

NASW-TN Children & Families Connections

April 2019 Newsletter



Welcome to NASW-TN's new e-newsletter. This will be a monthly publication focused on supporting your work with children & families in Tennessee. Monthly issues will be emailed to our members and shared with the public through our Facebook page and website. Each issue will include a theme for that month, the latest information and research related to children & families, as well as tools and resources you can use in your practice.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and promotes the social and emotional well-being of children and families. During the month of April and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to increase awareness and provide education and support to families through resources and strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect.

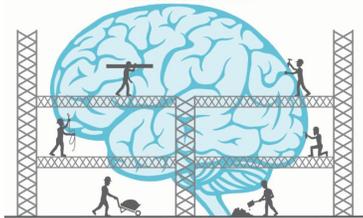


Resources on Child Abuse & Child Welfare

NASW provides a variety of resources to assist our members. Click the button below to access a list of some resources NASW provides in relation to child abuse prevention and child welfare.

NASW Resources on Child Welfare Practice

BUILDING STRONG BRAINS TENNESSEE



Building Strong Brains: Tennessee ACEs Initiative

is a major statewide effort to establish Tennessee as a national model for how a state can promote culture change in early childhood based on a philosophy that preventing and mitigating adverse childhood experiences, and their impact, is the most promising approach to helping Tennessee children lead productive, healthy lives and ensure the future prosperity of the state. [Learn More](#)

Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse

The 5 Steps to Protecting Our Children™ is an introductory guide to help adults protect children from sexual abuse. Using an evidence-informed approach, these guidelines provide simple and practical actions you can take to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

You can access the booklet in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)



DARKNESS TO LIGHT'S
5 STEPS
TO PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN™

NASW-TN Member Spotlight:

These are a few of our members making a difference in Child Abuse Prevention!

Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting 2017

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING
Department of Children's Services
State of Tennessee

This project is funded under an agreement with the State of Tennessee.

Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting Training

[Follow this link](#) to an online training from the Social Work Office of Research and Public Service at UT-Knoxville

Did you know that in Tennessee anyone age 18 and above are mandated reporters of child abuse? With the right information we can prevent victimization, recognize victims who may need help, and know how to make a child abuse report when suspicions are present.

If you would like a certificate to use towards your CE credits, you must login at <https://lms.csw.utk.edu/>

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We invite you to send us suggestions of social workers and NASW-TN members making a difference in Children's Mental Health which will be our theme for next month.

If you have someone you would like to highlight here, contact Jacquie Telfer at jtelfer.naswtn@socialworkers.org

Services & Resource Corner

[TN 2-1-1](#)

2-1-1 has a database of more than 10,000 health and human services programs in Tennessee

[Call4Kids](#)

Provides 24/7 hotline to report suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, or to ask for help regarding any issue affecting the well-being of children.
Memphis, TN 38174

[Nashville Children's Alliance](#)

Provides Stewards of Children trainings within the Davidson County community.
Nashville, TN 37210

[Prevent Child Abuse TN](#)

Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee provides in-home parenting support in 30 counties in Tennessee and administer several statewide programs. Our goal across all programs is to foster healthy parent-child relationships and connect vulnerable families with community resources so that every child in Tennessee can have a great childhood. Nashville, TN 37220

[Sexual Assault Center of East Tennessee - Knoxville](#)

Sexual Assault Center of East Tennessee offers Victim Advocacy, 24/7 Crisis Hotline, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE), Therapy, Support Groups, and Education and Outreach. Knoxville, TN 37919

Upcoming Continuing Education Workshops from NASW-TN

[The Brain: Mental Health and Addiction*](#)

3.0 CEUs
April 26, 2019
Nashville, TN

[Best Practices in Social Work Supervision*](#)

6.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics
May 3, 2019
Nashville, TN

[Best Practices in Social Work Supervision](#)

6.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics
May 17, 2019
Chattanooga, TN

[Licensure Examination Preparation](#)

15.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics
May 24-25, 2019
Memphis, TN

Youth Villages - Johnson City

Youth Villages is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to helping emotionally and behaviorally troubled children and their families live successfully. Johnson City, TN 37601

* At Capacity, Wait List Available

HELP4TN

Free civil legal help is available through resources provided by Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services. Visit www.HELP4TN.org or call 1-844-HELP4TN to talk to an experienced Tennessee attorney for free legal advice and referrals.

NASW, Tennessee Chapter helps support the inclusion of information on social services through this website.

kidcentral tn

HOME

Free, one-stop resource for TN families to raise healthy and happy kids. kidcentral tn features articles on health, education, development and more. It also includes a searchable directory for state-sponsored services for children & families.

The site is maintained by the Tennessee Commission and Children and Youth.



National Association of Social Workers



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