Tennessee Act Early (Autism Summit) Team

Kara Adams
kara_a@tndisability.org
Family Voices/TN Disability Coalition

William Allen, PhD
bill.allen@cherokeehealth.com
Cherokee Health Systems

Shiloh Beene, M.S., BCBA
shiloh.beene@gmail.com
Exec. Dir., Autism Resources of the Mid-South

Vanessa Bell, PhD
Vanessa.Bell@tn.gov
Director of Psychology
Dept. of Children’s Services

Alyce Benson, LCSW
abenson@gmail.com
Chattanooga Autism Center

Sarah Blumberg
sarah.blumberg@vumc.org
TRIAD, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center

Tonya Bowman
tonya_b@tndisability.org
TN Disability Coalition

Cory Bradfield
cory.bradfield@tn.gov
Director, TN Young Child Wellness Council
TN Commission on Children & Youth

Joyce Bridges
joyce.bridges@comcast.net
Director, CCRR Network, Signal Centers

Dave Buck
dave.buck@chattanoogaautismcenter.org
Chattanooga Autism Center

Kandis Burney
kandis@asaetc.org
Autism Society of America – East TN Chapter

Allison Cannon
allison.cannon@harwoodcenter.org
Education Director, Harwood Center
Memphis, TN

Ellen Casale
ellen.casale@vanderbilt.edu
UCEDD Trainee, SPED, Vanderbilt University

Laura Baylot Casey, Ph.D., BCBA-D
lpcasey@memphis.edu
Associate Professor of Education
University of Memphis

Paul Choquette
paulc@empowertn.org
Program Director
Empowered Tennessee

David Cihak, PhD
dcihak@utk.edu
Asst. Professor of Theory and Practice in Teacher Education, Modified and Early Childhood, UT Knoxville

David Crnobori, MSeD, BCBA
david.crnobori@vumc.org
Educational Consultant, DDM VUMC

Paul Dressler
paul.b.dressler@vumc.org
Developmental Medicine
VUMC

Lise Earwood
lise.earwood@tn.gov
TEIS

Avis Easley
avis.easley@tn.gov
Director of Planning
Tennessee Department of Mental Health

Pat Edmiston
patricia.edmiston@tn.gov
Director of Developmental Disabilities, DIDD

Vaughn Frigon
vaughn.frigon@tn.gov
TennCare Chief Medical Officer

Alison Gauld
Alison/gauld@tn.gov
TN DoE, Div. of Special Populations & Student Support

Updated December 17, 2018
Tennessee Act Early (Autism Summit) Team

Carrie Hobbs Guiden
cguiden@theartcntn.org
Executive Director, The Arc Tennessee

Alex Heart
Alex.Heart@tn.gov
Asst. Comm. for Policy & Innovation, DIDD

Tie Hodack
tieawasa.Hodack@mnps.org
Director, MNPS
Dept. of Exceptional Education

Cheri Howlett
Cah37849@aol.com
Parent, ASA-ETC Past President
Open Doors TN, Powell TN

Quentin Humberd, MD
drhumberd@dbpeds.net
Medical Director, TNAAP

Sarah Hunt
Sarah.hunt@cdctn.org
Exec. Director, Community Development Center

Scott Indermuehle
scott.indermuehle@tn.gov
Speech, Language & Autism Coordinator
TN Dept. of Education

Jacqueline Johnson, MPA
jacqueline.johnson@tn.gov
Public Health Program Director
Children’s Special Services, TN DOH

Heidi Joyce
heidi@teamautism.org
Co-Director, Team Autism Memphis

Pablo Juárez, MEd, BCBA
pablo.juaarez@vumc.org
TRIAD Director, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center

Rachel Laulettta, MS, BCBA
rachel.laulettta@harwoodcenter.org
Behavioral Services Director
Harwood Center, Memphis

Whitney Loring, PsyD
whitney.a.loring@vumc.org
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, DDM
TRIAD, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center

Gina Lynette
gina.lynette@tnstep.org
Director, Communications, Learning & Development, STEP (Support & Training for Exceptional Parents)

Beth Malow, MD
beth.malow@vumc.org
Burry Chair in Cognitive Childhood Development; Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics; Director, Vanderbilt Sleep Disorders Division; Family Member

James McCartney
jim.mccarten@burr.com
Family Member, Autism Tennessee

T A McDonald, PhD
t.a.mcdonald@vumc.org
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Neurology Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Elise McMillan, JD
elise.mcmillan@vumc.org
Co-Director of UCEDD, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, Vanderbilt University

Cecilia Melo-Romie
cecilia.melo-romie@vumc.org
Statewide Spanish Outreach Coordinator
TN Disability Pathfinder, VKC UCEDD

Linda McReynolds
linda.mcreynolds@siskin.org
Siskin Children’s Institute

Neal Miller
ndmiller@memphis.edu
Asst Professor, Instruction & Curriculum Leadership, University of Memphis

Tara Mohundro
autismresourcesmidsouth@gmail.com
President, Autism Resources of the Mid-South

Janis Neece
jgneece@etch.com
East TN Children’s Hospital

Jeremy Norden-Paul
jeremy.norden-paul@tn.gov
State Director of Employment & Day Services Program Operations, DIDD
Tennessee Act Early (Autism Summit) Team

Lisa Pellegrin  
lisa.pellegrin@tn.gov  
TN Dept. of Children's Services

Crissonya “Crissy” Phillips  
Crissonya.phillips@tn.gov  
Director of HCBS Settings / DIDD

Helena Tyska Powell  
Helena.powell@harwoodcenter.org  
Executive Director, Harwood Center  
Memphis, TN

Tyler Reimschisel, MD, MHPE  
tyler.reimschisel@vumc.org  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics & Neurology;  
Director of DDM; Director of Vanderbilt  
Consortium LEND

Mark Rembert  
mrembert@southernicee.com  
Parent

Michelle Rigler  
michelle-rigler@utc.edu  
UTC Mosaic Program

Jill Rigsby, MS  
Jill.rigsby@tn.gov  
TEIS, Quality Improvement Manager  
TN Department of Education

Susan H. Rollyson, M.Ed.  
susan.rollyson@tnaap.org  
Training Coordinator  
TN Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics

Jan Rosemergy, PhD  
jan.rosemergy@vumc.org  
VKC Deputy Director; Director of  
Communications and Dissemination, VKC IDDRC  
& VKC UCEDD, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center,  
Vanderbilt University

Jenness Roth, M.Ed.  
jroth11@uthsc.edu  
Family Faculty Coordinator  
Boling Center, UT Health Science Center

Rachel Rudolf  
Community Development Center  
Rachel.rudolf@cdctn.org

Amy Rutherford  
amy-rutherford@utc.edu  
UTC Mosaic Program

Blaker Shearer  
blake.shearer@tn.gov  
TN DOE, Div. of Special Populations &  
Student Support

Janet Shouse  
janet.shouse@vumc.org  
VKC UCEDD E-Toolkit / TennesseWorks  
Family Member

John Shouse  
jmshouse@bellsouth.net  
Family Member, Autism Tennessee

Ned Andrew Solomon  
ned.solomon@tn.gov  
Director, Partners in Policymaking  
TN Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Family Member, Autism Tennessee

Alacia Stainbrook  
alacia.stainbrook@vumc.org  
TRIAD Early Intervention Program Coordinator;  
Behavioral/Educational Consultant, VKC;  
Assistant in Pediatrics, School of Medicine

Anita Teague  
anita.teague@cdctn.org  
Community Development Center

Babs Tierno  
babs@autismtn.org  
Executive Director, Autism Tennessee

Leslie Vincent, MS, SPE  
leslie.h.vincent@tn.gov  
Policy and Procedure Analyst  
Dept. of Intellectual & Dev. Disabilities

Michael Warren, MD, MPH, FAAP  
michael.d.warren@tn.gov  
Deputy Commissioner for Population Health  
Tennessee Department of Health

Zachary Warren, Ph.D.  
zachary.warren@vumc.org  
Executive Director, TRIAD and Autism Clinical  
Services, Vanderbilt University
Tennessee Act Early (Autism Summit) Team

**Lauren Weaver**  
lauren.weaver@vumc.org  
TRIAD Organizational Outreach Coordinator; Behavioral/Educational Consultant; Assistant in Pediatrics, School of Medicine

**Amy Weitlauf**  
amy.s.weitlauf@vumc.org  
TRIAD, Vanderbilt Kennedy Center; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, School of Medicine

**Carol Westlake**  
carol_w@tndisability.org  
Executive Director  
Tennessee Disability Coalition

**John J. Wheeler, Ph.D.**  
wheelerjj@etsu.edu  
Director, Center of Excellence in Early Childhood Learning and Development, Prof of Special Education, East Tennessee State University

**Toni M. Whitaker, MD**  
*Tennessee Act Early Ambassador*  
twhitak1@uthsc.edu  
LEND Director, UT Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities  
Associate Professor, Interim Division Chief, Developmental Pediatrics  
University of Tennessee Health Science Center

**Debbie Wofford, CCRP**  
debbie.wofford@vumc.org  
Clinical/Translational Research Coordinator, Vanderbilt Sleep

**Team Co-Chairs: Tyler Reimschisel, MD, MHPE; and Toni Whitaker, MD**

Note: The TN Autism Summit Team began in 2009 with the leadership of the Tennessee Boling Center on Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD and LEND) and the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center (UCEDD and LEND), which also coordinates the Team and maintains the Team’s SharePoint site with the Association of University Centers on Disability.