

Dr. Turchi Serves as Vice Chair of Shelby County Juvenile Justice Consortium

Dr. Jennifer Turchi, Visiting Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health, is leading important work in the area of youth justice. Dr. Turchi was appointed by Mayor Lee Harris as vice chair of the Shelby County Juvenile Justice Consortium (CJJC), which has fought a tough battle to reinstate federal justice department oversight of Juvenile Court, which continues to be beset with problems that severely impact the health and well-being of our youth. Dissatisfied with the rate and extent of reform in the court, the CJJC urged that the monitors return to re-evaluate court operations “as ... relates to protecting the Constitutional Rights of the children of Shelby County, Tennessee.” This CJJC request came to the County Commission and was approved on September 27th.

