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Giving Love & Support this February



Embrace the month of love with our February newsletter, dedicated to fostering stronger bonds within our community and families. This February, let's join hands in promoting positive parenting, and creating a nurturing environment for all children. Together, we can build a foundation of love, support, and growth, ensuring a brighter future for our children and youth!

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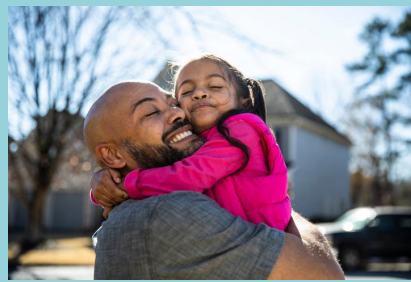


Children and Youth Articles



Feeling loved is key to a child's healthy development. While there are countless ways to show children you love them, during the month of February, consider going beyond cards and candy. Click the link to find a list of tips to make your child feel safe, happy and cherished this Valentine's Day, or any day!

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Girls in communities across the United States, growing up in a variety of life circumstances, are at risk of being commercially sexually exploited. This vulnerability most frequently comes at the crossroads of racism, sexism, and classism. Frequently, exploiters systematically target adolescent girls who have experienced trauma. Click the link to learn how to mitigate child exploitation in your own community.

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A recent study suggests that families will change dramatically over the coming years, stating the number of relatives that an individual has is expected to decrease by more than 35% in the near future. It underscores the need to invest in social support systems that ensure the well-being of individuals at all stages of life.



The Yale Child Study Center (YCSC) Social and Affective Neuroscience of Autism (SANA) Program, also known as the SANA Lab, recently launched a new blog to provide current information and resources for parents, family members, and other caregivers of children with autism.

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Conversations around autism spectrum disorder or ASD are happening more often as the number of children and youth diagnosed with ASD continues to significantly increase. Ascend Autism's Clinical Director Sharon Dudhnath-Grotsky and Co Founder Nathan Kronforst sit down with podcast host, Jonquil Newland, to discuss the resources available for



The State of the Child in Tennessee 2023 is an annual data book that tracks the status of children by analyzing state level statistical indicators of child well-being using social, educational, economic, and health data. Click the link to learn more and download our PDF data book.

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Tennessee families.

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Calendar of Events

Friday, Feb. 9 - ETCCY Legislative Lunch on the River - **Calhoun's on the River, 400 Neyland Dr. Knoxville, TN 11:30 - 1 p.m.**

Tuesday, Feb. 13 - Second Look Commission Meeting - **10 a.m. to 12 p.m., contact kylie.graves@tn.gov to register.**

Friday, Feb. 16 - Tennessee Commission on Children & Youth Commission Meeting - **Tennessee Tower, Tennessee Room 2. 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

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