



THE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION

For those who aren't familiar with our work outside of the children's team, the Tennessee Justice Center actually handles direct client work, helping individuals navigate our complicated health care system and get the services that they need to thrive.

If you ever encounter anyone who is having trouble getting health insurance or needed health care services, please call TJC:

(615) 255-0331

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Uninsured children are
5X MORE LIKELY
to have unmet health care needs



KNOW WHAT WOULD BE MUSIC
TO MY EARS? IF CONGRESS
WOULD #EXTENDCHIP ALREADY!!!

- **Please continue to share our Student Ambassador Program with anyone who works with high school children! The deadline is November 30!** This program is open to students across the state. Everything will be digital except one in-person event in Nashville. [Students can apply themselves or community members can nominate students.](#)
- [The last volume of the Children's Champion.](#)

THE MORE YOU KNOW

ZERO TO THREE released [a brief](#) about the importance of parent support services and resources and outlined where there is room for improvement.

[AAP Study](#): Low-income children are more likely to receive well-child care if their parents are enrolled in Medicaid, according to a new study.

[NEW REPORT FROM CBPP](#): House Tax Bill's Child Tax Credit increase excludes thousands of children in low-income working families in every state. It would completely exclude 10 million children whose parents work for low pay - about 1 in 7 of all U.S. children in working families. In 16 states, at least 40 percent of these children would be excluded, including Tennessee.

LOOKING FORWARD

Federal level:

- The pressure on Congress to reauthorize CHIP is working, and the House of Representatives just passed a version of CHIP reauthorization. But Congress has not been acting fast enough on CHIP reauthorization, and the House version has [some problems](#). We need the Senate to act quickly and to pass a clean CHIP reauthorization bill. The clock is ticking, and members of both chambers of Congress need to hear from us that a clean CHIP reauthorization is a priority.
- **Open enrollment is Nov. 1-Dec. 15!** [This guide](#) has:
 - A checklist of things to consider as you decide whether to renew your plan or enroll in a new plan;
 - A background on insurance, including answers to common questions and explanations of key terms;
 - An explanation of how to get coverage through the Marketplace and which services your plan will cover;
 - Information about paying for insurance, including financial assistance;
 - An explanation of Medicaid coverage;
 - A section that explains some changes to the law made by the Trump Administration and how they affect you.

If anyone you know needs free, local assistance, they should call 844-644-5443 if they have any questions.

State level:

- [The Tennessean reported](#): "The number of babies born prematurely in Tennessee increased from 2015 to 2016 - a trend that underscores disparities in women's health around the state, a

maternal health expert said. Overall, Tennessee earned a "D" for its preterm birth rate of 11.3 percent in 2016 from March of Dimes, a nonprofit focused on pregnancy and the health of babies."

JOIN US

Please take our [30-second survey](#) so that we can make sure this newsletter is providing the best information for you!

You will be entered to win a \$25 gift card to Amazon!

Join us **Thursday, November 30 at 11 am** for a webinar:

Health Insurance Enrollment for Tennessee's Children

TJC's Kinika Young and Chris Coleman will review the different ways that children get health insurance in Tennessee, the exact pathways to enroll in each program, and the available resources to help enroll them. We will also discuss Tennessee's population of uninsured children and ways we can work to insure every eligible child in our state.

Please reply to this email with any questions that you have so we can make the presentation as helpful as possible.

We have applied for CLE and CEU credit. We will let all registrants know if the credits have been approved ahead of time, and you can email awalton@tnjustice.org after completion of the webinar to ask for your CE credit.

You can register [here](#).

If there is any information you would like us to share on your behalf, including events and resources, please reply to this email.

Sincerely,

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