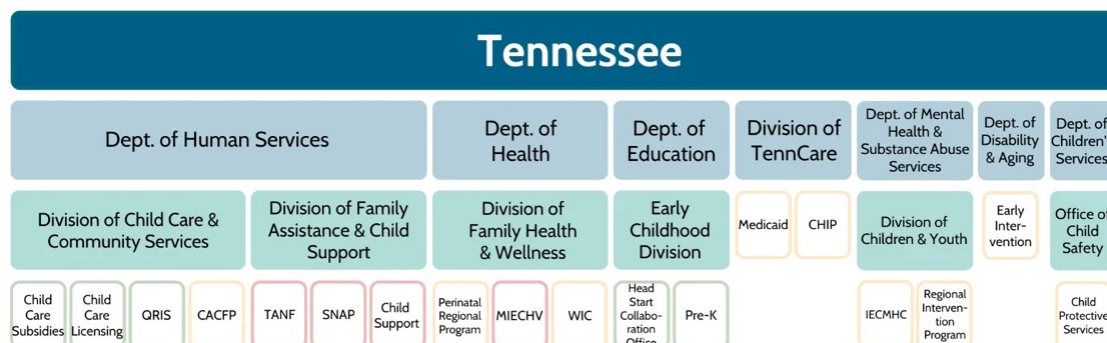


We aim to accelerate states' implementation of evidence-based policies that help all children thrive from the start.

Did You Know?

Our Early Childhood Governance Landscape is live! This [database](#) contains information about early childhood governance choices across the US. No two states govern early childhood in the same way. Early childhood governance details how government groups are organized and how responsibilities are shared to manage programs and services that help young children and their families. Decisions made at the state level about governance can impact how easily families can access and benefit from programs and services. These choices can also affect how efficiently the overall system operates.

Visit the Landscape!



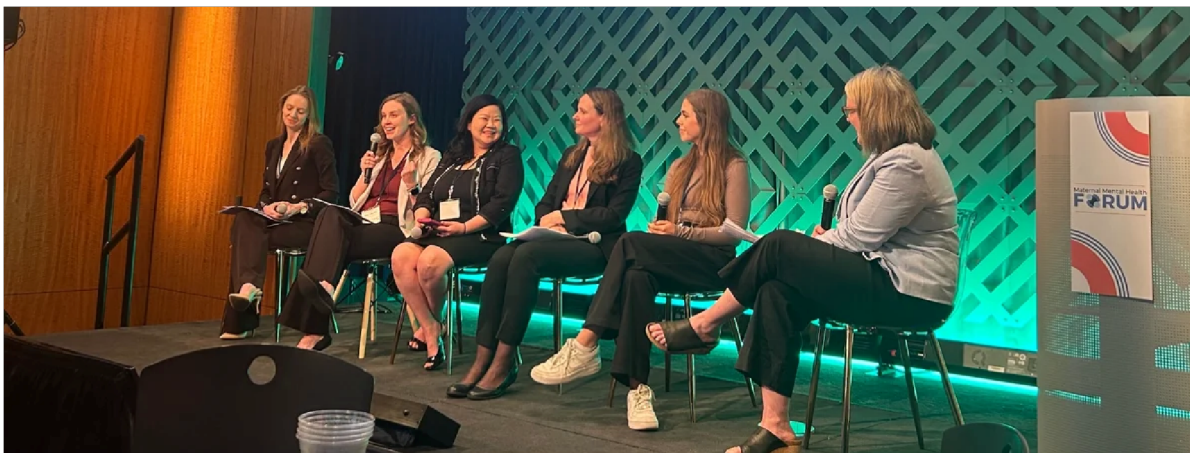
What We're Doing

How States Structure Early Childhood Governance — and Why It Matters

This recent [blog](#) explores findings from the Early Childhood Governance Landscape, emphasizing the governance's role in shaping policy, funding, and program access. It also highlights differences in state management of early education, health, and family support programs, and how leaders can use governance data to identify gaps, improve collaboration, and compare structures across states.

Maternal Mental Health Forum

Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center Policy Director Abby Lane recently spoke on a panel about parental needs and supports at the Maternal Mental Health Forum in Washington D.C. During this panel, she explained the nuances of Paid Family and Medical Leave.



What We're Reading

Columbia Center for the Transition to Parenthood

The Columbia Center for the Transition to Parenthood (CTtP) recently launched their new [website](#). They help doctors and nurses care for pregnant women and new parents. By sharing research and information, CTtP aims to improve care that supports both parents and children. Through scientific research and working with different organizations, they hope to positively affect the health and happiness of families from the start.

Beyond Health: Threats to Medicaid Funding Would Endanger Child Care Too

The Century Project is launching their Beyond Health series. This series explores potential harms of up to \$880 billion in potential Medicaid cuts across various issue areas. In this [commentary](#), Julie Kashen (Director, Women's Economic Justice and Senior Fellow) explores how Medicaid cuts would endanger child care across the categories of children's health, generation caregivers, child care workforce and state budgets.

Georgetown University Medicaid Briefs

The Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy: Center for Children and Families released two new Medicaid Briefs. The [first](#) discusses how Medicaid supports maternal and infant health and the [second](#) discusses why Medicaid is important for military families. Medicaid finances over 40% of births across the United States and also serves as a critical safety net for military families.

What We're Hearing

Webinar: Maternal and Child Health and Mental Well-Being: Cornerstones of a Thriving Community

The Build Initiative is hosting a [webinar](#) on April 10 at 2:00 PM EDT that will discuss the need for systemic change, solutions to maternal health inequities, and the importance of policy, healthcare, and community support. The health of mothers, birthing parents, and fathers is vital for a child's well-being and family stability, but many face preventable issues and inadequate care, particularly in marginalized communities. Prioritizing maternal and perinatal health through quality care and support strengthens families, yet access remains limited for many.

Webinar: How to Create Family-Friendly Workplaces

Join the North Carolina Early Childhood Foundation's Family Forward NC® team for a [webinar](#) on Tuesday, April 8 at 10:00 am EST to learn how to create family-friendly workplaces in your state. The session will cover proven strategies, updates to their guide, and practical applications of their playbook, with insights from Ric Banciella, Director of Business Engagement for The Children's Movement of Florida. Attendees will also learn how various organizations are using the playbook to support employee families.

Meet Our Team



Our staff and their kids had an amazing time enjoying spring break. Here are some photos of our adventures.

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