



THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto
Mt. Juliet | Lebanon | Watertown



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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

August is upon us and there's no better time to say, "Thank You" for an incredible summer; but it's not over yet. The start of school typically signifies the end of summer but not in Wilson County. We're just "heating up". The TN State Fair, Wilson County Fair is just a few days away as the highlight of summer. Shows, rides, exhibits, and let's not forget the food, the fair offers fun for the whole family! Thank you to Wilson County Promotions and the amazing volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure a spectacular fair year after year.

August 1st marks the start of another school year for Wilson County Schools and the Lebanon Special School District. We wish everyone a safe and wonderful year.

Stay cool, friends.

Randall Hutto

Commissioner Spotlight: Rick Brown District 2



Contact

INFORMATION

Phone: (615) 506-4828

Wilson County **LANDFILL**

MONDAYS - FRIDAYS
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**ALL LOADS MUST BE
CHECKED INTO THE SCALE
HOUSE BY 2:30 P.M.**

**FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CALL 615.449.6684**

COME HEAR THE STORIES THAT OFTEN GO UNHEARD
DOORS OPEN @ 6:30PM FOR SILENT AUCTION

SEPT
23
7:00PM-
8:30PM

YOU ARE INVITED TO

VOICES OF CHANGE

REAL STORIES REAL IMPACT REAL HOPE

A NIGHT BENEFITTING COMPASSIONATE HANDS

**RSVP
HERE**

The poster features a vintage-style microphone in the center, set against a background of blue and green watercolor splashes with gold glitter. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout.

THE GLADE CHURCH // 9000 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Mt Juliet, TN

Do you love the great outdoors?!



Explore the beauty of Wilson County by visiting Cedars of Lebanon State Park, where you'll find rare cedar glades, scenic limestone formations, and eight miles of hiking trails winding through unique forests of red cedar and hardwoods. Check out their website for fun events to end the summer!

With lots of rain comes increased chances of flash flooding! Know what to do when a flash flood occurs!

3 SIMPLE STEPS FOR FLASH FLOOD SAFETY

During a flood, water levels and the rate at which the water is flowing can quickly change. Remain aware and monitor local radio and television.



- 1 GET TO HIGHER GROUND**
Get out of the areas subject to Flooding
- 2 DO NOT DRIVE INTO WATER**
Do NOT drive or walk into flooded areas. It only takes 6" of water to knock you off your feet.
- 3 STAY INFORMED**
Monitor local radar, television, weather radio, internet or social media for updates.

The Tennessee State Fair is a family-friendly annual event celebrating the state's rich culture, agriculture, and community spirit. Held in Wilson County, it features live music, carnival rides, livestock shows, arts and crafts, and plenty of local food. It's a great way to experience Tennessee tradition and small-town charm all in one place.

Get Your Tickets Now!

August 3, 2025

HAPPY FRIENDSHIP DAY



National Dog Day
August 26



Movie in the Park

"Mufasa: The Lion King"

Date: August 1, 2025

Time: Movie expected to begin around 8:20PM

Location: Charlie Daniels Park - Amphitheater

Address: 1075 Charlie Daniels Pkwy Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Cost: Movie FREE to the public
Concessions available for purchase.

Mt. Juliet Parks & Rec

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Bring your blankets & chairs. Concessions available for purchase. Movie will begin at dusk.

MOVIE FREE TO PUBLIC

MT. JULIET PARKS & RECREATION
LET'S PLAY IN IT!
FAMILY, FITNESS, AND FUN

CINEMA

ARE YOU FINISHING UP SOME INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL? LISTEN UP!

The U.S. government strongly advises against traveling to high-risk countries or areas. These places are considered dangerous, and visiting them could put you in serious danger. In many cases, the U.S. may have very limited or no ability to help you if something goes wrong, even during an emergency.

When you visit another country, you must follow its local laws—even if those laws are different from those in the United States. In some places, Americans have been wrongly or unfairly detained for actions that wouldn't be considered crimes in the U.S. If you break the law in another country, you could be arrested, and U.S. assistance may be very limited. In many high-risk areas, there is no U.S. embassy or consulate, or services could be suspended without notice. Even reaching the embassy might not be safe or possible during a crisis.

If you decide to travel to a high-risk area, take extra steps to prepare. Enroll in the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) and create a communication plan with your loved ones. Make sure your phone or device works at your destination and can share your location. Leave copies of important documents and passwords with someone you trust and prepare legal arrangements like a will and power of attorney. Plan for your safety with help from your employer or a security expert and identify contacts who could help in an emergency. Choose a family member to serve as your main contact if you are detained and leave DNA and dental records behind in case they are needed. Remove any sensitive content from your devices and social media, leave valuables at home, and make sure your passport and documents are up to date.

Before you go, review the Country Information Pages for the place you're visiting. These include important travel and safety information, local laws, and contact info for U.S. embassies. You can also visit the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) website for security reports to help you better understand the risks involved.

For more information, check out the U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE — BUREAU of CONSULAR AFFAIRS.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/high-risk-travelers.html>

The First Saturday Summer Shop & Stroll continues this month on Saturday, July 5, with a few fun tweaks — in celebration of Downtown Lebanon's First Saturday Shop Late!

Collect stamps as you visit shops throughout the day, then turn in your completed passport by 8 PM—either in person at The Artful Abode or Dreams Boutique or by emailing a stamped passport photo to info@historiclebanon.com.

Historic Lebanon will hold a drawing for \$50, \$100, and \$150 Downtown Gift Cards to spend at participating merchants!

\$250+
GIFT CARD
GIVEAWAYS

DOWNTOWN LEBANON
Summer

Shop & Stroll

JULY 5TH & AUGUST 2ND

**SHOP THE SQUARE
FILL YOUR PASSPORT
ENTER TO WIN!**



**FIRST
SATURDAY
SHOP LATE**

2025 Notes for Nurses

Save the Date!

Friday, September 5th, 2025

Proceeds from this unforgettable event help fund scholarships and support other essential needs for students at Cumberland University's Jeanette C. Rudy School of Nursing and Health Professions

Check out Notesfornurses.com for more information!

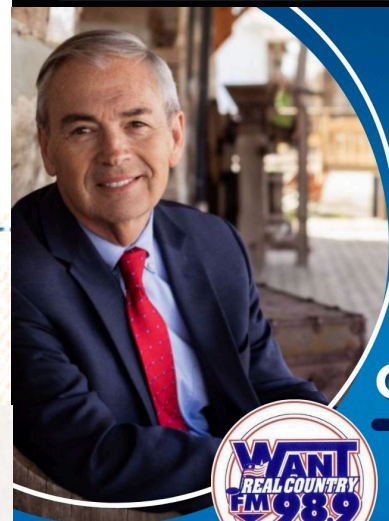
Save the Date

for Rest Stop Ministries
13th Annual Gala

FAITHFUL 2025

God has been faithful through ten years of impact.
Join us to celebrate!

Friday, September 12



Tune in to
*Coleman
&
Company*



**LIVE ON
98.9 FM**

**with guest, Mayor
Randall Hutto**

*every 3rd Monday
of the month*

around 7:50am

**Be sure to tune in and stay up
to date on the latest
happenings in Wilson County!**

RED SAND PROJECT AWARENESS WEEK

This month, Wilson County will be partnering with the TN Department of Health and local city governments to recognize July 28th - August 4th as Red Sand Project Awareness Week.

The Red Sand Project is an interactive art exhibition, pioneered by artist Molly Gochman. The project works to raise awareness of human trafficking through a symbolic approach.

Participants use bright red sand to fill the cracks of sidewalks. Each grain of sand represents a victim of human trafficking who has fallen through the symbolic cracks of society.

For more information on human trafficking visit humantraffickinghotline.org. If you know someone who needs help to escape trafficking, contact the Tennessee Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-855-558-6484. Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888, or text 233722, can also provide information on local community resources. For more information about local resources, visit trust-yourself.org/, www.reststopministries.org/, and operationlightshine.org/.





**Age-Friendly Communities
Are Livable for
People of All Ages**
aarp.org/livable

SHARE YOUR VOICE: AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SURVEY

Wilson County invites residents to participate in the Age-Friendly Community Survey. This survey is a vital tool to understand and address the specific needs and wants of our community. It's a great opportunity for residents of all ages to contribute to shaping a community that reflects their aspirations. Take part in this important survey and add your voice to the future of Wilson County. Access the survey online at <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=mTtmFQnSJ0K9juemXpxMi4DV29OECIRGqrgXJgbIb01UNDhMMIdUMDZWSFNJUK8xONTNJMk1GSjNWSC4u&route=shorturl>.



*Assistance Dog Day
August 4, 2025*



Need help recovering from the storms, floods, and tornadoes?

SBA offers low-interest, long-term disaster loans for homeowners, renters, businesses, and nonprofits. No payment due and 0% interest accrued for one year after the first loan disbursement. To find a recovery center location near you or to apply online, visit sba.gov/disaster.



ODR&R |  U.S. Small Business Administration



August 21, 2025



WILSON COUNTY MAYOR'S
LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE
SERIES

Part 3: Emergency Management Systems

save the date
09.16.25

Providence Church
2293 S. Rutland Rd
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

7:30A NETWORK & BREAKFAST
8:00A - 9A PROGRAM

Congratulations

Wilson Co. Mayor's office
Executive Assistant, Brooke
Cummings gave birth to
baby boy

Andrew Driver Cummings
July 6, 2025. He weighed
7lbs. and 20' long. The
happy family is doing great!

09:30

Thursday May 29

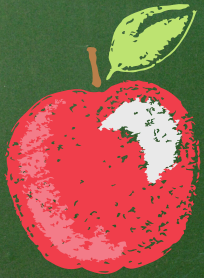


REMINDER

There's **NO limit**
to claim Unclaimed
Property in Tennessee

Search Your Name
ClaimItTN.gov

Welcome Back to School!
WCS & LSSD



We hope everyone has a great
school year!



WE NEED YOUR HELP! WILSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE PHOTO PROJECT

The Wilson County Courthouse proudly displays photos of former elected officials and buildings. The collection of photos in the County Commission room is nearly complete, but a few photos have yet to be found, so we're reaching out to the community for help finding them! Every four years, a group photo of the county's elected commissioners is taken. (See the photos to the right for reference.) All of these group photos are accounted for except the terms during 1938-1950, 1962, 1970-1990, and 1998. If any of you know of an office or family member that may have these, please ask them to go through their old photos. We would like to display all of the County Commissioners throughout the years, as they do so much to represent our community. Thank you for your help!



Wilson County
Quarterly Court
1927

1927



1958



Wilson County
Commission
1994

1994

WILSON COUNTY OPIOID REMEDIATION FUNDING COMMITTEE

Wilson County is accepting applications from non-profit organizations and government agencies to receive funding from the Opioid Settlement. These funds are part of a statewide settlement addressing the opioid crisis and will be distributed annually for 18 years.

- Applications can be picked up at Wilson County Finance.
- Completed proposals must be submitted to Labraunya Horton at Wilson County Finance by 4:00 PM on the last business day of September.
- Awards will be announced in January

Eligible Applicants:

- 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations
- Civic non-profits
- Wilson County government agencies

Approved Funding Areas:

- Primary Prevention
- Harm Reduction
- Treatment
- Recovery Support
- Education / Training
- Research & Evaluation

The funds must be used according to Tennessee's Opioid Abatement Council guidelines to serve Wilson County residents.

AUGUST 31ST

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

COMBATING STIGMA AND SAVING LIVES



CLIMATE CHANGE & EXTREME HEAT

CAUSES MORE DEATHS each year than hurricanes, lightning, tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods

COMBINED!



WHO'S AT RISK?



Adults over 65, children under 4, people with existing medical problems such as heart disease, and people without access to air conditioning

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



STAY COOL

- Find an air-conditioned shelter
- Avoid direct sunlight
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing
- Take cool showers or baths
- Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device



STAY HYDRATED

- Drink more water than usual
- Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink more fluids
- Avoid alcohol or liquids containing high amounts of sugar
- Remind others to drink enough water



STAY INFORMED

- Check local news for extreme heat alerts and safety tips
- Learn the symptoms of heat illness



LEARN MORE

Visit CDC's Environmental Public Health Tracking Network to learn more about climate change and extreme heat at

www.cdc.gov/ephtracking



Even though fall is on its way, here in Tennessee we are still going to experience very high heat!

Check out WEMA's website and social media for updates on heat advisories and cooling stations!



TENNESSEE UNEMPLOYMENT HOLDS STEADY THREE MONTHS IN A ROW

Tennessee's unemployment rate remained steady at 3.5% in June 2025, marking the third consecutive month at that level and continuing to outperform the national average of 4.1%. According to data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD), the state's jobless rate has seen a slight improvement from 3.7% in January, with job growth maintaining positive momentum. Over the past year, Tennessee employers added 22,900 nonfarm jobs, with the largest gains found in the Government, Leisure and Hospitality, and Education and Health Services sectors.

In June alone, the state added 6,100 nonfarm positions, reflecting a healthy monthly increase. The most notable job gains were seen in Professional and Business Services, followed by Education and Health Services, and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities. This consistent growth in key industries underscores Tennessee's strong labor market and economic resilience, even as national employment figures remain comparatively higher. The TDLWD plans to release more detailed county-level data on July 24.

In addition to tracking employment trends, the TDLWD is expanding workforce development efforts. In partnership with Lipscomb University, the department recently announced the launch of Tennessee's first Early Childhood Education Apprenticeship Hub. Set to begin this fall, pending final approval, the program offers aspiring educators a fully funded pathway to earn a bachelor's degree while gaining paid experience at early learning centers like Little Wonders in Nashville. This initiative is part of Tennessee's growing network of over 470 active apprenticeship programs aimed at equipping residents with skills for in-demand careers.

2025 Tennessee Unemployment Rates

January: 3.7%
February: 3.7%
March: 3.6%
April: 3.5%
May: 3.5%
June: 3.5%



NATIONAL

TRAFFIC

AWARENESS MONTH

AUGUST

BORCHETTA — BOURBON —



MUSIC CITY GRAND PRIX

ATTENTION WILSON COUNTY!
AUGUST 30TH - 31ST
NASHVILLE SUPERSPEEDWAY!
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!



WILCO POW WOW

**Save the Date: September
27th and 28th, 2025**

www.wilcopowwow.com

(615) 512-0952

WilCoPowWow@Gmail.com

The Middle-Tennessee Pow Wow, Inc, AKA the WilCo Pow Wow (formerly Mt Juliet PowWow) is a 501(c)(3) organization chartered in the State of TN.



TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL NOW HIRING!

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS | APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 14, 2025

BASIC CADET - 17 WEEK TRAINING
Starting Salary:
\$68,724

LATERAL CADET - 11 WEEK TRAINING
After Graduation Salary:
\$71,820



TN Department of Safety & Homeland Security

APPLY NOW!
JOINTHP.COM

\$10,000/YEAR INCENTIVE FOR SHELBY COUNTY ROAD OFFICERS

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL - 2025 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

City of Lebanon Recreation Department proudly presents NFL Flag Football this fall! Open to boys and girls ages 5 through 8th grade, this non-contact league focuses on fun, fundamentals, and teamwork while building sportsmanship and life skills on and off the field.

League Details

- Co-ed teams in all divisions - Ages: 5 years old through 8th grade - Cost: \$50 per player (includes jersey and flags) - Location: Veteran's Field at Baird Park, Lebanon, TN - Game Days: Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evenings - Practices: Begin mid-August (scheduled by coaches) - No Saturday games anticipated.

Age Divisions & Registration

- * 5-6 Year Olds - Register Online
- * 7-8 Year Olds - Register Online
- * 9-10 Year Olds - Register Online
- * 11 Years Old - 8th Grade - Register Online

Questions?

Contact: Ronie McPeak
Email: ronie.mcpeak@lebanontn.org



We are excited to announce that registration for the 2025 Dancing Lights 5k Fun Run will open this Friday, August 1st at 8am! Be sure to save the date in your calendar and visit the registration link then to secure your spot. This year's race will take place on Friday, November 7, 2025.

A SLEIGHING AT SANTA'S SUMMER RESORT

MURDER MYSTERY LUAU

AUGUST 7
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM
THE PAPERMILL

Bring a toy and cash to bribe Santa and the detective for clues!



SCAN ME

Get Involved in Wilson County!

The cities within our county offer so many fun events! We would love to see our community coming together! Get out there and have fun Wilson County!



August Word Search

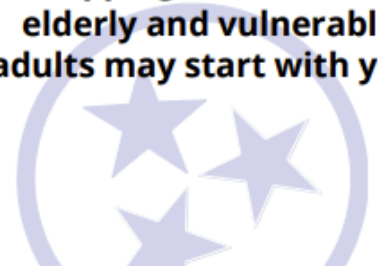
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| BIKING | POOL | READING | FRIENDS |
| POPSICLES | SNOW CONE | RELAX | TRAVEL |
| SUMMER | ICE CREAM | LEMONADE | FUN |



Adult Protective Services

Stopping abuse of the elderly and vulnerable adults may start with you.



**CAMPFIRE SEASON IS RIGHT
AROUND THE CORNER!!**



National Toasted Marshmallow Day

AUGUST 30, 2025

NEED HELP FINDING A CHILD CARE AGENCY NEAR YOU?

To help families and caregivers find licensed child care options that meet their needs, the Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) has developed the Child Care Locator Map and Quality Rating Improvement System. This online tool provides a current list of child care agencies licensed through TDHS, as well as school-administered child care programs licensed by the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE).

Across Tennessee, there are more than 2,000 licensed child care agencies serving communities throughout the state. Families can use the Child Care Locator Map to search for child care centers and homes by address, provider name, or county. The tool also allows users to filter results by location or type of child care, and view ratings for agencies licensed through TDHS.

To explore licensed child care options in Tennessee, check out the Child Care Locator on the Tennessee Department of Human Services website

<https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/or-families/child-care-services/find-child-care.html>

**FREE for ALL
FREE FOOD, MUSIC and Bounce
Houses for Youth of all Ages**

**Wilson County Omega
Project and the Wilson
County Omegas Present**

Summer Fest

**August 2 2025
12:00pm to 6:00pm**

**Fred Burton Community Park
600 CL Manier St, Lebanon, TN 37087**

Sponsored By

Shannon Speck Electric, Lebanon Breakfast Rotary, Lebanon Police Department,
City of Lebanon





Meet The Mayor

Come out and meet your mayor on the last Wednesday of every month right here in Wilson County—your voice matters!



MT. JULIET

Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce

2055 N. Mt. Juliet Rd, Ste 200

Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

8:30AM - 9:30AM

WATERTOWN

The Depot Junction Cafe

108 Depot Ave.

Watertown, TN 37184

11:00AM - 12:00PM

LEBANON

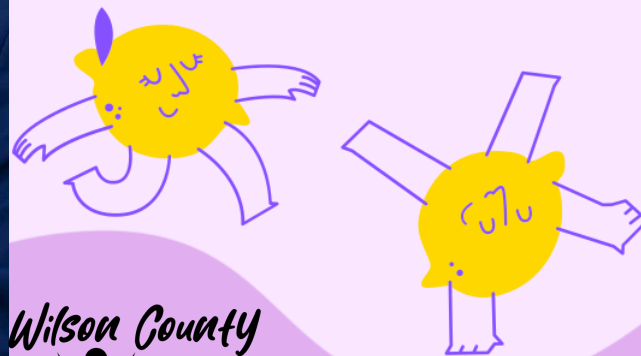
Lebanon Wilson Co. Chamber of Commerce

149 Public Square

Lebanon, TN 37087

1:00PM - 2:00PM

Celebrate Happiness Happens Month



Wilson County KIND

WILSON COUNTY SCHOOLS PRE-K

We are accepting applications for:

- Children who are 4 years of age on or before August 15, 2025,
- members of families with incomes that meet the income eligibility requirements according to US Dept of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines (see below) AND
- zoned for a WCS elementary school

Contact Us:

Carrb@wcschools.com or Humblesj@wcschools.com

[Registration Link](#)

US Dept of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines



You can learn more about eligibility requirements and find the application tab in this link

<https://www.wcschools.com/.../pre.../voluntary-prek-program>

LET'S TALK TRASH...



Summer is here and for many of us that means garage sales and clean outs. Here's some tips to make your trip to your local convenient center or landfill quick and easy.

Know Before You Go

Call ahead before heading to your local convenient center or landfill. TN has lots of rules and regulations when it comes to disposing of trash so be sure to visit the Landfill/Solid Waste page on the Wilson Co. website at wilsoncountyttn.gov.

Hours of Operation

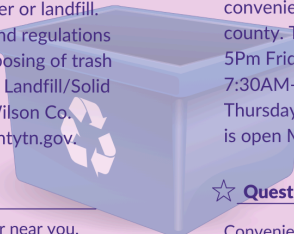
Wilson Co. Solid Waste operates 7 convenient centers throughout the county. The centers are open 7AM-5Pm Friday to Tuesday and 7:30AM-5PM Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Wilson Co. Landfill is open Monday-Friday 7AM-3PM.

Locations

Find a convenient center near you.
Wilson Co. Landfill
378 Dump Rd
Lebanon, TN 37087

Questions

Convenient center phone numbers can be found [here](#).
Wilson Co. Landfill
615/444-8360



DO YOU KNOW YOUR REPRESENTATIVES?

Mount Juliet's "Find My Elected Officials" page is a simple and helpful tool that lets residents quickly identify their local, state, and federal representatives. By entering your address, you can view a full list of elected officials who represent your area. This ensures you're informed about who is making decisions that impact your community, schools, safety, and daily life. Knowing your elected officials empowers you to hold them accountable and reach out with concerns, questions, or support. Staying informed is an essential part of being an engaged and active citizen.

<https://mtjuliet.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1289f4e88c384184b274f781c2bae661>



Sherry's Run is September 13th!
Show your support with a green bow on your mailbox or door!
Available at Sherry's Hope office for a \$10+ donation.



Sherry's Hope is located at 155 Legends Dr. Suite O in Lebanon.
Hours are Tues-Thurs from 10AM-2PM



NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY
AUGUST 7

♥ Purple Heart Day, observed on August 7th, honors the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who were wounded or killed while serving. It's a day to reflect on the immense sacrifices made in defense of freedom and to recognize the courage and resilience of those who have borne the cost of battle. Let's take a moment to express gratitude to these heroes and ensure their stories live on with dignity and reverence.



JULY 4TH CELEBRATION IN WATERTOWN

Mayor Hutto had an amazing time joining in on the fun Stars, Stripes, and Squirt Guns Parade in Watertown on Independence Day!

From Round Lick Baptist Church to Jewel's Market, and ending with fireworks behind Three Forks Park, the event was a festive celebration of community and Independence Day fun.

Thank you Watertown for having Mayor Hutto!



Save the Date!!

11th Annual
Wilson County
DUCKY DERBY

MAY 2ND 2026
Saturday 5 PM - 10 PM

Cedar Springs at Bone Hollow
784 Phillips Rd • Lebanon, TN 37087

Benefiting
Wilson County HELP CENTER



Tennessee's Mental Health Crisis Services Continuum

Connecting people to the right treatment, in the right place, at the right time.



On top of the above crisis call volume, 42,619 additional crisis calls and 9,287 chats and texts were handled through the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

TN Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

For individuals not meeting commitment criteria

Less Restrictive Environment:
Better Option for Patient and Lower Cost Intervention

Decreased Usage:
Inpatient Hospitalization, Jail, and Emergency Room

Less-Restrictive Alternatives:
• Crisis Respite Services
• Crisis Walk-In Services
• Crisis Stabilization Units
• Outpatient Community-Based Programs and Services

Data from state fiscal year 2024

HOW YOU CAN STOP THE ABUSE OF EDLERLY AND THOSE WITH DISABILITIES

The mission of Tennessee's APS is to protect and support vulnerable adults through collaboration. APS investigates suspected cases of physical, emotional, sexual abuse, neglect (including self-neglect), and financial exploitation of adults who are unable to care for themselves due to physical or mental limitations. These adults may be living in their own homes, relatives' or friends' residences, group homes, or nursing facilities—except those residing in state-operated institutions for mental illness or developmental disabilities.

Abuse, neglect, or exploitation can be reported 24/7 via the toll-free hotline at 1-888-APS-TENN (1-888-277-8366) or through an online portal at reportadultabuse.dhs.tn.gov. The system has recently been updated (as of June 2, 2025) to a more user-friendly online form available via the One DHS Customer Portal; reports receive a reference number and can be submitted anonymously, with confidentiality strictly maintained.

When a report meets the state's investigation criteria, an APS counselor visits the individual to assess risk level. They may contact family members or professionals and help coordinate supportive services. The goal is to reduce risk while respecting adult autonomy—services are provided voluntarily unless a court order mandates otherwise. Legal intervention is used only when less restrictive options have been explored and are insufficient.

Under Tennessee's Adult Protection Act (originally passed in 1978 and amended over time), APS defines abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation as distinct categories – abuse includes harm, pain, or emotional distress; neglect is failure to meet basic needs; self-neglect occurs when an individual can't care for themselves; and financial exploitation covers misuse of government funds by a caregiver. Reporting suspected maltreatment is mandatory for all Tennesseans and failure to report is classified as a Class A misdemeanor.

For more details check out the resources on the Tennessee Department of Human Services website.

<https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/information-and-resources/dhs-publications.html>

Celebrating grandparents, extended family members and non-relatives who help raise children.



Raising a Grandchild or other Family Member?

FREE!
to attend

GRAND FAMILIES Night @ the Floyd

Space is Limited
Register Today!

● Win Great Prizes including a JFFC Family Membership!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST 6PM-9PM


- Family Resources
- Fun Family Activities
- Pool Party!
- FREE Haircuts for the Kiddos!
- Cookie Decorating & Craft Corner
- DJ
- FREE Food!
- Pickleball
- Photo Booth
- FREE Books!
- Fun Games!



This special evening celebrates the incredible dedication of all caregivers who have taken on the role of primary parent when biological parents cannot. Whether you're a grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, or a non-relative, we recognize your devotion and love. Enjoy a night filled with fun games, delicious food, and swimming, all in a warm and welcoming environment. Connect with other caregivers, share your stories, and find support through helpful information. Let's create cherished memories together and honor the hard work that often goes unseen. YOU ARE VALUED, and THIS NIGHT IS FOR YOU!

Jimmy Floyd Family Center
511 N Castle Heights Ave., Lebanon TN

Contact: Nichol Teague @ nteague@lebanontn.org
or call 615/453-4545 ext. 6104 for more information.

Go To:  www.FamEssentials.org to Register

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



In Partnership with:



JUSTSERVE



● Grandparent Raising Grandchildren

● Aunt/Uncle Raising Nieces/Nephews

● Sibling Raising Minor Sibling

Fun Fact:

Did you know

Children learn 4,000 to 12,000 words per year through reading?



TELL A JOKE DAY



Celebrated every year on the 16th of August

STAYING SAFE ONLINE: BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers a comprehensive suite of free, age-appropriate resources through its NetSmartz program, designed to educate children, parents, educators, and communities about online safety and digital citizenship. These materials aim to empower individuals to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

Key Resources Include:

- **PowerPoint Presentations:** Tailored for various audiences—parents, communities, teens, tweens, and younger children—these multimedia presentations incorporate videos, expert tips, and online resources to engage and educate on topics like cyberbullying, online privacy, and grooming.
- **Interactive Tools:** NetSmartz provides videos, games, and printable activities to help children learn essential digital citizenship skills and how to protect themselves and their friends online.
- **Training Opportunities:** Free training sessions are available on NCMEC Connect, offering strategies for planning and delivering effective child safety presentations.
- **KidSmartz Program:** Focused on children in grades K-5, this program educates families about preventing abduction and empowers kids to practice safer behaviors through lessons, tips, and activities.

These resources are designed to be engaging and informative, helping to foster open conversations about online safety and personal boundaries. They are available for download on the NCMEC website, with materials suitable for various age groups and educational settings.

<https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/resources>



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