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Youth Development During the Summer



Welcome to the July, 2024 issue of The Advocate! As child and family advocates, it is crucial to address the multifaceted needs of our youth, particularly in the realms of mental health, civic education, and academic continuity during the summer months. In this month's newsletter we'll highlight each of those topics and provide resources for continued learning!

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Children and Youth Articles



Children and youth are facing significant mental health challenges in Tennessee. The Sycamore Institute recently published a report outlining eight policy options Tennessee could take to further support youth mental health. Youth mental health indicators highlight a need for immediate and comprehensive intervention. Tennessee has taken many proactive steps to meet this need in recent years. The report highlights some additional efforts the state could consider to maximize the effectiveness of recent investments.

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Concerns about students losing ground academically during summer break is not new, however in recent years school leaders and policy makers have used the summer months as an opportunity for academic recovery. Its important that families and educators alike have an up-to-date understanding of the impact of summers breaks on a student's learning pattern. Click the button to learn more!

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As the United States enters the 2024 election season, consider joining one national organization for a series of online webinars and workshops that examine the health of democracy, voting and elections, and the pivotal influence of young people's civic participation. Participants will



Between 2000 and 2008, access to high-speed, broadband internet grew significantly in the United States, but there is debate on whether access to high-speed internet improves or harms wellbeing. Counties with increased access to broadband internet see

leave the learning series with classroom resources and teaching ideas necessary to create lesson plans to teach the 2024 election. Click the button to learn more!

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reductions in poverty rate and unemployment rate. Click the button to learn more about broadband internet access, economic growth and wellbeing.

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Check out the National Summer Learning Association's web site for programs, events and resources to keep the children and youth in your life active throughout the summer months!

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DCS Talks is a podcast that aims to promote dialogue among child welfare professionals, foster parents and the entire community about ways to prevent child abuse and neglect.

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Mental Health Resources

[TN Partners for Health](#)

[TDMHSAS Mental Health Services](#)

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, July, 11 - Statewide - 2024 County Profiles Release Date

Friday, July, 19 - Memphis/Shelby Co. YSO Roundtable - 600 Jefferson Ave. Memphis, TN.



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