

Kindred Stories of Disability: Mental Health and Youth

2024



Sharing Your Story

We are seeking interviews with:

- Parents and caregivers of children and youth with disabilities and co-occurring mental health conditions
- Mental health professionals

Your stories and experiences will educate Tennessee legislators and policymakers about the barriers that children and youth with disabilities and co-occurring mental health conditions face as they seek access to services. Examples of barriers include social stigma, ableism, educator or provider misconceptions or lack of knowledge/resources, lack of access, and poverty.

Interested?

Complete the project intake form here:
<https://redcap.link/kindred24>

or email courtney.taylor@vumc.org
with “Kindred Stories” as the subject line

Interview Commitment:

- A one-hour conversation with a Vanderbilt student (over Zoom)
Interviewees may choose to remain anonymous
- Questions will be shared with you before the interview
- Photo shoot (optional)

What is Kindred Stories?

- A collection of stories that highlight the challenges individuals with disabilities and their families encounter
- Interviews conducted by students from Vanderbilt University and images taken by AbleVoices photographers
- Booklets delivered to legislators by The Arc TN during Disability Day on the Hill



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