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Mayor Jacobs’ New Series Highlights Vine School Health Center

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs interviewed Nan Gaylord, co-founder of the Vine School Health Center as part of his video series highlighting Knox County School’s support services. Through a partnership with the University of Tennessee, the center offers both pediatric care and mental health services.

The interview found [here](#), is part of a video series that airs each Wednesday throughout December on the County’s and Mayor’s various social media platforms, and on our homepage at Knoxcounty.org.

The center is in its 26th year and Gaylord says the collaboration between the University of Tennessee and KCS has been great for our community.

“It works well,” Gaylord said. “We do well childcare, developmental assessments and behavioral assessments, as well as sign sports physicals and see sick kids.”

The center is staffed by the UT College of Nursing with the physical building, located at 220 Langland Street in Knoxville, provided by Knox County Schools. The center is an interprofessional practice, allowing them to process mental health patients in addition to well childcare.

“In our interprofessional practice we are really in tune to not just physical health but the mental health of the children that we see,” said Gaylord. “We provide weekly counseling to a number of patients that we are able to serve.”

Mayor Jacobs and Gaylord further discussed the future of the practice, the important clinical role of the center; the valuable experience UT nursing students receive and how the center continues to support KCS school nurses with additional medical resources and capabilities.

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