



PREVENTION PROGRESS

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PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

The mission of the Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention is to secure resources to fund evidence-based community programs committed to the prevention of child maltreatment; we advocate for children and the strengthening of families. To achieve this goal, the Department awards grants to programs that can demonstrate their impact in preventing child abuse in Alabama. We prioritize grants for programs or program components which nurture and protect children by strengthening families and providing parents and caretakers with the education, skills and resources for healthy child development.

We have just completed our grant review process for the upcoming program year 2016-2017. Applications for funding were accepted beginning April 1st until May 6th. The Department received 144 applications requesting over \$5.5 million. Applications were read by staff, local reviewers from across the state, and the ADCANP Board. The Board of Directors met on June 15th and collaboratively awarded 115 grants totaling over \$3.9 million.

The new program year began on August 1st and we are off to a great start! Grantee Training was held on August 1st-2nd at the Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort and Spa. Grantees were required to send two staff from each program funded through ADCANP and we had 100% participation. We are looking forward to working with the new and returning grantees who strive everyday to make a difference in the lives of those who are most vulnerable in the State.



See Page 4 for Vehicle Safety Reminder for Our Little Ones

Working for the Children in Alabama

Governor's Children's Cabinet

In April Governor Robert Bentley announced the formation of the Governor's Children's Cabinet by Executive Order. Members of the Children's Cabinet include our agency, the Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and the following agencies: Human Resources; Public Health; Early Childhood Education; Education; Mental Health; Rehabilitation Services – Early Intervention; Youth Services; Medicaid; and Minority Affairs. State Representative David Faulkner is also serving on the cabinet and was elected Vice-Chair in June.



The Children's Cabinet has met twice and is sharing information among the agencies to best serve the needs of children in Alabama. Members are exploring other states that have children's cabinets to help guide the work and reviewing best practices, such as developing a one-stop web site where people can receive information about all services and resources for children in the state. The Alabama Children's Cabinet will advocate for children in the areas of health care, education, nutrition programs and other needs. As the work continues, watch for updates in future CTF newsletters.

Governor's Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children

After the passage of Erin's Law-ACT 2015-456 (HB 197) during the 2015 regular legislative session, a task force was created for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children. The ongoing task force is continuing to meet on a regular basis. The task force encourages state agencies and non-profits to work closely to support the implementation of sexual abuse prevention programs in our schools. Members of the Task Force have been busy providing school systems with professional development opportunities, participating in panel discussions, and presenting to groups concerning the requirements of the law. The Department has a resource page available on our website for more information concerning the work of the Task force and available resources. The Task Force will continue to provide the needed support to others responsible for implementing the law.



Greetings:

Our new program year has begun and we just completed a very successful two-day grantee training event. Many thanks to our CTF staff for assisting in the grant application review process and for assisting in the planning and implementation of our training. Also, many thanks to our local reviewers from across the state who voluntarily read and scored the grant applications and to our dedicated Board of Directors for also reviewing the grant applications and making the final award decisions.

This year's grantee training featured two keynote speakers: Cailin O'Connor from the Center for the Study of Social Policy and Jim McKay, CTF Director in West Virginia and contract policy analyst for the National

Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds. Cailin presented about the work of CSSP in developing and promoting the Strengthening Families initiative and the current work of Youth Thrive as part of implementing the protective factors. Jim presented about current policy issues and navigating the world of decision makers. He also presented a breakout session on safe sleep and the work of West Virginia in this area.

Another special feature of this year's training was a panel presentation by three of the members of the Governor's Task Force on the prevention of child sexual abuse. Tracy Plummer, deputy director of CTF and Chair of the task force; Trisha Melberg, attorney with the state's division of prosecution services and Vice-Chair of the task force; and Paul Butler, deputy commissioner with DHR, and task force member fielded questions and provided answers and information about the task force recommendations and actions to prevent child sexual abuse. Work is on-going with the State Department of Education to provide training and resources within our school systems on the issues relating to preventing child sexual abuse.

Breakout presentations included sessions from Dr. Michael Taylor professor of pediatrics with UAB/Children's Hospital on physical abuse and sexual abuse evaluation; Alicia Luckie with the FRIENDS national technical assistance group presented on child neglect; Aretha Bracy director of the state's child death review team on her work; Rozell Deere on the partnership between DHR and CTF with the TANF Fatherhood initiative; Rhonda Mann with VOICES for Alabama's Children on advocating for children; Brent Chunn contractor explaining the new state's accounting system, STAARS, and how our grantees can enroll in the system; and five sessions, based upon program type, conducted by our Auburn University evaluation partners, led by Dr. Francesca Adler-Baeder, Ami Landers, Alex Chan and research assistants.

Our agency is committed to providing high-quality training and technical assistance to our grantees and this year's annual training was very well-received. We look forward to working with all of our grantees to support their work in preventing child abuse and neglect in communities across our great state. Welcome to our 2016-2017 program year!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sallye R. Longshore".

Never Leave a Child Unattended in a Vehicle!

Young children are particularly at risk, as their bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adults. Since 1998, at least 600 children across the United States have died from heatstroke when left in a vehicle.

Avoid heat stroke-related injury and death

Heat stroke can happen anytime, anywhere.

Never leave your child alone in the car, even for a minute.

Consistently lock unattended vehicle doors and trunks. Keep keys and remote entry fobs out of children's sight and reach.

Create reminders and habits that give you and your child's caregiver a safety net

Establish a peace-of-mind plan. When you drop off your child, make a habit of calling or texting all other caregivers, so all of you know where your child is at all times.

Place a purse, briefcase, gym bag, cell phone or an item that is needed at your next stop in a back seat.

Set the alarm on your cell phone or computer calendar as a reminder to drop your child off at childcare.

Take action if you see an unattended child in a vehicle

Dial 911 immediately and follow the instructions that emergency personnel provide – they are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.



Photo by Nicole Fabian-Weber
http://thestir.cafemom.com/baby/174521/7_tips_to_ensure_you

2016-2017 Grantee Training

This year's Grantee Training was a huge success due in part to the beautiful location, grantee participation and a host of informative speakers. We had the opportunity to hear from experts within our state and with other nationally-recognized organizations that focused on advocacy, strengthening families, and ultimately preventing child abuse and neglect in our state. Please refer to our Resource page on our website <http://ctf.alabama.gov/Resources.htm> for a list of all of the presentations held at this year's Training.

A special thank you to all our presenters at this year's training!

Grantee Training

August 1-2, 2016

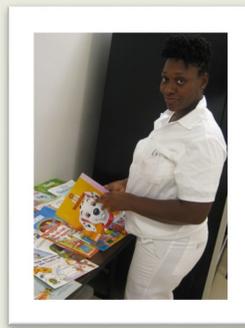


Program Spotlight

AID TO INMATE MOTHERS—

Even though their mothers can't be with them to read bedtime stories, the children who are part of AIM outreach can still hear special messages thanks to the Storybook Program. The program provides comfort to children each month by offering them a tape recording of their mothers reading books.

Volunteers go to the prison one Saturday a month and help the mothers prepare a DVD recording of a book to send to their children. The children's books are donated by local churches, businesses, organizations and individuals. If a mother doesn't read well, a volunteer assists by reading the book to the mother and letting her repeat the words into the camera. The DVD, along with the children's book, are then mailed from AIM. In June, Storybook was held at the Montgomery Women's Facility and Julia Tutwiler and 200 mothers were able to choose a book and make a video message for their children!!!!



THE EXCHANGE CLUB FAMILY CENTER

The Exchange Club Family Center is now celebrating 25 years of strengthening families and preventing child abuse in South Alabama in their Mobile office! To celebrate this exciting achievement, the agency hosted an Open House on July 12th. Food and beverages were provided by Creative Catering, Honeybaked Ham and Cottage Hill Package Store.



The Family Center of Mobile has earned the AAA accreditation from the National Exchange Club Foundation for programs and management. They have locations in Mobile, Baldwin and Washington counties where they provide free and low cost education, training and support to parents and caregivers in Southwest Alabama.

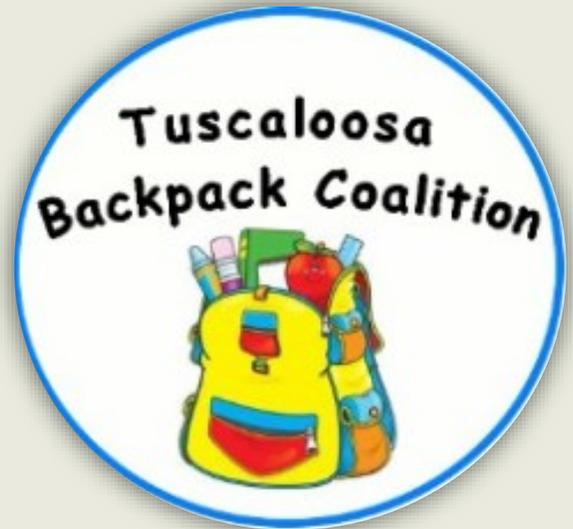
Program Spotlight

TUSCALOOSA'S ONE PLACE—

Tuscaloosa's One Place has teamed up with the Tuscaloosa Backpack Coalition to provide backpacks and school supplies to students with the most need in Tuscaloosa City and County Schools. Every child should get on the bus to school knowing they have the supplies needed to succeed.

The Tuscaloosa Backpack Coalition will soon begin their Apples for Education campaign at University Mall. The official kickoff will be July 7th and will end July 24th! They need volunteers to assist with greeting and receiving donations.

Email stthomas@tuscaloosaoneplace.org for more information on donating supplies or sponsoring a child.



VINEYARD FAMILY SERVICES

In Shelby County alone, there are over 10,000 public school children on the free meal program. During long holiday breaks and weekends, the Backpack Buddies Program helps meet the need by providing children ages 5-14 with nutritious and easy-to-prepare food that they can take home when other resources aren't always available.



BackPack Buddies

Back To School Food & Hygiene Drive

Food Items Needed: (Single Serve Only)

- Pop Top Meals
- Low Sugar Cereal Cup/Packet
- 100% Juice Pouch (no boxes please)
- Crunchy Oats/Nutra-Grain Bars
- Clamato Breakfast Drink
- Pasta or Rice Cup/Packet
- Applesauce Pouch (no cups please)
- Fruit Gummy Snacks
- Pudding Cups

Hygiene Items Needed:

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Deodorant
- (Adult Sizes Only Please)

With the help of many partners, grants and community efforts and with the assistance of local guidance counselors in the Shelby County School System, Alabaster City School System, and Pelham City School System, the program targets children who may be "at risk" for food insecurity. They are now feeding 700+ children weekly and everyone can help in making this possible!

Items must be nutritious, shelf-stable, single serve, child-friendly, self-serve food designed to fill a backpack and feed a child over the weekend. All Buddies are screened for peanut allergies prior to participation on the program.

How does the program work?

1. Food is purchased.
2. Food is packed.
3. Food is delivered to participating schools.

Children receive Buddies Bags on Friday!

MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention secures resources to fund evidence-based community programs committed to the prevention of child maltreatment; we advocate for children and the strengthening of families.

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FINANCIAL REPORTING DUE DATES

All Programs are Required to Submit Quarterly Reports (except TANF):

- November 16, 2016 (Period Covered: August 1 - October 31)
- February 16, 2017 (Period Covered: November 1 - January 31)
- May 16, 2017 (Period Covered: February 1 - April 30)
- August 10, 2017 (Period Covered: May 1 - July 31)

TANF Programs are required to submit their financial report by the 7th of each month.

*****As a reminder, all reports are to be completed through the online system located on our home page at www.ctf.alabama.gov.*****