

TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH'S
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS

2024



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CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY DAYS 2024
Boone Business Building, Trevecca University
AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome to Children's Advocacy Days**
Welcome, Opening Remarks and Housekeeping
Richard Kennedy, TCCY Executive Director
- 9:10 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
The Honorable Judge Rob Philyaw, TCCY Chair
- 9:15 a.m. **Comments from Tennessee Secretary of State**
Secretary Tre Hargett
- 9:25 a.m. **The 2023 State of the Child in Tennessee**
Kylie Graves, Director of Communications, Data and Policy
- 9:45 a.m. **Collective Impact: What is it Really and What Could it Mean for Young People?**
Stephen Patrick, Vice President, and Executive Director of Forum for
Community Solutions at the Aspen Institute
- 10:35 a.m. **BREAK (15 min)**
- 10:50 a.m. **Presentation of the 2024 Jim Pryor Award**
- 11:00 a.m. **Southern Word Poets**
- 11:10 a.m. **Centering Youth Thriving**
Katherine Plog Martinez, Managing Partner, Knowledge to Power Catalysts
- 12:00 p.m. **Break for Lunch**

1:00p.m. **Reconvene and Recognition of Former TCCY Commission Members**
Richard Kennedy, TCCY Executive Director

Tennessee Child and Family Serving Department Updates

1:05p.m. Tennessee Department of Health, Dr. Ralph Alvarado, Commissioner

1:20p.m. Tennessee Department of Education, Assistant Commissioner of Coordinated School
Health Lori Paisley

1:35p.m. Tennessee Department of Children Services, Commissioner Margie Quin

1:50p.m. Tennessee Department of Human Services, Assistant Commissioner Jude White

2:05p.m Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services,
Commissioner Marie Williams

2:20 p.m. **NETWORKING BREAK**

3:00 p.m. **Presentation of the 2024 Linda O’Neal Lifetime Achievement Award**

3:15 p.m. **Presentation of the 2024 Youth Excellence Award**

3:15p.m. **Award**

3:20 p.m. **Ignite Presentations: Sharing Impactful Work in 10 Minutes**

Presentations from;

-AIMHiTN, “A Preview of the State of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health in Tennessee”
Keena Friday-Gilbert

-TQEE, “Bee” the Change: A System’s Approach to Early Care & Education
Jonathan Scoonover

-Best Place for Working Parents Video
Sadie Funk, National Director

-Nurture the Next, “Celebrating Tennessee’s Unsung Heroes”
Kristen Davis, President and CEO

-Skill Up Tennessee, “Skill Up Tennessee: Community Connections”
Melissa Dobbins

4:25 p.m. **Closing remarks**

4:30p.m. **Programming Ends**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

8:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
Jonquil Newland, TCCY Director of Media Relations

9:05 a.m. **Every Child Tennessee**
Lance Villio, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and
Community Initiatives and Chair of Every Child Tennessee

9: 25 a.m. **Presentation of the 2024 Friend of Children Award**

9:30 a.m. **West Tennessee Community Connections Panel**
Moderated by Matt Marshall, President and CEO of United Way of West Tennessee and
TCCY Commission Member

Panel includes Madison County Mayor AJ Massey and City of Jackson Mayor Scott
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10:20 a.m. **Presentation of the 2024 Senator Douglas Henry Public Official Award**

10:25 a.m. **Break**

10:40 a.m. **Southern Word Poets**

10:50 a.m. **The Children's Advocacy Leadership Academy**
The Honorable Judge Steve Hornsby and Heather Taylor-Griffith

11:10 a.m. **Ignite Presentations: Sharing Impactful Work in 10 Minutes**

Presentations from:

- *Governors Early Literacy Foundation*
Meridith Hilleary, Director of Programs

- *Epic Girl*
Stacia Freeman, CEO and Founder

- *Rural Health Association of Tennessee*
Jacy Warrell, CEO

11:40 a.m. **Hope in Action**
Dr. Jill Obremskey

12:00 p.m. **Adjourn**