

100 BEST COMMUNITIES**Tennessee****Bristol, TN**

Bristol is one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People, in part, because it has taken an \$8.2 million Safe Schools-Healthy Students grant to create The Learning Center, a school serving students who are unable to function within a traditional middle or high school setting. Partnerships between the school system, Frontier Health Counseling Center, the Bristol Tennessee Police Department, the Boys and Girls Club of Bristol, the Juvenile Justice Court system and the Drug-Free Communities Coalition have also been formed to provide academic, emotional and social support for children in the community.

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City of Germantown, TN

Germantown is one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People, in part, because, after losing more than one dozen teens to traffic crashes during a five year period, the city responded with an adaptation of the Alive-At-25 program. The pre-driver behavioral course, funded at \$15,000 annually by the city, teaches responsibility and consequences to ninth graders before they get a learner's permit. More than 11,000 students have undergone the five-day curriculum. As a result, one teen fatality has occurred in the 10 years of the program.

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Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County are being selected as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People, in part, because of the Oasis Center, a nonprofit organization serving youth, has teamed up with Metro Parks and Recreation and AmeriCorps to create youth civic action groups meeting weekly in six different recreation centers adjacent to low-income areas. They sponsor Nashville Youth Leadership, an innovative program designed for high school sophomores that provides youth with the training necessary to become active and effective leaders. Participants commit to a nine-month series of daylong programs addressing the arts, government, non-profits, criminal justice, and the media.

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