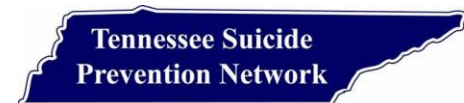


TN Suicide Prevention Network's Statewide Efforts

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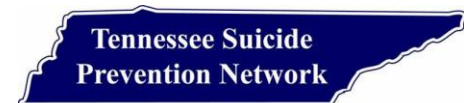


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TSPN Historical Overview

- 1996 – SPAN-USA Created
- 1998 – Reno Conference - Tullis attends
- 1999 – Surgeon General’s Call to Action
 - Tullis convened a statewide expert panel – “Connect TN”
 - Statewide Conference presenting TN Response

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TSPN Historical Overview

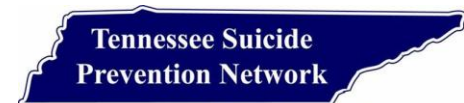
- 2000 – Governor appoints Suicide Prevention Advisory Council
 - Regional Chairs Designated
- 2001 – Full-time Coordinator funded by TNDMHDD
 - Interdepartmental Group formed

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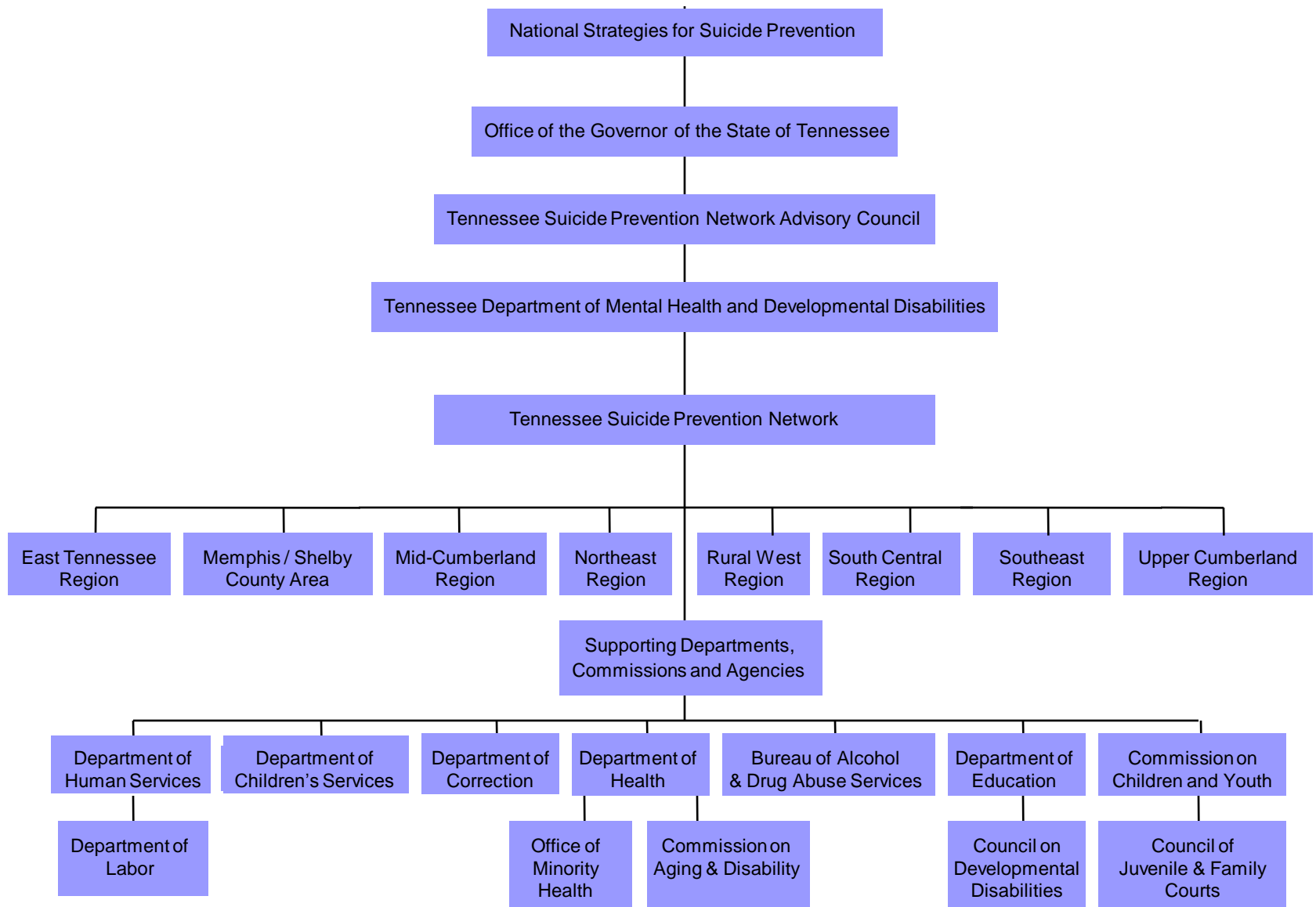
TSPN Structural Overview

- Governor's Office (Executive Order)
- Advisory Council
- Regional Councils
- Interdepartmental Group

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TN Suicide Prevention Network

- Organized a statewide Network
 - Participants (Public and Private)
 - Survivors
 - Attempters
 - Professionals
 - Advocates
 - State Officials
 - Link up with existing suicide groups – SOS, SPAN, AFSP, etc.

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TN Suicide Prevention Network

- Organized a statewide Network/taskforce
 - Network/Taskforce Charge
 - Created a statewide response to the national call to action to the national strategies
 - Created a regional structure for the state
 - Develop an evaluation plan to evaluate our progress.

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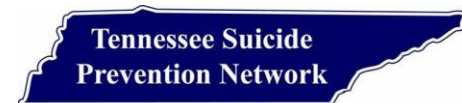
- Give the Regions a Foundation

- Structure

- These regions need support – have minutes, agendas, etc. – keep detailed records of the activities so you can show outcomes.

- TSPN ED attends these meetings and keep the process flowing.

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TN Suicide Prevention Network

- Each Region has a Foundation

- Membership

- Anyone

- E-mails and Publicity about meeting

- Hold meetings monthly/bi-monthly

- Charge

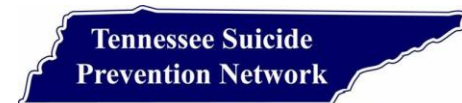
- Implement our state's strategies in each regions

- Trainings

- Outreach

- Distribution of Resource Directories

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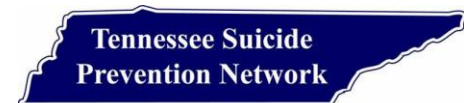


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Jason Flatt Act of 2007

- Signed into law May 30, 2007
- Requires two hours of training in youth suicide prevention for all public school staff
- No additional in-service stipulations; the training will be incorporated into existing in-service
- Online component allows teachers and staff to complete the training at home or from the office
- Any and all accredited mental health or suicide prevention concern may provide required training
- Similar legislation is already in effect in Colorado and New Jersey; California and Louisiana have developed laws since
- Represented team effort between TSPN, TDOE, TDMHDD, JFI

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