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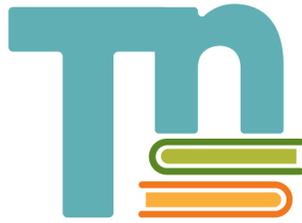
## The Alliance | Circle Up Agenda

October 22, 2025 | 12 - 1 CT / 1 - 2 ET

Zoom Link: <https://edtrust.zoom.us/j/2857360736?omn=86463808602>

**PARTNER SIGN IN:** [Tennessee Alliance for Equity in Education | Circle Up Sign-In \(google.com\)](#)

Time	Topic	Speaker
12:00 - 12:10 CT	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Welcome! Please in the chat share your:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Name, role &amp; organization</li><li>What is your best Halloween outfit ever?</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b><a href="#">Circle Up PowerPoint</a></b></p> <p><b>EdTrust Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Alliance All Call Resources<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Federal Focus, Tennessee Lens Resource Landing Page</a></li><li>Updates on federal threats to education <a href="#">PowerPoint</a>, <a href="#">Recording</a> &amp; <a href="#">Resource Document</a>.</li><li>Federal Focus, TN Lens: How Block Grants and Pell Could Reshape TN <a href="#">PowerPoint</a>, <a href="#">Recording</a>, <a href="#">Resources</a> New! <a href="#">Federal Vouchers and Earnings Premium PowerPoint</a> and <a href="#">Recording</a></li></ul></li><li>Alliance Updates if you haven't yet please:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <a href="#">Review/edit the Google Doc in your organization's folder</a></li><li>2. <a href="#">Mid-Year Survey</a></li><li>3. <a href="#">Schedule 1:1 with Meili</a></li></ul></li></ul> <p><b><a href="#">Register Now: EdTrust Alliance Public Regional Education Roundtables!</a></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>11/18</b>, 5-7 Chattanooga Construction Career Center</li></ul>	Meili, EdTrust-TN

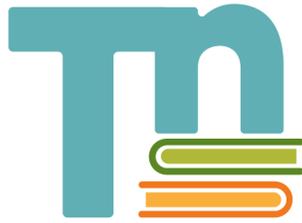


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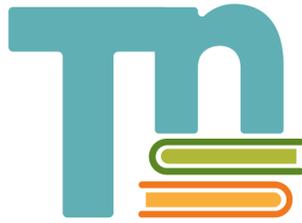
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>11/20</b>, 5-7 Nashville Scarritt Bennet</li><li>● <b>12/2</b>, 5-7, Memphis, Civil Rights Museum</li><li>● <b>12/4</b>, 2-4, Johnson City, Langston Center</li><li>● <b>12/5</b>, 3-5, Knoxville Beck Cultural Center</li><li>● <b><u>Cohost Partner Toolkit</u></b></li></ul> <p><b>Spotlight: Free the 901</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Website: <a href="#">Free the 901 – Opportunity NOT Occupation</a></li><li>● Follow Social Media: <a href="#">Instagram</a></li><li>● <a href="#">KYR: Federal Forces and National Guard being Sent to Memphis   ACLU Tennessee</a></li><li>● KYR for students under 18: (screen shot below)</li></ul> <p><b><u>Southerners for Fair School Funding</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Revenue Strategy Lab<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Session 1: <a href="#">Revenue Basics for School Funding</a></li></ul></li><li>- Federal Flashpoint<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="#">Sign Up</a></li></ul></li></ul>	<p>Cardell Orrin, Stand for Children</p> <p>Juliana, EdTrust TN</p>
<p><b>12:10 - 12:40 CT</b></p>	<p><u>Tennessee</u></p> <p>Welcome EdTrust-TN Senior P-12 Analyst, Nikkolette Hunter!</p> <p><b>Policy &amp; Research</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Vouchers Data in Tennessee Recent News<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="#">Governor Lee wants to expand the voucher program</a></li><li>- <a href="#">Cameron Sexton says “at least double”</a></li><li>- <a href="#">Democrats say “teetering on the edge of a fiscal cliff”</a></li><li>- <a href="#">Vouchers mostly benefit religious schools</a></li><li>- <a href="#">In Memphis, more private school vouchers going to affluent areas</a></li></ul></li><li>- Resources</li></ul>	<p>Nikkolette, EdTrust TN</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EdTrust-TN Voucher Webpage</li> <li>- <b>Updated Memo:</b>  <a href="https://edtrusttn.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/TNs-Voucher-Program-Lacks-Transparency.pdf">https://edtrusttn.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/TNs-Voucher-Program-Lacks-Transparency.pdf</a></li> <li>- Partner Resources             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upcoming: Stand for Children TN Graphics</li> <li>- Others?</li> </ul> </li> <li>- 2026 Policy Agenda             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">1: Rigorous &amp; Affirming Learning Experiences</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">2: Funding &amp; Resource Equity</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">3: Educator Diversity &amp; Quality</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">4: Students Social Emotional &amp; Academic Development</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">5: Higher Education Access &amp; Success</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Government Relations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working Group Update</li> <li>- Election Update</li> </ul>	<p>Jenny, EdTrust-TN</p> <p>Jeff, EdTrust TN</p>
<p><b>12:40 - 12:55 CT</b></p>	<p><u>National</u></p> <p>Recent Education Updates / Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">The Trump Administration Continues the Great American Heist With Assault on Students With Disabilities - EdTrust</a></li> <li>- <a href="https://edtrust.org/press-room/joint-comment-opposing-the-departments-proposal-to-remove-the-signif...">https://edtrust.org/press-room/joint-comment-opposing-the-departments-proposal-to-remove-the-signif...</a></li> <li>- <a href="https://www.theeducatedger.com/opinion/article/15769925/selling-out-students-for-federal-dollars-how-trumps-compact-corrupts-higher-education">https://www.theeducatedger.com/opinion/article/15769925/selling-out-students-for-federal-dollars-how-trumps-compact-corrupts-higher-education</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">EducationCounsel Alert for October 15, 2025</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">FY26 Budget Proposal Dashboard</a></li> <li>- <a href="https://www.educationnext.org/how-should-the-new-federal-scholarship-tax-credit-be-regulated-forum/">https://www.educationnext.org/how-should-the-new-federal-scholarship-tax-credit-be-regulated-forum/</a></li> <li>- <a href="https://edtrust.org/press-room/joint-comment-opposing-the-departments-proposal-to-remove-the-signif...">https://edtrust.org/press-room/joint-comment-opposing-the-departments-proposal-to-remove-the-signif...</a></li> </ul>	<p>Reid, EdTrust-National</p>



	<p><a href="#">nt-opposing-the-departments-proposal-to-remove-the-significant-disproportionality-data-collection/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="https://edtrust.org/press-room/joint-comment-on-indianas-draft-essa-waiver-application/">https://edtrust.org/press-room/joint-comment-on-indianas-draft-essa-waiver-application/</a></li><li>- <a href="#">Making the New Higher Education Accountability Framework Pay Off</a></li><li>- <a href="https://edtrust.org/press-room/joint-statement-on-oese-ocr-cuts/">https://edtrust.org/press-room/joint-statement-on-oese-ocr-cuts/</a></li><li>- <a href="#">See How the Government Shutdown Impacts Head Start By State - NHSA</a></li></ul> <p>Q&amp;A</p>	
<p><b>12:55 - 1:00 CT</b></p>	<p><b>Step Into the Circle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Partner<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <a href="#">Latino Memphis</a><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>ReadyNow!</b> is a free, secure mobile app that helps community members create an emergency plan and alert trusted contacts and legal aid with one click if they are faced with arrest</li><li>■ <a href="#">UndocuALLY Series: Teacher Happy Hour Tickets, Tue, Oct 28, 2025 at 5:00 PM   Eventbrite</a></li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• Other Announcements?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <i>TN Justice Center : Over a thousand parents and caregivers shared stories and hundreds of people reached out to Gov. Lee and DHS last year. It's time to double efforts! If families you know would be helped by S-EBT, please ask them to share their experiences through <a href="#">this story form</a> or by calling, texting, or emailing us with the resources on the TJC <a href="#">STORIES PAGE</a>.</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Faith leader sign on:</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	<p>Hayden &amp; Monica, Latino Memphis</p> <p>Lily, TJC</p>

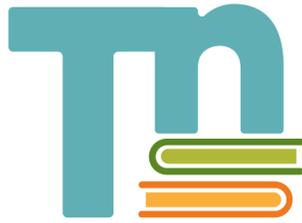


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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Please send to any youth you know in the Memphis area! Event this Saturday created for youth, by youth, to learn about youth Justice and making our voices heard</li><li>○ Agape Science of Hope Event (link from Stephen's email)</li><li>○ <b>Add here!</b></li></ul>	
<b>1:00 CT</b>	<b>Closing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Next Circle Up<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ November 19, 12 - 1 CT / 1 -2 ET</li></ul></li></ul>	Meili, EdTrust TN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

## FREE FILM SCREENING

9:30am-12:15pm Film Screening. Panel Discussion. Brunch.  
Bristol Train Station. Tennessee. Virginia

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

**FREE FILM SCREENING**

6:00-8:30pm Film Screening, Dinner, Panel Discussion.  
 AACEE Excellence in Early Childhood Awards Presentation.  
 Summit Leadership Foundation, Johnson City, TN

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**IT'S GETTING SPOOKY IN THERE**

CALLING ALL YOUTH ESPECIALLY THOSE AFFECTED BY THE JUSTICE SYSTEM



SATURDAY

OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

4:30PM-8PM

477 N. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET

**Come and Share YOUR Stories during an OPEN MIC, A SHUT DOWN TRAINING, and SCREENING of the film "Juvenile"**

*YOUTH CAN BE PAID FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS!*

**Come get FREE mutual aid and enjoy a creative space made FOR YOUTH BY YOUTH**



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 AGAINST  
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eliminating racism  
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 Nashville & Middle Tennessee

**SILENCED NO MORE:  
 CONFRONTING DOMESTIC  
 VIOLENCE IN COMMUNITIES  
 OF COLOR**



**Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD, RN**  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 School of Nursing



**Hon. Robin Kimbrough Hayes**  
 Davidson County  
 General Sessions Court  
 Division V



**Sandra Dominguez**  
 Sp. of Crim. &  
 Juvenile Services  
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**Terra Wiens**  
 Public Health Analyst  
 Violence Policy Center

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 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CST

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## **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS FOR YOUTH 18 AND UNDER**

- If you get stopped, ask “Am I free to go?” If they say yes, walk or drive away.
- If you're questioned, you can say, "I want to remain silent." Police can lie to you to try to get you to talk, it's best to remain silent.
- You do not have to provide your social security number to police.
- Police can generally question youth without parental consent in non-custodial settings (like a casual encounter on a public street), but youth have the same constitutional rights as adults during interactions with law enforcement.
- If an official asks to search you or your belongings, you have the right to say no, but do not obstruct access.
- You do not have to unlock your phone or give government officials your password without a warrant. For additional security, turn off biometric identification such as Face ID.

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- You have the right to talk about and publicize truthful information that you directly experience, including what law enforcement officers are doing and where they are doing it.
- You have the right to tell people their legal rights. If you are a lawyer, make it clear you are not giving legal advice.
- You have the right to photograph or film anything in plain view, including federal buildings and law enforcement.
- These officials can't confiscate or demand to view your photographs or video without a warrant, nor can they delete data under any circumstances.
- You can ask for officers' names and badge numbers, as well as who to call if there are follow-up questions.

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