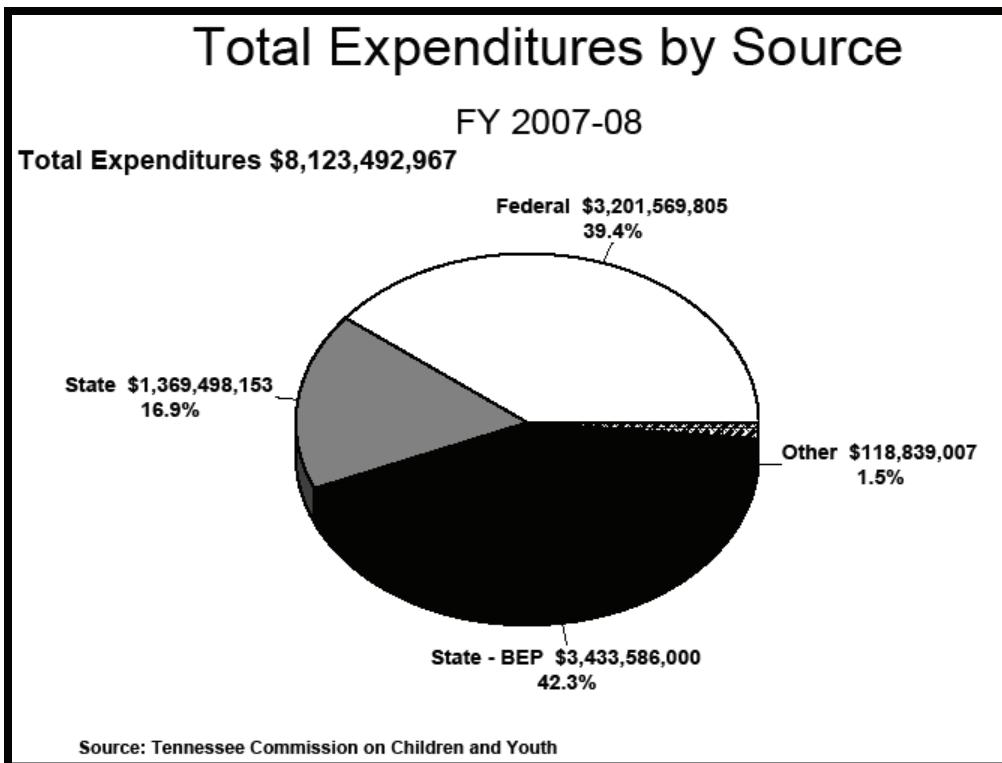
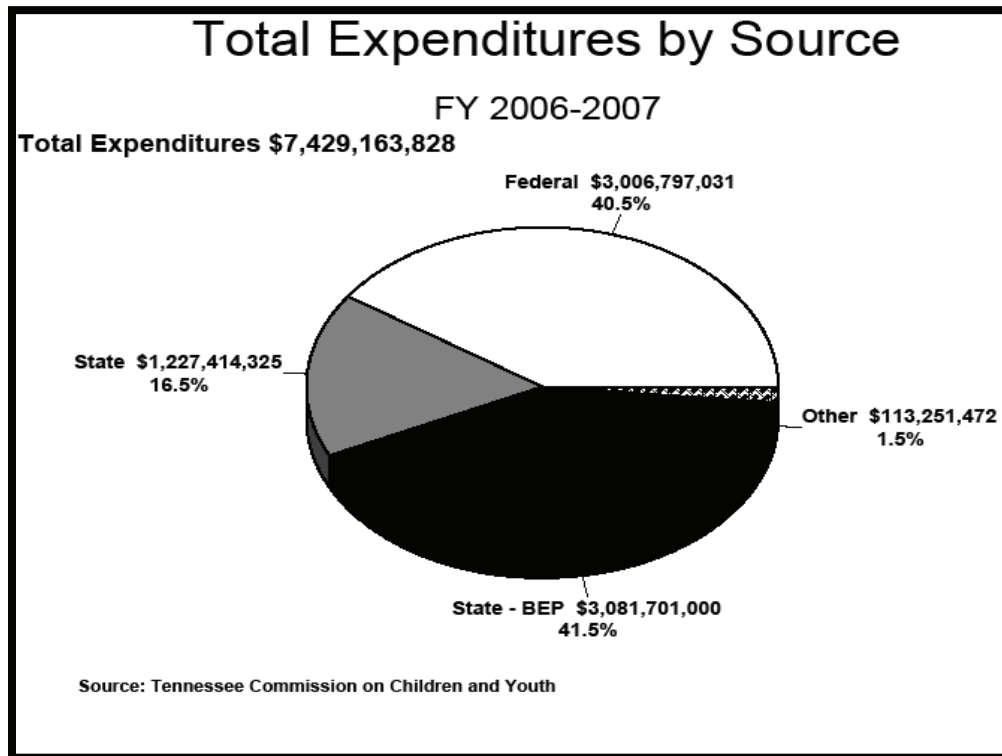
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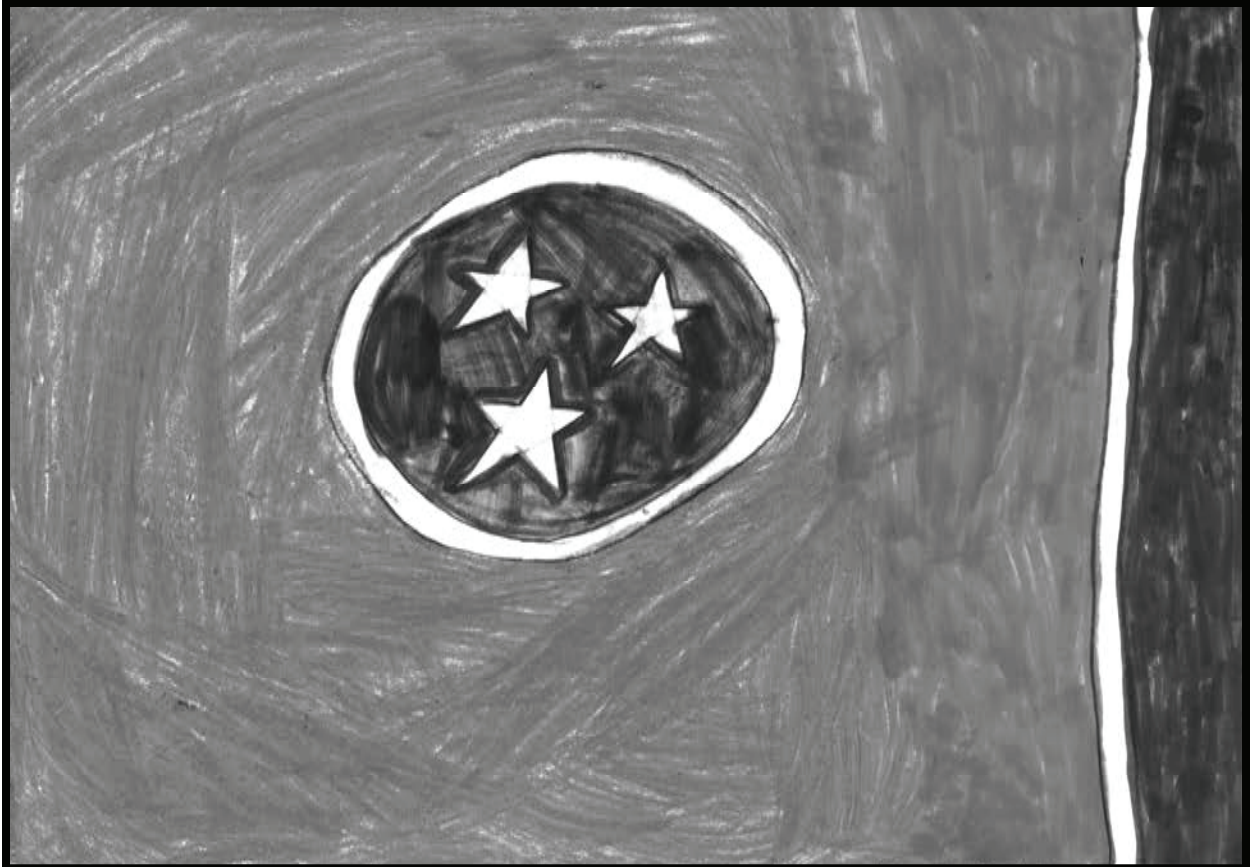


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# Title VI



*Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states:*

*“No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance” (Public Law 88-352, Title VI, § 601, July 2, 1964, 78 Stat. 252).*

As an administrator and recipient of federal funds, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) works intentionally to bind all agencies, organizations or governmental units operating under its jurisdiction and control or receiving its funding to fully comply with and abide by the spirit and intent of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.



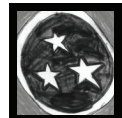
TCCY also complies with the following statutes and regulations:

- \* Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in the delivery of services (42 U.S.C. § 2000d), and the DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subpart C;
- \* The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion or sex in the delivery of services and employment practices (42 U.S.C. § 3789d(c)(1), and the DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subpart D;
- \* Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the delivery of services and employment practices (29 U.S.C. § 794), and the DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subpart G;
- \* Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1980, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the delivery of services and employment practices (42 U.S.C. § 12132), and the DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 35;
- \* Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs (20 U.S.C. § 1681), and the DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 54;
- \* The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in the delivery of services (42 U.S.C. § 6102), and the DOJ implementing regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 42, Subpart I;
- \* The DOJ regulations on the Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion in the delivery of services and prohibits organizations from using DOJ funding on inherently religious activities (28 C.F.R. Part 38).

From July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, there were no complaints reported to TCCY regarding discrimination on the grounds laid out in the Title VI implementation plan.

Specific Title VI-related activities during fiscal year 2009-10 included the following.

- \* All grantee programs awarded funds by TCCY completed the Title VI Self Survey by the scheduled due date.
- \* TCCY improved the distribution of the Title VI policies. A copy of the Title VI Implementation Plan was given to each TCCY employee, Commission member and grantee. Additional Title VI information, including Title VI brochures and posters, was also distributed to the appropriate groups.
- \* Title VI requirements were included in the Monitoring Review Guide used by the Department of Finance and Administration when monitoring TCCY sub-grantees.
- \* TCCY submitted its annual Title VI Plan before the required deadline of October 1, 2009.
- \* The Title VI Implementation Plan included a letter from a minority person verifying review of the plan.
- \* An explanation of the Title VI policies was presented at grantee application trainings for new grantees. Training sessions were held in Chattanooga, Jackson, Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville.
- \* All grant application packets for Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth funds included Title VI requirements.
- \* TCCY regional coordinators and central office staff visited grantees to assure compliance with the Title VI policies and provided technical assistance on Title VI issues.
- \* TCCY Juvenile Justice and Minority Issues Committee and Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Task Force reviewed and gave input on the development of the Title VI Plan.
- \* TCCY Grantee Matrix on Minority Vendors was implemented.





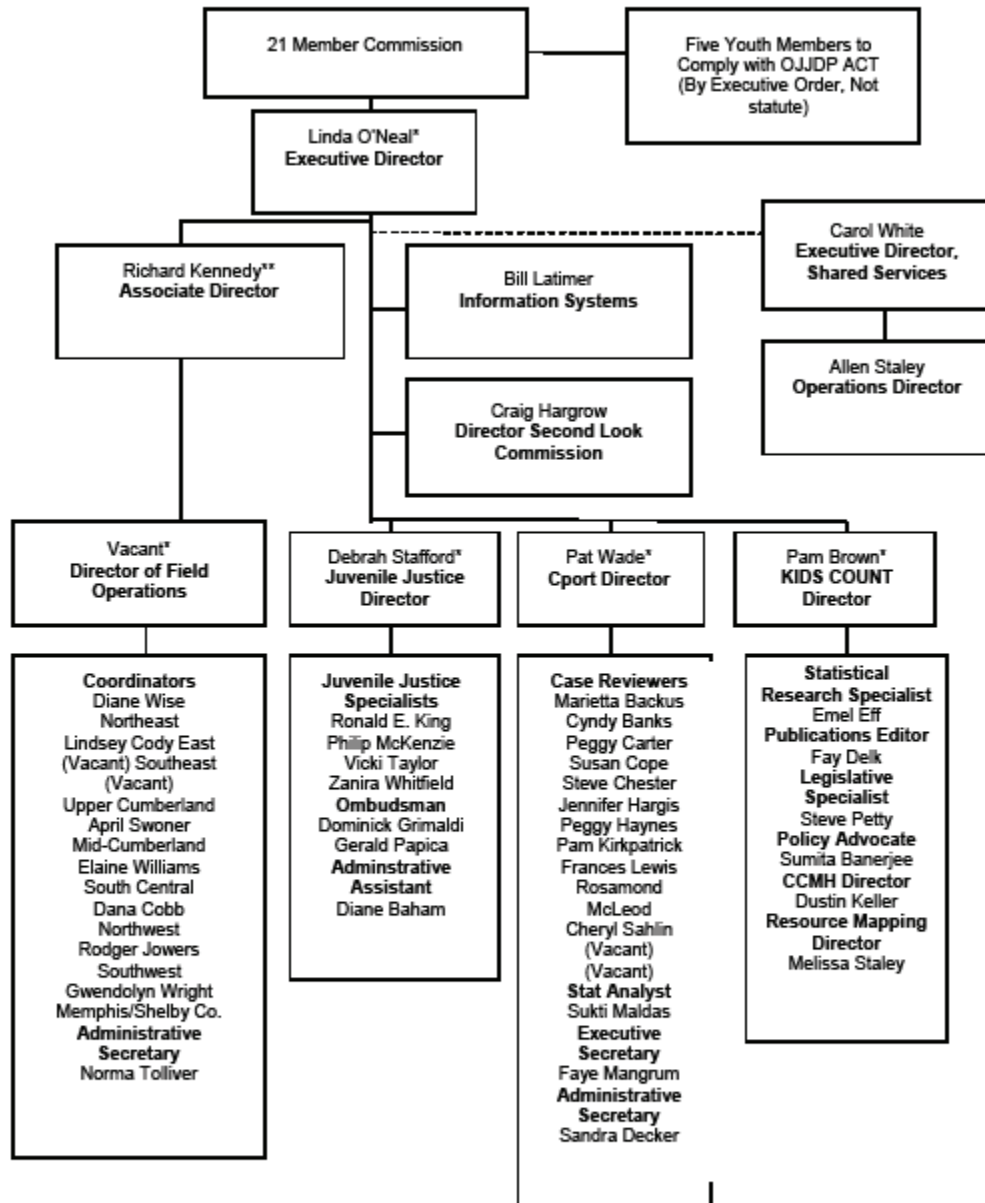
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# TCCY Organizational Chart

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\*Management Team

\*\* Associate Director Supervises Director of Field Operations/Field Staff

# State Organizations with TCCY

- \* Administrative Office of the Courts Court Improvement Program Advisory Council;
- \* Administrative Office of the Courts Court Law Subcommittee;
- \* Advisory Committee for Children of Incarcerated Parents;
- \* Advocates for the Tennessee Department of Human Services;
- \* Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Project Advisory Committee;
- \* Children's Cabinet;
- \* Children's Justice Task Force (Child Abuse);
- \* Coordinated School Health Advisory Committee;
- \* **Council on Children's Mental Health;**
- \* **Council on Children's Mental Health Cultural and Linguistic Workgroup\*;**
- \* **Council on Children's Mental Health MIS Accountability Workgroup\*;**
- \* **Council on Children's Mental Health Steering Committee;**
- \* Emergency Preparedness Training Subcommittee;
- \* Foster Care Alumni of America Tennessee Chapter;
- \* Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination Steering Panel;
- \* Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination Home Visitation Review;
- \* **Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination Home Visitation Review Program Inventory Workgroup\*;**
- \* Information Technology Executive Council (ITEC);
- \* Information Technology Management Association (ITMA);
- \* Injury Prevention Council;
- \* Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition;
- \* Juvenile Records Task Force;
- \* LEAD Tennessee;
- \* Legal Aid Society Community Advisory Council;
- \* Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Health Related Boards;
- \* Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Licensing Board;
- \* Middle Tennessee State University Community Advisory Board;
- \* Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Workgroup;
- \* **Resource Mapping Advisory Committee;**
- \* Shared Services Solutions Board;
- \* Statewide Drug Court Advisory Committee;
- \* Strengthening Families Steering Committee;
- \* Subcommittee to Review Education for Children in Secure Facilities;
- \* Suicide Prevention Program Committee;
- \* Technology Implementation Group (TIG);
- \* Tennessee Alliance for Drug Endangered Children;
- \* Tennessee Alliance for Early Education;
- \* Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services Board of Directors;
- \* Tennessee Coalition on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;
- \* **Tennessee Community Services Agency\*;**
- \* Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare Advisory Committee;

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# State Organizations with TCCY

- \* Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare Board of Directors;
- \* Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare Public Policy Committee;
- \* Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare;
- \* Tennessee Coordinated School Health Statewide Advisory Committee;
- \* Tennessee Department of Children Services Children's Justice Task Force Court Improvement Subcommittee;
- \* Tennessee Department of Children's Services Advisory Board;
- \* Tennessee Department of Children's Services Children's Justice Task Force;
- \* Tennessee Department of Children's Services Evidence-Based Steering Committee;
- \* Tennessee Department of Children's Services Program Improvement Plan Committee;
- \* Tennessee Department of Health Child Fatality Review Team;
- \* Tennessee Department of Health Early Childhood Comprehensive Services (ECCS) Advisory Committee;
- \* Tennessee Department of Health Early Childhood Comprehensive Services (ECCS) Steering Committee;
- \* Tennessee Department of Health Early Childhood Comprehensive System Advisory Committee;
- \* Tennessee Department of Human Services Advocates Committee;
- \* Tennessee Department of Human Services Child Care Board of Review;
- \* Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Children's Committee;
- \* Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Policy and Planning Council;
- \* Tennessee Early Childhood Advisory Committee;
- \* Tennessee Integrated Court Screening and Referral Project Advisory Panel;
- \* Tennessee Lives Count Juvenile Justice Training Curriculum Sub-committee;
- \* Tennessee Lives Count Media/Marketing Subcommittee;
- \* Tennessee Lives Count Suicide Prevention Advisory Committee;
- \* Tennessee Obesity Task Force;
- \* **Tennessee Quality Service Review Team\***
- \* **Tennessee Quality Service Review Reviewer Certification Committee\***;
- \* Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) Advisory Committee;
- \* Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) Interdepartmental Advisory Group;
- \* Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network Interdepartmental Group;
- \* Tennessee Teen Institute;
- \* Tennessee Voices for Children Board of Directors;
- \* Transitioning Youth, Public Chapter 415 Advisory Council;
- \* United Way of Tennessee Board of Directors;
- \* United Way of Tennessee Education Committee;
- \* Youth Courts Advisory Board;
- \* Youth Transitioning Workgroup.

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# Regional Organizations

- \* Child Fatality Review Task Force;
- \* Children's Advocacy Centers;
- \* Interagency Coordinating Councils;
- \* Relative Caregiver Program Advisory Boards;
- \* Suicide Prevention Networks;
- \* Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare;
- \* Tennessee Department of Health Regional Health Council;
- \* Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Regional Mental Health Planning Council.

# National and Southeast Regional Organizations

- \* Coalition for Juvenile Justice, Washington, D.C.;
- \* United States Ombudsman Association Conference Planning Committee\*.

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# Indicators for Child Well-Being

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Births to Unmarried Females;</li> <li>* Child Abuse, Reported;</li> <li>* Child Abuse, Substantiated;</li> <li>* Child Care;</li> <li>* Child Death;</li> <li>* Children in State Custody, Commitments;</li> <li>* Children Remaining in State Custody;</li> <li>* Children on Families First;</li> <li>* Children Younger than 6 on WIC;</li> <li>* Cohort Dropout Rate;</li> <li>* Dentists by County of Practice;</li> <li>* Event Dropout Rate;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Fair Market Rents;</li> <li>* Food Stamps, Children Under Age 18;</li> <li>* Food Stamps, Total;</li> <li>* Free and Reduced Price Lunch;</li> <li>* Infant Mortality;</li> <li>* Juvenile Court Referrals;</li> <li>* Low-Birth Weight Babies;</li> <li>* Median Home Sale Price;</li> <li>* Medical Doctors by County of Practice;</li> <li>* Per Capita Personal Income;</li> <li>* Population, Total;</li> <li>* Population, Younger than Age 18;</li> <li>* Population, Hispanic Younger Than Age 18;</li> <li>* Population, Minority Under Age 18;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Population, Total Hispanic;</li> <li>* Prenatal Care;</li> <li>* Recorded Divorces;</li> <li>* Recorded Marriages;</li> <li>* School Expulsions;</li> <li>* School Suspensions;</li> <li>* Special Education;</li> <li>* Teen Births;</li> <li>* Teen Pregnancy;</li> <li>* Teen Violent Death;</li> <li>* Teens with Sexually Transmitted Diseases;</li> <li>* TennCare, Total;</li> <li>* TennCare, Under 21;</li> <li>* Youth Unemployment.</li> </ul>
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# Federal Formula Grants

## Delinquency Prevention

Bledsoe County Schools	Pikeville	44,000
Boys and Girls Club of Maury County	Columbia	44,000
Coalition for Kids	Johnson City	44,000
Exchange Club of Mid-South	Memphis	20,000
Exchange Club	Murfreesboro	19,891
Fentress County Children's Center	Jamestown	44,000
Teaching Kids to Dream	Nashville	44,000
UT Knoxville	Knoxville	44,000
Knox County Public Defenders Law Office	Knoxville	15,000
Children's Center of the Cumberlands	Oneida	20,000
Williamson County Youth, Inc.	Franklin	20,000
UT Chattanooga	Chattanooga	19,990

## Youth Advocacy

Administrative Office of the Courts	*Nashville	60,000
Tennessee Legal Community Foundation	*Nashville	60,000

	<b>\$ 893,262</b>
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*\* Grantee is located in Nashville, but scope is statewide.*

# Programs Funded/Focus Areas for EUDL

- \* **Johnson City Schools** implemented prevention strategies, compliance checks and policy change around Responsible Beverage Service Training and Social Hosts Laws.
- \* **Center for Youth Issues (STARS)** targeted youth ages 14-19, implementing two research based curriculums, (Too Good for Drugs and Young Women's Lives/Young Man's Work) designed to address the influence of passive social pressures.
- \* **Knoxville Metro Drug Commission** implemented a community wide, multi-strategic program designed to enhance the enforcement of underage drinking laws, limit access and examine weaknesses in the laws, policies and regulations regarding minor consumption.
- \* **Gatlinburg Police Department**, in conjunction with Sevier County School System's driver's education classes, educated students, faculty, merchants, bartenders and servers about the dangers of underage drinking and driving and false IDs.
- \* **Trousdale County Schools** provided students kindergarten to fifth grade with an evidence-based program that improves resiliency and self-esteem while enhancing their leadership potential.
- \* **Martin Housing Authority** operated an after-school prevention program for middle and high school students. Crossroads Teen Center utilizes the skills of law enforcement to educate youth on the underage drinking laws and the dangers of alcohol use among minors.
- \* **Houston County Drug Alliance** involves "Hot Spot Mapping" that shows locations where police have found alcohol being consumed by youth under 21. Houston County has also created a youth coalition implementing alcohol prevention activities based on service learning experiences.
- \* **The Community Anti-Drug Coalition of Jackson County** works in collaboration with law enforcement conducting compliance checks.
- \* **Wayne County Board of Education** serves students in grades five to 12 in five schools implementing the Promoting Our Sober Students Everyday (POSSE) program, which promotes awareness of the effects of underage alcohol consumption and provides alternatives.
- \* **Mediation Services Stop Underage Drinking Project** prevented and combated underage drinking by providing Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention of College Students (BASICS) services and mediation to college age youth to help intervene and build resiliency factors. Enforcement is increased on the college campus and material related to effects and consequences of underage drinking was distributed.
- \* **Brownsville Police Department** worked with the Youth Coalition and community volunteers to reduce the access to alcohol and improve the enforcement of underage drinking laws by conducting monthly compliance checks.

# Juvenile Justice Reimbursement Account (by County)

County	Amount
Anderson	\$6,000.00
Benton	\$300.00
Bledsoe	\$300.00
Blount	\$300.00
Bradley	\$300.00
Campbell	\$300.00
Cannon	\$800.00
Carroll	\$300.00
Carter	\$5,000.00
Cheatham	\$400.00
Chester	\$300.00
Clay	\$300.00
Cocke	\$2,500.00
Coffee	\$6,500.00
Crockett	\$1,500.00
Decatur	\$300.00
DeKalb	\$300.00
Dickson	\$6,000.00
Dyer	\$300.00
Fentress	\$300.00
Franklin	\$300.00
Gibson	\$300.00
Giles	\$1,600.00
Grundy	\$300.00
Hamblen	\$12,000.00
Hardeman	\$700.00
Hardin	\$400.00
Hawkins	\$5,600.00
Haywood	\$300.00
Henderson	\$500.00
Henry	\$300.00
Hickman	\$300.00
Humphreys	\$300.00
Jackson	\$300.00

County	Amount
Jefferson	\$5,000.00
Johnson	\$300.00
Lake	\$300.00
Lauderdale	\$5,500.00
Lawrence	\$300.00
Lewis	\$300.00
Loudon	\$1,700.00
Macon	\$300.00
Marion	\$2,500.00
Marshall	\$1,400.00
Maury	\$5,000.00
McMinn	\$2,500.00
McNairy	\$300.00
Meigs	\$300.00
Montgomery	\$12,000.00
Moore	\$300.00
Morgan	\$300.00
Overton	\$300.00
Perry	\$300.00
Pickett	\$300.00
Polk	\$300.00
Putnam	\$300.00
Roane	\$300.00
Robertson	\$300.00
Scott	\$4,900.00
Sequatchie	\$300.00
Smith	\$2,400.00
Stewart	\$400.00
Sullivan	\$700.00
Trousdale	\$12,000.00
Unicoi	\$300.00
Union	\$300.00
Warren	\$3,400.00
Washington	\$12,000.00
Wayne	\$300.00