



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

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MISSION

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

COORDINATE

REGIONAL COUNCILS

The nine Regional Councils on children and youth provide training, networking opportunities, and create collaborative environments for child serving organizations and collect, compile and distribute child-focused data across the state.

ADMINISTRATE

JUVENILE JUSTICE

To ensure equal and fair treatment for all youth within the juvenile justice system by funding evidence-based practices and promoting transparency to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency.

EDUCATE

KIDS COUNT AND RESOURCE MAPPING

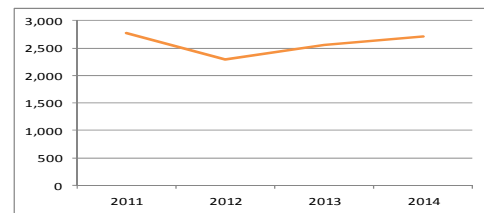
KIDS COUNT works in a variety of ways to provide data, publications, policy development and advocacy to improve the lives of Tennessee children.

ADVOCATE AND COLLABORATE

ADVOCACY AND COLLABORATION

TCCY budget recommendations and legislative impact statements, Ombudsman, Council on Children's Mental Health, Second Look Commission and Youth Transitions Advisory Council all improve outcomes for children.

STATEWIDE COUNCIL MEMBERS



2,712 MEMBERS

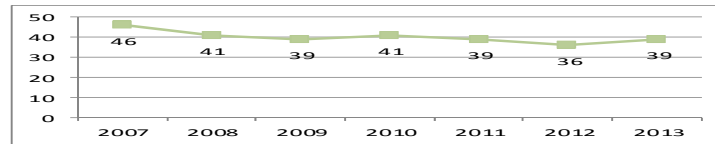
Community Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Intervention Programs

- 31 Reimbursement Accounts
- 7 Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (State Allocated and Pass Through)
- 3 Federal Formula Grants
- 27 Court Appointed Special Advocate Grants - Serving 45 Counties and Including Tennessee CASA Association

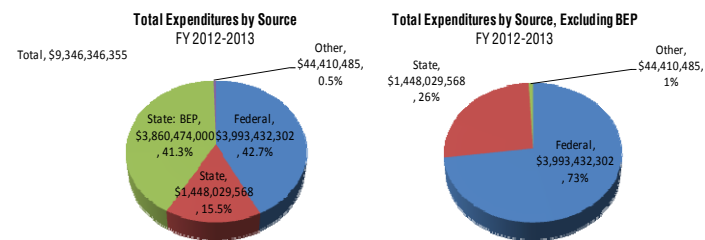
Disproportionate Minority Contact Task Forces

- Statewide Task Force
 - Blount County Task Force
 - Davidson County Task Force
 - Knox County Task Force
 - Montgomery County Task Force
 - Shelby County Task Force
- DMC SUMMIT STATEWIDE SUMMIT**
Memphis, TN - June 2014
Approximately 130 Participants

TENNESSEE OVERALL KIDS COUNT RANK



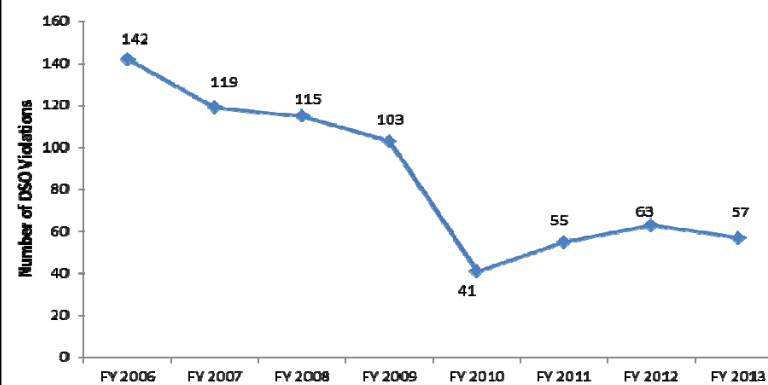
RESOURCE MAPPING



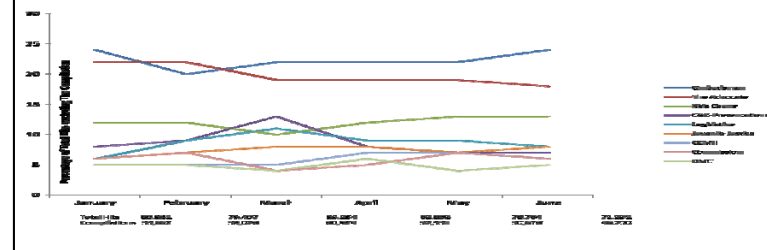
MAP OF STATEWIDE COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA) PROGRAMS



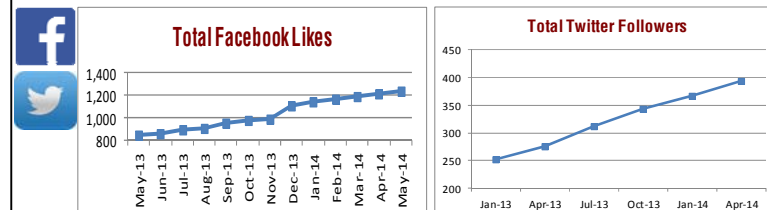
DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION OF STATUS OFFENDERS VIOLATIONS



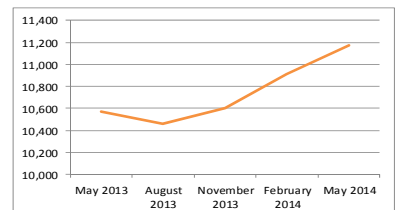
WEB STATISTICS



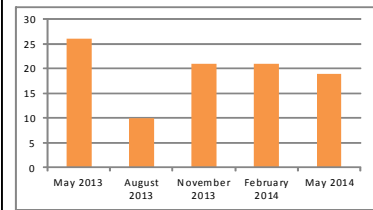
SOCIAL MEDIA



INDIVIDUALS ON COUNCILS' EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE



CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS 2014 SUMMARY

Approximately **650** Participants
31 Sponsors Contributing **\$21,851.00**
 Attendance by **3** Senators and **26** Representatives

Evaluation Results:

- 56.8% Excellent
- 39% Very Good
- 3.7% Adequate
- One Person was Disappointed

PUBLICATIONS

JUNE 2013	OCTOBER 2013	DECEMBER 2013	JANUARY 2014	FEBRUARY 2014	MARCH 2014	APRIL 2014	MAY 2014	JUNE 2014
Council on Children's Mental Health Report KIDS COUNT: The State of the Child in Tennessee	Youth Transitions Advisory Council Annual Report	Second Look Commission Annual Report The Advocate: Status Offenders Tennessee Compilation of Selected Laws on	The Advocate: War on Poverty	The Advocate: Budgets Legislative Reports Budget Recommendations	The Advocate: Children's Advocacy Days Legislative Reports	Resource Mapping Annual Report The Advocate: Child Abuse Prevention Legislative Reports	The Advocate: May Observances Legislative Reports	The Advocate: Safety

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT STATEMENTS

Data and research driven recommendations in the best interests of children

2013 18 Bills
2014 37 Bills

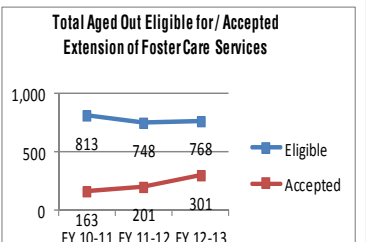
COUNCIL ON CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Grant	Length of Grant	Amount	Date Awarded
JustCare Family Network	6 years	9M	10/2008
K-Town Youth Empowerment Grant	6 years	9M	09/2009
Early Connections Network	6 years	9M	10/2010
Statewide System of Care Expansion Implementation Initiative	4 years	4M	10/2012
Treatment and Recovery for Youth	4 years	3.8M	09/2013

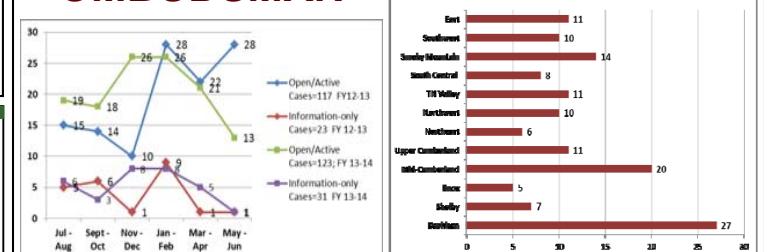
SECOND LOOK COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTED BY DCS

- Statewide CPIT Coordinator
- Improved training for child protective services investigators
- Better terminology-substantiated/unsubstantiated
- Improved record keeping
- More focus on domestic violence

YOUTH TRANSITIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL



OMBUDSMAN



BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESERVE/EXPAND FUNDING

- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Programs
- Centers of Excellence for Children in State Custody
- Coordinated School Health Programs
- Council on Children's Mental Health
- Extension of Foster Care Services
- Family Resource Centers
- Home Visiting Programs
- Pre-Kindergarten Programs



Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth



COORDINATE

Regional Councils

TCCY's nine regional councils provide statewide networking on behalf of children and families. The councils address the needs of children and families at the regional level and offer local-level feedback to the Commission. Councils include children's services professionals and other citizens interested in improving the lives of Tennessee children.

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ADMINISTRATE

Juvenile Justice

TCCY juvenile justice activities include distributing state and federal funds to counties, state-level agencies and community programs to prevent delinquency or improve services for children involved with juvenile courts. TCCY is the State Advisory Group responsible for implementing the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act in Tennessee. Funds administered include the federal JJDP funds and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) grants. CASA program volunteers provide a voice for children in the juvenile court system. Reimbursement accounts help counties without youth detention centers defray the costs of providing alternatives to placing children in adult jails. Programs funded include youth and drug courts, mentoring, after-school programs, training for juvenile court staff and probation programs.

The JJDP Act supports and encourages equitable treatment for all children. TCCY assures the state maintains compliance with the JJDP Act's four core requirements:

- ◆ 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.

TCCY monitors all secure juvenile facilities in Tennessee to assure compliance with federal placement requirements.

Disproportionate Minority Contact

TCCY provides administrative support and technical assistance to the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) task forces in Tennessee. Tennessee has a statewide DMC Task Force as well as several local DMC task forces. The task forces consist of concerned citizens and agency representatives from across the state who meet periodically to address issues regarding the disproportionate number of minority children who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

EDUCATE

KIDS COUNT

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

Resource Mapping

TCCY oversees resource mapping of all funding through the state budget to help children in Tennessee be safe, healthy, educated, nurtured and supported and engaged in activities to succeed in school and become productive adults. A report on prior fiscal year spending is submitted to the General Assembly annually. Twenty-three state agencies serving children reported on expenditures during fiscal year 2012-13.

Tennessee Compilation of Laws on Children, Youth and Families

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

Other Publications

TCCY also distributes information through:

- ◆ *The Advocate* newsletter;
- ◆ Website (www.tn.gov/tccy);
- ◆ Facebook (www.facebook.com/tccyonfb);
- ◆ Twitter (www.twitter.com/@tccy).

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

ADVOCATE & COLLABORATE

Ombudsman Program

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

Council on Children's Mental Health

TCCY has administrative responsibility for the Council on Children's Mental Health (CCMH) charged with designing a plan for a statewide system of mental health care for children. The Council, composed of a broad range of stakeholders from all across the state, is co-chaired by the commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and the executive director of TCCY.

Second Look Commission

Administered by TCCY, the Second Look Commission (SLC) was established to review a sampling of cases involving a second or subsequent incident of severe child abuse and provide recommendations and findings to the General Assembly regarding whether or not severe child abuse responses provide adequate protection for the children of this state.

The SLC is co-chaired by Senate and House members, and includes representatives from the Department of Children's Services (DCS), law enforcement, courts, child abuse service providers and the advocacy community. It reports annually to the General Assembly.

Youth Transitions Advisory Council

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

The Council was created to develop a youth-driven, family-focused, culturally and linguistically competent service delivery system that includes a core set of services and supports appropriately and effectively addressing the mental health needs of children and families.