

County Officials E-News

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direct assistance to county officials and their associations

New Online Training System is Now Available!



CTAS is transitioning from our current learning management system, Solution Point, to a new system - k@te (Knowledge and Training Excellence).

k@te will replace Solution Point as the new online interface for the County Officials Certificate Training Program. Now that k@te is live, Solution Point will no longer work. Please visit k@te for all of your online training needs.

Users may now log into k@te ! Login here: <https://kate.tennessee.edu/ctas/>. [Quick Start Login Instructions](#) are also available to help you login.

1. Use your existing username & password from Solution Point.
 2. Create a new password when prompted.
 3. Use the Browse for Training and Featured options on the left side under Training to find COCTP classes in the new program.
- ⇒ If you do not have a Solution Point username & password from the previous online training system, please call CTAS at (615) 532-3555 and ask for Training.
- ⇒ If you have forgotten your Solution Point username & password from the previous online training system, email ctas.training@tennessee.edu for assistance.

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION - Transcript data may not have transferred over correctly to k@te when we transitioned. We are continuing to correct transcripts. We appreciate your patience as we work through bugs in this new system's release.

To request a transcript, please call Tanya Todd at (615) 532-3555.

We are excited to work with you in our new system. If you have any questions, please give us a call at (615) 532-3555 and ask for Training.

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Tennessee County Commissioners Association Regional Meetings Schedule



All regional meetings will begin at 6 p.m., with registration starting at 5:30 p.m. local time.

- ◇ Madison County, September 5, 2017 at the Old Country Store, 56 Casey Jones Ln., Jackson, TN
- ◇ Henry County, September 7, 2017 at Paris Landing State Park, 16055 Hwy 79 N, Buchanan, TN
- ◇ Robertson County, September 19, 2017 at the Catfish House, 3424 Tom Austin Hwy, Springfield, TN
- ◇ Putnam County, September 21, 2017 at Nick's Restaurant, 895 S. Jefferson Ave., Cookeville, TN
- ◇ Marshall County, September 28, 2017 at Henry Horton Park, 4209 Nashville Hwy., Chapel Hill, TN (in the lodge at the back, not the restaurant)
- ◇ Bradley County, October 3, 2017 at the Elks Lodge 1944, 235 Second Street, Cleveland, TN
- ◇ Knox County, October 5, 2017 at Calhoun's by the River, 400 Neyland Dr., Knoxville, TN
- ◇ Washington County, October 10, 2017 at the Jonesborough Visitors Center, 117 Boone St, Jonesborough, TN

County Spotlight

Lincoln County

County Seat: Fayetteville
2010 Census Population: 33,361
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Lincoln County was established November 14, 1809, on land ceded to the U.S. from the Cherokee and Chickasaw Native American tribes. The county has a rich history related to several wars, most notably the county's namesake: Revolutionary War hero General Benjamin Lincoln. General Lincoln was appointed by General George Washington (later, President Washington) to accept the symbolic sword of surrender from Lord Cornwallis of England.

Lincoln County later furnished military companies during the War of 1812, the Mexican-American War in 1846, and the American Civil War.



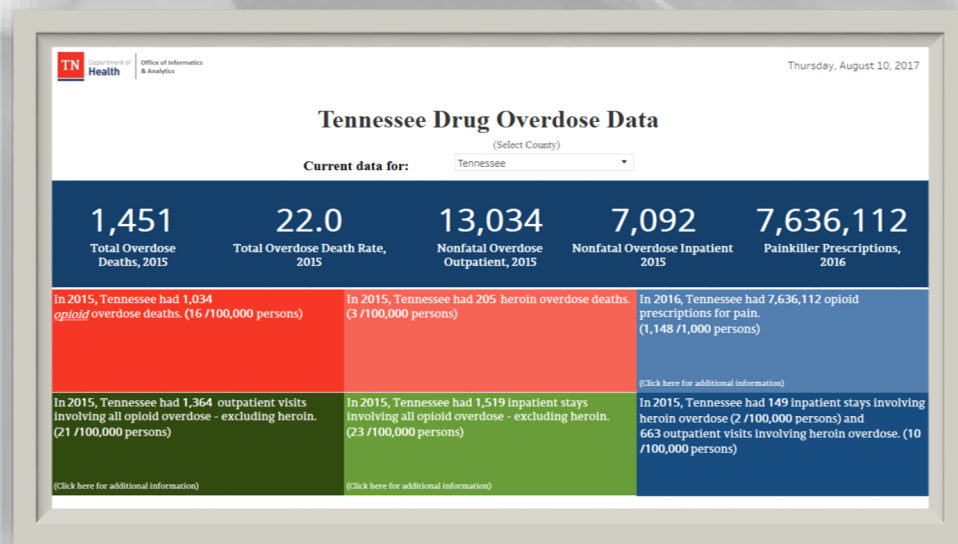
Tennessee Department of Health Releases Tennessee Drug Overdose Dashboard

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) has recently launched a database, the Tennessee Drug Overdose Dashboard, that contains state, regional, and county level data on fatal drug overdoses and drug prescriptions. These data are the result of collaboration between two divisions of the State of Tennessee: TDH's newly-created Office of Informatics and Analytics and the Department of Finance and Administration's Division of Strategic Technology Solutions.

Specific data represented in this dashboard include the rate of overdose deaths, nonfatal overdoses, and the number of painkiller prescriptions for 2016.

The TN Drug Overdose Dashboard is now available on the TDH website at <http://tn.gov/health/topic/pdo-data-dashboard>. Users may choose a specific county or a region to view data related to that geographic area. The dashboard website also includes a helpful glossary of terms so users can better understand the data and how to interpret the data for their communities.

The Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services released a report on emerging drug abuse trends in Tennessee in May 2017. This report is available on the web at https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/behavioral-health/p-r-f/attachments/Emerging_Drug_Abuse_Trends_TN.pdf.



New InfoBytes Now Available!

We have recently released two new [InfoBytes](#): Tennessee Legislative Update 2017 and Legal Research 101.

The [Tennessee Legislative Update 2017](#) InfoByte highlights some of this year's public acts that may be of particular interest to county officials. CTAS attorneys reviewed all of the county-related public acts from the 2017 legislative session and selected several acts that they believe are the most important acts.

The [Legal Research 101](#) InfoByte presents guidance and tips on how to conduct your own legal research using available resources such as the Tennessee Code Annotated, the Secretary of State's website, and our electronic library, e-Li.

Also, keep an eye out for a few upcoming InfoBytes! We will be posting InfoBytes related to medical care of inmates and the recently-enacted IMPROVE Act.

Event Recap: Association of County Mayors 2017 Strategic Leadership Conference



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Several gubernatorial candidates introduced themselves over the course of the conference. Speakers included Mae Beavers, Bill Lee, Craig Fitzhugh, Randy Boyd, Karl Dean, and Beth Harwell.

Matt Chase, NACo Executive Director, spoke to the attendees about several important issues counties are facing including healthcare, tax reform, and economic development.

Mimi Bliss of Bliss Communications provided COCTP training for county mayors on interaction with media as a spokesperson for the county. She provided insight and guidance to assist mayors in speaking with reporters, dealing with phone calls and requests, and how to ensure messaging about issues is consistent and accurate.



Missed This Conference?

To sign up for CTAS training classes as part of the County Officials Certificate Training Program (COCTP), please visit our Training webpage at <http://ctas.tennessee.edu/content/training>. We offer classes on a variety of topics including budgeting, personnel, office management, and general county government operations.



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