Building a Pipeline of Teaching Excellence

Vanderbilt’s Peabody College of Education and Human Development has partnered with Jackson–Madison County Schools and the Tipton County School System to promote math and science achievement for third through sixth graders in high-need schools. The national effort, led by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and recently named the recipient of a $3 million “Investing in Innovation” grant from the U.S. Department of Education, will focus on elevating student achievement by improving teacher preparation and early-career teaching support.

Affiliation Links Vanderbilt University and West Tennessee Healthcare

In January 2013, leaders with Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) and West Tennessee Healthcare (WTH) announced an affiliation agreement that will expand the scope of health care services in WTH’s service area. The agreement does not change ownership or management of Jackson–Madison County General Hospital or any of WTH’s affiliates. While each party remains free to continue to pursue individual initiatives, the affiliation agreement provides the necessary structure for WTH and VUMC to collaborate on programs and services and forge new solutions to improve the quality and lower the cost of patient care in the region. Opportunities for WTH and VUMC include creating joint centers of excellence, educational programs and clinical research collaborations, developing new clinical information technology tools, and formally collaborating on specific patient care programs.

*The Pathfinder Hotline is a statewide multi-language help line that connects the Tennessee disability community with service providers and information.

**Through the Volunteer Advocacy Program, the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center trains interested individuals to become special education advocates who can provide instrumental and affective support to families of children with disabilities.