



# PREVENTION PROGRESS

## Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

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### APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH!

April is right around the corner and we can't wait to share our Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention 2014 toolkit with you! This year we are encouraging all communities across Alabama to "Paint the Town Blue" as we create an awareness of preventing child abuse and neglect across the state. The Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention (ADCANP), "The Children's Trust Fund of Alabama" and Prevent Child Abuse Alabama invite every community to take action for children by encouraging businesses and schools throughout Alabama to place blue ribbons on their doors during the month of April. The blue ribbon is the international sign for child abuse prevention and serves as a constant reminder that all of us have a responsibility to help keep children safe. Our Toolkit is also posted on our website.



### Request for Proposal (RFP) and Grant Application to be Released April 1st

It's almost that time of year again when the Department releases the Request for Proposal's funding guidelines and Grant Application. Both documents will be posted on the Department's website and applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. CST Friday, May 16, 2014. The posted documents will provide all regulatory requirements and a timeline of related expectations. Funds will be awarded to eligible entities through a competitive grant application process for organizations seeking funding for prevention programs in their respective areas.

All interested applicants are encouraged to attend a RFP Training in Montgomery on Monday, April 7, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Gordon Persons Building located at 50 North Ripley Street, Plaza Level Auditorium, Montgomery, Alabama. Parking will be available at Cramton Bowl. Lunch is on your own. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring a copy of the RFP and Grant Application to the training.



## Governor Bentley Announces New Board Appointments

### The Department Welcomes the New Board Chair

Ms. Anita L. Archie has been serving as the District two representative on the Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention's Board since September 2012. In January, Governor Bentley appointed her as the Department's new Board Chair.

Ms. Archie serves as Executive Assistant to Mayor Todd Strange with supervision of planning and risk management departments. She also is responsible for human resource matter, special project management and mayor-city council relations. She previously held the position of Senior Vice-President of Intergovernmental Affairs and Advocacy and Legal Advisor at the Business Council of Alabama. Ms. Archie previously served two governors and is one of the most well sought out advisors to businesses and educational and government organizations.

She previously served with the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education as Director of Government Relations; is former director of the Montgomery Housing Authority and the Montgomery Riverfront Development Foundation. Ms. Archie is former Deputy Director/General Counsel of the Alabama Development Office, now the Alabama Department of Commerce. She was an associate attorney for successful ADO projects including Honda, Hyundai Motor Manufacturing of Alabama and principal attorney in negotiating incentives agreements between the Tier 1 suppliers of Hyundai and the State of Alabama.

Ms. Archie is a former member of the Alabama Environmental Management Commission appointed by former Governor Bob Riley. She was appointed by Governor Robert Bentley to the Alabama Women's Commission and the Energy Core Team. She is a member of the Art in Education Task Force and Leadership Alabama and serves as a board member of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce and the Women in Business committee.



**Anita L. Archie**

### District 4 Representative—Myron C. Gargis



Mr. Myron C. Gargis, L.C.S.W., P.I.P., was appointed by Governor Bentley in January to serve as the District 4 representative on the Department's Board.

Since 2010, he has been the Executive Director of Mountain Lakes Behavioral Healthcare, which is the Community Mental Health Center that serves Marshall and Jackson Counties. Mr. Gargis starting working with the Mountain Lakes Behavioral Healthcare in 1997 and has held jobs as Therapist (Adults, Children, and Families), Coordinator of Crisis Services, and Program Director prior to his promotion to Executive Director.

He attended Jacksonville State University and received a Bachelor's degrees in Psychology and Sociology in 1992. In 1996, he completed his Master's degree in Social Work from Alabama A&M University. He is licensed in the State of Alabama as a Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW) and Private Independent Practitioner (PIP).

He previously owned and operated Gargis Consulting Services from 2002 until 2010 where he conducted home studies for prospective adoptive families and provided consultation services to Nursing Home Facilities.

Mr. Gargis serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Marshall County Child Advocacy Center. He is a current member of the Marshall County Department of Human Resources Quality Assurance Team and serves as a current member and past President of the Lake Guntersville Rotary Club.

He is married to Mollie, who is a kindergarten teacher for the Guntersville City Schools and he has two daughters, Lynley, 10, and Maggie, 17 months old.

## District 7 Representative—Mrs. Nancy G. Sewell



Mrs. Nancy Gardner Sewell is noted as an exemplary educator, media specialist, civic leader, and a strong advocate for children. She is known throughout this nation, particularly, as she served in the capacity of the International Secretary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (1990-1994) and the South Eastern Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (1986-1990), Library-Media Specialist Coordinator of the Selma City Schools for 36 years and on the Selma City Council for 11 years (1993-2004).

She is an 1960 graduate of Alabama State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Studies and Library Media; Master's Degree in Educational Media, Purdue University; certification in Library Science, Atlanta University, and certification in Administration, University of Alabama.

Mrs. Sewell became the first African American female elected to the Selma City Council in 1993 and tenaciously served the citizens of Ward 4 until her retirement in 2004. She initiated, secured, and received the State of Alabama's only \$1.3 million dollar, annually, Digital Divide AmeriCorps Grant, awarded in September 2001 and currently benefiting not only Ward 4 but the entire City of Selma.

Mrs. Sewell initiated the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) Program in Selma-Dallas County through the financial contributions of the Selma City Council in collaboration with community service organizations. Currently, the RIF program provides thousands of books annually for the underprivileged children of the city. In addition, she revitalized the defunct Selma-Dallas Youth and Government Council thereby providing the city's youth a voice in city government. In addition, she chaired the League of Municipalities' Human Development Committee and served on the National League of Cities' Human Development Committee

As Coordinator of Libraries, she pioneered the development of libraries for the Selma City School System by planning and implementing the automation of all the libraries in the city. She implemented reading programs such as the Accelerated Readers Program throughout the city's elementary schools. She is past president of the Selma Education Association and Alabama Classroom Association. She is an active member of the Alabama Education Association, National Education Association, and Alabama Instructional Media Association.

She is a Golden/Life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. with a humble but inspiring beginning in 1959 in Beta Pi Chapter, Alabama State University-Montgomery, and Alabama. Additionally, she is a devout charter member of the Selma Chapter of Links, Inc. and the Entre Nous Social Club. .

She is a member of Historic Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church where she teaches Sunday school and serves on the Board of Trustees. She is married to retired Coach Andrew A. Sewell for fifty years and they are the proud parents of three adult children: Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell; Twins: Coaches Andrew Sewell and Anthony Sewell and three lovely grandchildren: Neshambia, Taylor and Carter Sewell.

## At-Large Member—Margaret McKenzie Whatley

Margaret Whatley is the Director of Government Relations for the Alabama Hospital Association. In this capacity, Margaret focuses on federal advocacy for the state's hospitals and also works with the Alabama Legislature. Margaret joined the Association staff in 2012, but she is not new to hospital issues. She was the Health Policy Director under Governor Riley for four years and played a significant role in the creation of the Medicaid Hospital Assessment, advising Governor Riley on all HHS issues. 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.

## Message from the Executive Director

*Greetings! It is hard to believe but April is almost here and that means setting aside time to recognize and highlight child abuse and neglect prevention efforts throughout our great state! Please visit our web site at [www.ctf.alabama.gov](http://www.ctf.alabama.gov) to download and print a toolkit that we have developed to assist you in planning and carrying out activities to showcase April as child abuse and neglect prevention month.*

*The toolkit offers many ideas that you can use in your communities to bring awareness to preventing child maltreatment. We ask that you also use the toolkit to assist you in reaching out to your elected officials to inform them of our collected efforts to strengthen families and to improve protective factors. Research has shown that implementing these protective factors reduces the incidences of child abuse and neglect. As the legislative session draws to a close and our legislators return to their districts, invite them to visit your programs and demonstrate to them firsthand the positive results your programs are having in your communities. Working together we can use April to highlight the wonderful work that our programs are doing every day to positively impact the lives of children and families in Alabama.*

*Also, please be reminded that we are releasing the 2014-2015 Request for Proposal and accompanying Grant Application packet on April 1, 2014. Training on the new RFP will be conducted on Monday, April 7th in the Gordon Persons Auditorium in Montgomery. Additional details about the training will be posted on our website and distributed to you via e-mail. If you're unable to attend the training, we will have the PowerPoint presentation posted on our website. We hope to see you there!*

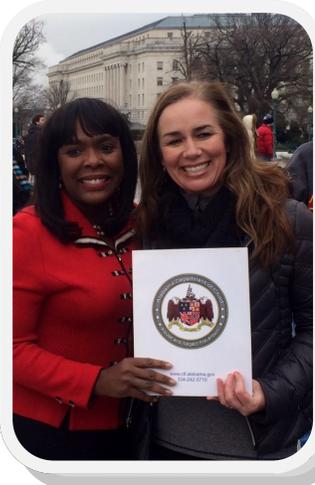
*Many thanks for all you do to strengthen families and prevent child maltreatment.*

*Best regards,*



Sallye R. Longshore





Tracy recently met with Congresswoman Terri Sewell to share the exciting things our programs are doing for children and families in Alabama.

## Meet the Newest Member of the ADCANP Family

Tracy Plummer serves as our new Executive Assistant for the State Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, which oversees the Children’s Trust Fund of Alabama. Mrs. Plummer brings 24 years of experience as an early childhood educator in grades K-3. She previously worked with the Alabama Reading Initiative through the State Department of Education as a Regional Literacy Coach serving in the Black Belt area. As a regional staff member she worked closely with elementary, middle and high school teachers, principals and board of education employees to support instruction.

Throughout her years in education, she has enjoyed writing grants and has been awarded over \$262,000 in grant funding. These grant funds have been used to develop and enhance needed educational programs for children in under-served areas. When Tracy is not writing grants she enjoys spending her time with family, friends and horses.

Tracy Plummer has 14 year old boy/girl twins. Her husband of 20 years, Floyd Plummer, Jr. serves as Land Manager for Plummer Cattle and Timber, Ltd.

## REALTORS® 2014 Winter Conference

Harrison Black, Tracy Plummer and Sallye Longshore recently attended the REALTORS® Winter Conference held at the Embassy Suites in Montgomery on January 21st-23rd. REALTORS® generously donated the proceeds from a 50/50 drawing totaling \$1,015. Alabama REALTORS® have partnered with our Department since 2000. Throughout our longstanding partnership, REALTORS® have contributed over \$290,000 to the Department from specialty tag sales and fundraising. These funds go directly to supporting prevention programs in Alabama.



From Left to right: Cassandra Sharp, Becky Wilburn Booker, Director of the State Combined Campaign and Dawn Miller

## Gold Awards Presented to Department Coordinators

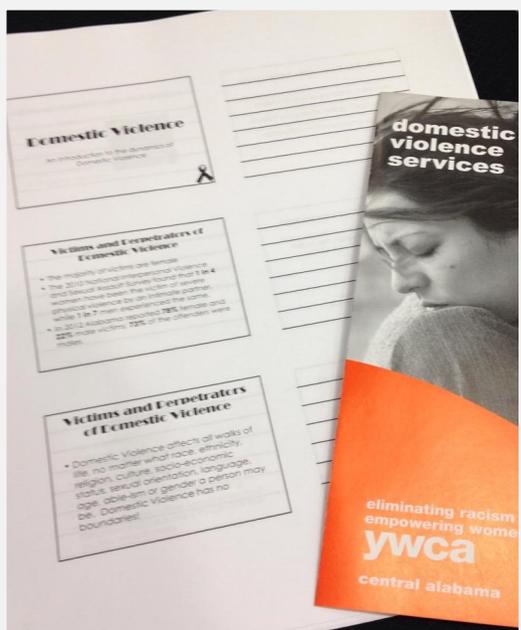
The 2013 State Combined Campaign ended with a total pledged to Alabama charities of just over \$767,000. The Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention was recognized as one of the top giving organizations in the campaign. The success of the campaign can be traced directly to the dedicated efforts of our campaign coordinators Cassandra Sharp and Dawn Miller. With their hard work, the Department achieved 224.66% of its monetary goal with 100% participation.

## SPOTLIGHT ON GRANTEES

Dallas County Fatherhood Initiative program participants toured Bush Hog®, a manufacturing company, giving them the opportunity to see firsthand the careers that may be available to them.



The Children's Aid Society recently hosted Annetta Nunn with the YWCA of Central Alabama to do a Domestic Violence training for all District 6 grantees.



## CHECK PRESENTATIONS AROUND THE STATE



## CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND GIVES \$81K TO SCHOOLS



ADVOCATE STAFF/ANDY BROWN

The Children's Trust Fund presented the Butler County Board of Education and Healthy Kids with a check for \$81,250 on Friday. The funds will be used for programs to help prevent child abuse and neglect in Butler County. The HIPPIY program will receive \$25,000, the Healthy Kids Excel Program will receive \$20,000, and the Butler County Board Of Education Parent Education program will receive \$36,250. On hand for the check presentation were, front row, left to right, Layla Grace Adams; Mathew Hurley; Lisa Nimmer, Healthy Kids Director; Greg Smith, Children's Trust Fund representative; Amy Bryan, Butler County Schools Federal Programs Coordinator; Sen. Bryan Taylor; Grace Cobb, Kristin Reeves, Sandra Lowe, and John Wesley Lowe. Back row, left to right, Melissa Adams; Courtney Tolson, VISTA; Susan Nimmer, Child Abuse Prevention Coordinator; Demessia Longmire, HIPPIY Home Visitor; Karen Watkins, HIPPIY Coordinator; Kristy Houston, HIPPIY Home Visitor; Rep. Charles Newton, Matt Coghlan, Parenting Instructor, Stacy Cobb, and District Court Judge MacDonald Russell.

## 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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