



Children & Families Connections

October 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to NASW-TN's 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.



**OCTOBER IS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH**

Domestic Violence Awareness Month takes place every October. It evolved from a Day of Unity first observed in October, 1981 by the [National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#). The intent was to connect advocates for survivors of abuse across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state and national levels, and has since grown to become a federally observed month of awareness and action on domestic violence.

Across the country, families and friends of victims have gathered during Domestic Violence Awareness Month to remember and honor their loved ones who have lost their lives at the hands of a person they once loved and trusted. Shelters and local programs raise awareness about the crime of domestic violence in their communities, and local governments recognize our collective efforts to end violence.

In the United States...

1 in 4 women will be a victim of domestic violence in her lifetime.

3 women are killed each day by a man who says he loves her.

15.5 million children witness domestic violence each year.

In the state of Tennessee...

More than half of crimes against persons are domestic violence-related.

Tennessee ranks 5th in the nation for the rate at which men kill women.

Metro Nashville Police respond to a domestic violence call every 20 minutes.

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Resources for You from NASW!

NASW provides a variety of resources to assist our members. Click the button below to access a list of some resources NASW provides related to domestic violence:

[NASW Resources on Domestic Violence](#)



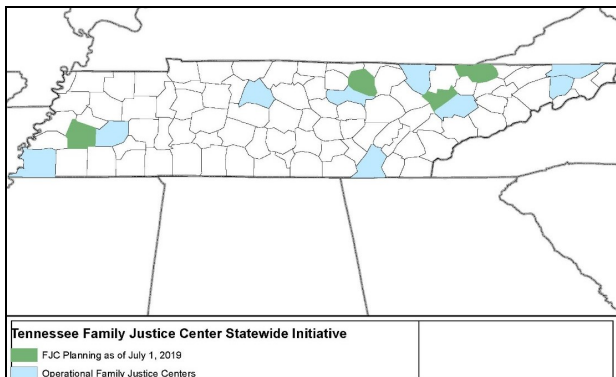
Tennessee Once Again Ranked One of the Most Dangerous States for Women

September 18, 2019

As has been the case for the last nine years, Tennessee is once again in the top ten states for women murdered by men, according to the The Violence Policy Center. Today, the organization released its annual report [When Men Murder Women](#). Based on 2017 data from the FBI Supplemental Homicide Report, Tennessee ranked fifth in the nation, tied with South Carolina. Tennessee was ranked fifth in last year's report as well.

"This is a sad reminder of the very real and ongoing problem our state has with domestic and intimate partner violence," said Beth Joslin Roth, policy director for The Safe Tennessee Project. "While our ranking remained the same, the percentage of women killed with guns went up significantly. The deadly intersection between guns and domestic violence is an all too common occurrence in Tennessee." In 2017, 76 percent of female victims murdered by men were shot and killed with guns. In 2016, 52 percent of the victims were killed with guns. As is always the case, almost all of the victims knew the man who killed them.

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Family Justice Centers in Tennessee

A family justice center (FJC) is a community-wide collaboration of public and private agencies in a centralized location that serves domestic violence victims and their families. The core concept is to provide one place where families can go to receive services to promote their safety and well-being. It is often called a "one-stop shop" for domestic violence and other victims of crime seeking assistance.

The Family Justice Center model has been identified as a best practice in the field of domestic violence intervention and prevention services by the [United States Department of Justice](#). The documented and published outcomes have included: reduced homicides; increased victim safety; increased autonomy and empowerment for victims; reduced fear and anxiety for victims and their children; reduced recantation and minimization by victims when wrapped in services and support; increased efficiency in collaborative services to victims among service providers; increased prosecution of offenders; and dramatically increased community support for services to victims and their children through the Family Justice Center model.

The model seeks to alleviate some of the burdens of domestic violence victims by co-



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On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States – that's more than 10 million domestic violence cases a year. Social workers provide counseling and support through many settings such as shelter programs, healthcare offices, individual counseling, and court advocacy, as well as advocate for programs and legislation to address domestic violence.

This forum will help social workers gain a deeper understanding and knowledge base of how to assist their clients in dealing with domestic violence.

With substantial collaboration with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, a variety of sessions will have special emphasis on social work within the veteran community.

locating needed services and providing assistance for the multiple challenges faced by victims and their families. Instead of having to walk, drive, or take public transportation from one place to another, repeating their story over and over again, the FJC model brings services to families in one safe, convenient, and family-friendly location.

OCJP is thrilled to welcome four new Family Justice Center communities as of July 1, 2019. Anderson County, Claiborne County, Haywood County and Overton County have each been awarded three-year JAG grants to fund planning and implementation of four new fully-operational FJCs. JAG-funded Site Coordinators will work with local public and nonprofit partners, along with survivors, to create a Family Justice Center that represents the unique needs and resources of each community.

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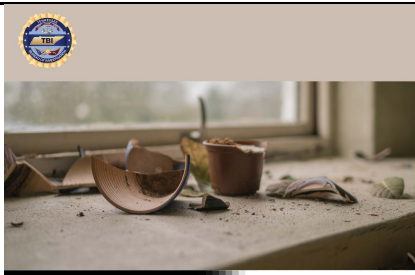
By viewing the 2019 NASW Virtual Forum, you will be able to

- Access 4 plenary sessions and 8 breakout sessions
- Earn up to 8 CE contact hours
- Learn about the following topics as they relate to domestic violence: clinical practice, children & families, LGBTQ, policy and more.
- View the sessions in real-time from your home, office, or mobile device.

Don't miss out! Access cutting-edge presentations by recognized thought leaders to enhance your knowledge of practice trends, policy, and research findings.

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Registration includes access to 2 archived plenary sessions and to 2 breakout sessions for one year after the live conference. (Worth 4 CEs)



Domestic Violence 2018

[2018 Annual Report on Domestic Violence](#)

Released June 28, 2019

Each year the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation releases annual reports on crimes reported by law enforcement agencies to the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS) program in seven different reports. The TIBRS data contains a wide range of incident level information including victim and offender demographics.

The issue of domestic violence is by no means a novel problem in American society. The persistence of domestic violence and the large number of related



[Tennessee Trauma Informed Policy for Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs \(2012\)](#)

The goal of the Trauma Informed Care Initiative of the Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence is to promote trauma informed care in domestic and sexual violence programs.

Established in 1983, the Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence is a statewide non-profit coalition of diverse community leaders and program members committed to our mission of ending domestic and sexual violence in the lives of Tennesseans and changing societal attitudes and institutions which promote and condone violence through public policy advocacy, education, and activities which increase the capacity of programs and communities to address such violence. It is the policy of the Coalition to support and encourage Tennessee domestic and sexual violence programs to be trauma informed to better serve survivors.

incidents reported to law enforcement necessitate continued awareness about this issue. In an effort to gain more insight into the problem of domestic violence within the state of Tennessee, the current study analyzes crime data collected from the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System, hereafter referred to as TIBRS. Utilizing this TIBRS crime data, offenses flagged as domestic violence for 2018 are included in the report.

[The entire document is available at this link.](#)



Victims of domestic and sexual violence are survivors of traumatic experiences, and recognizing and addressing that trauma is crucial in serving survivors and aiding in their recovery. It is critical that advocates working in domestic and sexual violence programs possess basic understanding of how traumatic experiences impact the survivors they serve. It is important for advocates to understand trauma, trauma reactions, and how these reactions affect their interactions with survivors. This policy will provide best practices for domestic violence and sexual assault programs working with trauma survivors.

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Resource Corner

[Tennessee Domestic Violence Helpline](#)

[YWCA Nashville & Middle TN](#)

[TN Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence](#)

[End Slavery Tennessee](#)

[List of Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Programs in Tennessee](#)

[The Tennessee Coalition's Emergency Assistance Fund](#)

[The TN Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence: Cultural Competency Resource Manual](#)

[Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee & The Cumberland](#)

[Legal Aid of East Tennessee](#)

[Memphis Area Legal Services](#)

[Safe Tennessee Project](#)

[Tennessee Gun Violence: An Issue of Public Health and Safety](#)

[The National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)

[CBPR Toolkit for Domestic Violence Researchers](#)

[Domestic Violence Housing First \(DVHF\) Toolkit](#)

[Safety Planning for Survivors of Domestic & Sexual Violence: A Toolkit for Homeless/ Housing Programs](#)

[Social Work & Family Violence: Theories, Assessment, and Intervention \(2010\)](#)

Need to get your CE Hours? Here are some upcoming Continuing Education Workshops from NASW-TN!

[Northeast Branch Meeting](#)

2.0 CEUs
October 24, 2019
Jonesboro, TN

[Licensure Examination Preparation](#)

15.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics
November 1-2, 2019
Nashville, TN

[Knox Branch Forum](#)

6.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics
November 1, 2019
Knoxville, TN

[Midwest Branch Forum](#)

6.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics
November 8, 2019
Jackson, TN

[2019 NASW-TN Fall Professional Development Forum](#)

6.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics
November 15, 2019
Nashville, TN

[Memphis Winter Forum](#)

6.0 CEUs with 3.0 in Ethics
December 6, 2019
Memphis, TN

[Diversity Awareness &](#)

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.

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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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