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talk about a tough topic...





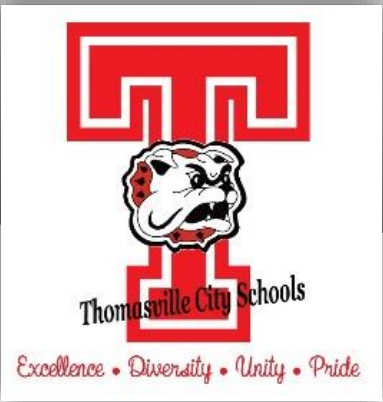
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Why is National Child Abuse Prevention Month so Important?

- Preventing child abuse and neglect is not something that can be done by one system, agency or one person, it is a community responsibility.



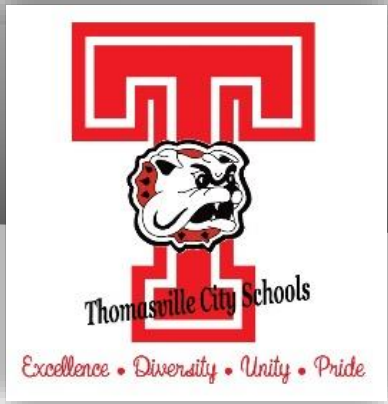


COVID-19 Factor...

Every facet of the lives of children and families are being disrupted during this historic public health and economic crisis. Unfortunately, both their short-term and long-term consequences and challenges are not being fully considered or discussed. This crisis is severe and will last for months or even years to come. Moreover, the resulting physical and mental health consequences, impact on education and child development, and economic implications of this calamity will last well beyond the coronavirus itself.

“People have been saying, ‘Oh, coronavirus doesn’t affect kids — the kids are alright,’” First Focus Campaign for Children President Bruce Lesley told The New York Times. “They’re so not. They’re at greater risk of sexual assault, suicide, substance abuse, hunger — every aspect of children’s lives is being impacted.”





Child Abuse by the Numbers...

A child is abused or neglected every
47 seconds in America

In 2018, more than **673,000**
children were victims of abuse or neglect

More than half of all child abuse
cases involved children who were
six years old

or younger & 15.3 percent of
cases involve children under 1.

1,844

Children are confirmed abused or neglected
each day

36 percent of children in foster care are
drawn into the system in part due to
parental drug abuse.

In **2017** an estimated 325,000 children were
removed from their homes due to opioid use with
75,000 entering foster care and the rest being raised by
family outside the supports of the child welfare system.



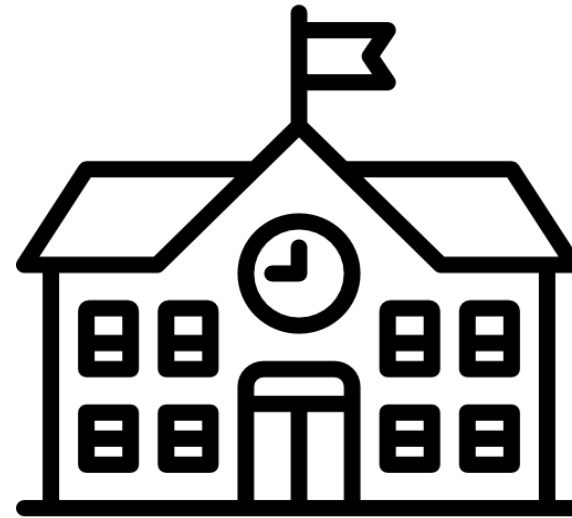
Contributing factors...



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TALK.



Drug Abuse



School Closures



Single Parent Stress

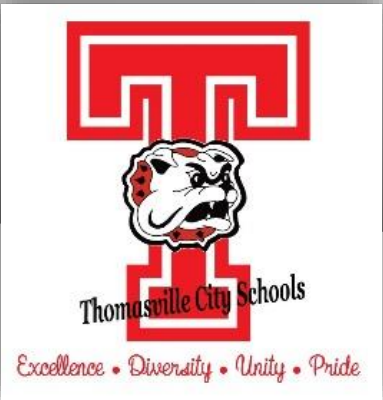


Financial Strain



The School Connection...

In Bulldog Nation, we educate the whole child - bringing awareness, resources and understanding everyday for the health, safety, and academic success for all students. We aim to heighten awareness by:



**Working in
close**



**With local
agencies**

Pinwheel Garden to Grow



Awareness

TCS is proud to have dedicated counselors, social workers, teachers & administrators who build trusting relationships and advocate for all students

