



PREVENTION PROGRESS

Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
The Children's Trust Fund

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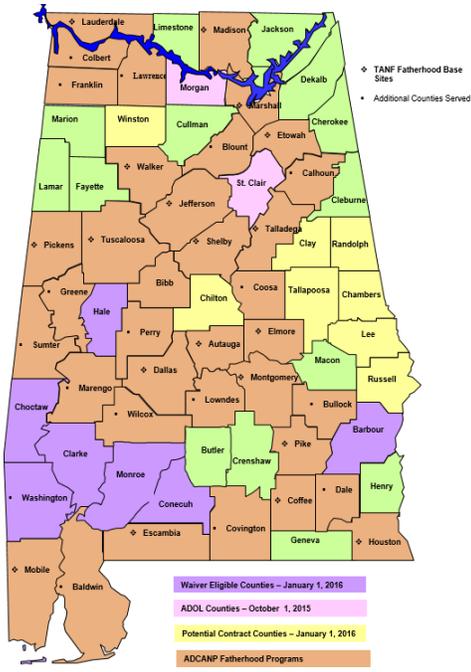
The Department Receives Additional Funding from the Department of Human Resources

The Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention (ADCANP) will expand the number and services of fatherhood programs in the state with the increased funding from the Department of Human Resources (DHR), utilizing Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) dollars. A total of 20 Fatherhood Programs will be funded through this agreement.

Each of the twenty programs will be evaluated by Auburn University and each will be serving families, including mothers, track child support payments, job placements, enrollment in food assistance programs and other elements if applicable, such as re-entry programs and non-custodial parents.

Many thanks to the Commissioner of Human Resources, Nancy Buckner, and our colleagues at DHR for securing the funding necessary to continue these worthy programs in Alabama.

Below is a listing of fatherhood programs previously served by both DHR/TANF funding and federally funded Pathways to Responsible Fatherhood project:



Organization Name	Organization City	Counties Served
Alabama Parent Education Center	Wetumpka	Autauga, Elmore, Coosa
Organized Community Action Program, Inc.	Troy	Bullock, Butler, Covington, Pike, Dale, Lowndes
Family Services Center of Coffee County	Enterprise	Coffee
Jasper Area Family Services Center, Inc.	Jasper	Walker
Family Services of North Alabama	Guntersville	Marshall, Blount
Vineyard Family Services of Central Alabama, Inc.	Alabaster	Shelby
ACES of Escambia County	Brewton	Escambia
The Family Center	Mobile	Mobile, Baldwin, Washington
Mobile County Health Department	Mobile	Mobile
Alfred Saliba Family Services Center	Dothan	Houston
Family Support Center	Prattville	Autauga
Family Guidance Center of Alabama	Montgomery	Montgomery
Sylacauga Alliance for Family Enhancement, Inc.	Sylacauga	Talladega
Gadsden State Community College	Gadsden	Etowah, Calhoun
Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, Inc.	Florence	Lauderdale, Franklin, Colbert, Lawrence
National Children's Advocacy Center	Huntsville	Madison
IMPACT Family Counseling	Birmingham	Jefferson
Pickens County Family Resource Center	Carrollton	Pickens
Dallas County Children's Policy Council	Selma	Dallas, Wilcox, Perry, Marengo
Tuscaloosa's One Place	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa, Greene, Sumter



This program is funded through a partnership between the Alabama Department of Human Resources and the Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention.





STAFF UPDATES

One of Our Own Has a New Last Name!!

The former **Claire Williams** was married on September 26th to Frederick Stimpson of Mobile. She and Frederick met four years ago at the University of Alabama and began dating while they were both working at the JH Ranch in northern California. Following their wedding in Montgomery, they spent their honeymoon at Little Dix Bay in the British Virgin Islands. They now reside in Mobile, where Claire will continue working for the Children's Trust Fund as a Field Director assigned to District 1 and District 2 grantees.



The Department Welcomes Erin Cauthen to the ADCANP Team

Erin Cauthen was born and raised in Elmore County, Alabama. She is married to Chad Cauthen and they have two beautiful children, Chelsie, 11 and Landon, 2. Erin and her family currently reside in Millbrook. In her free time, she enjoys relaxing with her family on their farm and at the lake. Erin and her family attend Mt. Hebron West Baptist Church in Elmore.

Erin has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Accounting from Auburn Montgomery. During her time there, she was a member of the accounting honors society, Delta Epsilon Kappa. In addition, she also served as an ambassador for the School of Business. Erin has worked in the accounting field for the last 10 years, beginning in public accounting and then transitioning into her state government career working with the Department of Revenue in 2008. She has a passion for accounting and serving others in that capacity.



Message from Sallye Longshore, Executive Director

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Happy Fall to All!

Autumn is in the air – the weather is cooler, holidays are approaching, and a new CTF program year is underway! I am pleased to share lots of good news in this edition of our quarterly newsletter.

Erin's Law passed the legislature in June and a task force was commissioned by Governor Bentley to establish recommendations regarding the prevention of child sexual abuse in our state. CTF's deputy director, Tracy Plummer, was selected as vice-chair of the task force and she and chair, Rep. Terri Collins, are working diligently to help guide the task force members as they review the research and make necessary recommendations for preventing this horrific form of child abuse.



CTF was included in the state's General Fund which passed during the second special session in September. This is very important as we work to increase funding levels so that more programs can be awarded grants to accomplish our mission. We are very thankful to be included in both the General Fund and Education Trust Fund budgets.

As it is the time of the year that we reflect on those things for which we are thankful, it is very fitting to share a very special thank you to Nancy Buckner, Commissioner of Human Resources. We had applied for a second round of our federal Responsible Fatherhood grant, but were notified in early October that we were not awarded the grant again – no entity in Alabama received the funding and very few were awarded to any southern state. I was heartbroken to receive this news, but was absolutely thrilled when DHR reached out to us and offered to expand our current TANF agreement to include the fatherhood programs that had been funded separately. This expanded agreement means that our CTF fatherhood programs can continue to serve families by offering job training and placement opportunities, parent education, track child support payments and make necessary referrals to needy families across the state. We welcome this expansion of our fatherhood programs and look forward to partnering with DHR – both on the state and local levels – to work together in strengthening families.

As our Accounting Manager, Victor Koriko, always tells me when I inquire about his welfare: "I am blessed and highly favored!" This phrase captures my feelings as we at CTF move forward in a new program year with many fulfilling opportunities to serve.

Best regards,



CONGRATULATIONS goes out to Sallye Longshore on her recent election to Prevent Child Abuse America's Chapter Network Executive Council! Sallye will begin serving her term on January 1, 2016. She will represent Alabama on the council and serve along with elected representatives from New Hampshire, Mississippi, Michigan and South Carolina. We are thrilled to have Alabama represented on this National Council!

Program Spotlight

MY FATHER'S HOUSE FOUNDATION, INC. S.T.A.R.S. PROGRAM

My Father's House Foundation provides the assistance needed to help older foster youth become successful interdependent adults. My Father's House Foundation is a 501(c)3 faith based non-profit charitable organization located in Birmingham. The Foundation was established in 1997 to provide independent and transitional living skills for youth aging out of foster care.

The Foundation's vision is to help youth make a smooth transition from foster care to life on their own by uniting members of the faith community with leaders of local businesses, community service agencies, government agencies, financial institutions, post-secondary institutions, and the medical profession to bring a message of hope to those who are displaced and in many cases, without the necessary skills to succeed as independent adults in their local community.

My Father's House Foundation has established a successful program designed to help prepare teens and young adults for life after foster care. The S.T.A.R.S. (*Savvy, Teens, Assertive, Resilient, & Self-Reliant*) Program follows the school calendar and meets every 2nd Saturday at Samford University with support from the Alabama Center for Law and Civic Education. Youth enrolled in the year-long S.T.A.R.S. Leadership and Mentoring program receive support and assistance with: independent and transitional living skills, resolving conflicts peacefully, effective communication skills, leadership training, budgeting, accessing public transportation, establishing healthy relationships, and career focusing.



HOPE PLACE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER TEEN FATHERHOOD PROJECT



The Teen Fatherhood Project in Escambia County is directed by HOPE PLACE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER and focuses on integrating parenting concepts for young fathers. Teen fathers are taught basic skills needed while caring for a young child. Topics include feeding, diapering, safe sleep, shaken baby syndrome, emergency care, bonding with baby and co-parenting. Engaging with young parents proves to be a strong investment in the lives of all children. Reshaping the future of Escambia County, one life at a time.

Program Spotlight

SHEFFIELD CITY SCHOOL'S AIM HIGH MENTORING PROGRAM-

Sheffield High School students who serve as mentors in the Aim High Mentoring Program surprised the primary students by greeting them as they arrived for school. Principal Matthew Syesta said the mentors are heroes to the young students and he felt this would be a great way for his students to start their day. The mentors not only brightened the students' morning with a warm greeting, but also served as great school ambassadors to the parents who were dropping off their children.



ALFRED SALIBA CENTER FOR FAMILIES BIKES FOR SUCCESS PROJECT

Bikes to Success began as a special project for fathers seeking employment while experiencing difficulty securing dependable transportation. In order to remove this barrier to success, the case managers of the **Pathways to Responsible Fatherhood Program** began a bike drive to collect new and/or used bikes to sign-out to consumers to assist them with transportation needs.

A young underemployed, homeless father with background challenges visited the Saliba Center for Families to enroll in the Pathways to Responsible Fatherhood Program. The Case Management team at the Saliba Center worked diligently with the father to establish goals for finding sufficient employment and adequate transportation. With the assistance of the Marie Dozier, Job Coach and Al Eford, Case Manager, the dad secured a higher paying job but still lacked a dependable means of transportation.

The dad was determined and focused. The Saliba team collaborated with Academy Sports for a solution. The management team at Academy were thrilled to support this dad. Academy Sports donated the first bike and the "Bikes to Success" project ensued with the goal of assisting consumers with removing barriers to employment by providing access to bicycles.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

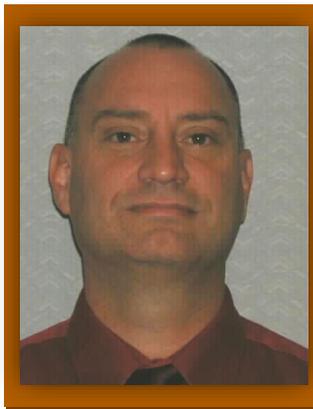
The Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention office located in the BBVA Compass Building, 60 Commerce Street, 10th Floor, Suite 1000, Montgomery, Alabama.

Margaret Whatley

Margaret Whatley is the Director of Government Relations for the Alabama Hospital Association. She has been with the Hospital Association for 3 years, but has been working in the Alabama health policy world since 2007. She was the health policy director under Governor Riley for four years. Margaret then joined Governor Bentley's office as his Deputy Chief of Staff where she oversaw the policy office and managed health and Medicaid issues for the Governor. Margaret received her undergraduate degree in History and Political Science from Wake Forest University and a Master in Public Administration from the University of Alabama.



Jamey Durham



Jamey Durham serves as the Department of Public Health's Designee on the Department's Board of Directors in the absence of the State Health Officer. He received his B. A. from Auburn University in 1991 and his M.B.A. from Troy State University in Montgomery in 1997. Jamey has been with the Department of Public Health since 1995 and currently serves as the Director of the Bureau Professional Support Services and Center for Emergency Preparedness. During his career with the Department of Public Health, he has served as Director of the Risk Surveillance Branch, the Director of Counterterrorism/Health Alert Network—Terrorism Preparedness, Director of the Unintentional Injury Branch, and Deputy Director of the Bureau of Professional and Support Services.

Check Presentations Around the State



District 1
October 27th



District 2
October 22nd



District 5
October 20th



District 4
October 19th



District 7
October 23rd

CONFERENCE UPDATE



Sallye Longshore and past year recipient, Patti Lambert, were asked to present the Mickey Phillips' REALTORS® for Children Award at the Alabama REALTORS® Annual Convention held at the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort in Point Clear, Alabama on September 13-16, 2015



Annual Meeting of the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds St. Paul, Minnesota October 25-29, 2015

Minnesota hosted the most recent annual meeting of the National Alliance of CTF's. Sallye Longshore, CTF Executive Director, serves on the Board of Directors for the National Alliance and also serves on the public policy committee and assisted with the planning committee for the annual meeting. Sallye also helped to organize and deliver the board orientation for new members on Sunday, October 25th.

This year's conference theme was "Honoring Culture and Empowering Communities". Highlights included hearing from Charlyn Harper Browne, Center for the Study of Social Policy on the importance of culture and communities when implementing the strengthening families approach, and hearing from Kristen Shook Slack on preventing child neglect by changing the context for families. Culturally, the conference featured honoring the Hmong community in St. Paul, which featured presentations from Hmong representatives and an excursion to the St. Paul Center on History's Hmong exhibit.

Other discussions centered on public policy work of the Alliance and the National Child Abuse Coalition; Connecting the Dots initiatives in several states; and engaging parents as partners. Networking with peers from other states remains a rich portion of the meeting time.

Grantee Training

This year, Grantee Training was held at the beautiful Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa in Bessemer (Hoover), Alabama on August 3-4, 2015. Grantees had the opportunity to hear from numerous guest speakers including **Elizabeth "Liz" Huntley**, a well-known child advocate, who shared the **Power of Intervention** and **Dr. Milla Boschung** who presented on **Child Maltreatment - The Economic Impact**. There were numerous concurrent breakout sessions that made this year's training a huge success.



Liz Huntley, Author of *More Than A Bird* with Sallye Longshore, Executive Director

Erin's Law Passes

The Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention along with Department of Human Resources, Department of Education, Representative Terri Collins, Senator Cam Ward, and Senator Greg Albritton worked diligently during the regular legislative session to pass HB197 which is commonly known as Erin's Law.

Erin's law was first drafted in other states at the determination of Erin Merryn. Erin was sexually abused as a child and has devoted her life to preventing this crime from happening to innocent children. Erin serves as a strong advocate for children across the country. Although Erin's Law looks different in each state, the law strives to support prevention education of child sexual abuse for both children and adults. As of June 2015, Erin's Law has passed in 26 states.

After HB197 was signed in to law on June 11, 2015 Governor Bentley established a 13-member Erin's Law Task Force to recommend ways to address the problem successfully in Alabama. The task force will potentially identify and secure funding sources for the prevention of child sexual abuse education along with any possible needed statutory changes or state & educational policies that will strengthen and support the law. Representative Terri Collins serves as the chair of the task force and Tracy Plummer from the Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention serves as the Vice-Chair.

Since the passage of Erin's Law in Alabama, the task force has met several times to discuss the scope of the problem of child sexual abuse in Alabama and to review potential school prevention curricula to be selected at the discretion of local school boards. The task force continues to foster cooperation between state agencies and state/ local governments to ensure successful implementation of the law. The task force is currently drafting a report for the Governor and Legislature to outline its findings concerning both the need and possible solutions to address child sexual abuse prevention in Alabama.

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.

Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Designee—Jamey Durham

Department of Public Safety

Colonel John E. Richardson
Designee—Capt. Keith Jackson

FINANCIAL REPORTING DUE DATES

New Programs (Required to Submit Quarterly Reports)

- November 16, 2015 (Period Covered: August 1 - October 31)
- February 16, 2016 (Period Covered: November 1 - January 31)
- May 16, 2016 (Period Covered: February 1 - April 30)
- August 15, 2016 (Period Covered: May 1 - July 31)

Continued Programs (Required to Submit Semi-Annual Reports)

- February 16, 2016 (Period Covered: August 1 - January 31)
- August 15, 2016 (Period Covered: February 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.*******