



Tuscaloosa's Promise



Doing What Matters for Alabama's Children
11th Annual Conference to Improve the Well-Being of Our Children
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Bryant Conference Center
The University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

7:45- Registration, Breakfast and Exhibits

8:30

8:30- Welcome, Invocation and Presentation of Colors

8:40 *Mayor Walt Maddox, City of Tuscaloosa*

The Reverend Doctor Charlie Durham, retired pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa Hillcrest High School JROTC

8:40- America's Promises

8:50 *Amanda Waller, Executive Director, Tuscaloosa's One Place*

Dr. Charles Nash, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, UA System

8:50- State of Children in Alabama

9:15 *Rhonda Mann, Policy & Research Director, VOICES for Alabama's Children*

Introduction: Teresa Costanzo, Field Director, Alabama Dept. of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

9:15- The Pink Elephant: A Discussion on Depression and Suicide

9:45 *Mary Turner, Attorney, Turner Law Group*

Introduction: Ruth Gaddis, Success By 6 Director, United Way of West Alabama

9:45- Exhibits and Networking

10:00

10:00- Alabama's Opportunity Gap -- What Does it Mean for the American Dream in Alabama

10:45 *Mary Scott Hunter, President Pro Tem, Alabama State Board of Education*

Introduction: Dr. Charles Nash, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, UA System

10:45- Self Care Starts with Me

11:30 *Becky Schwartz Corbett, Founder, BSCorbett Consulting, LLC*

Introduction: Kristy Holt, Title IV-E Coordinator and Training Specialist, UA School of Social Work

11:30- State of Education in Alabama

12:15 *Dr. Jeffery Langham, Assistant Superintendent of Education, Alabama Department of Education*

Introduction:

12:15- Lunch, Exhibits and Networking

1:10 *Paul W. Bryant High School Jazz Band*
Directed by: Selwyn Reed

1:15-2:15 Breakout Sessions

Lost in Cyberspace

Rast A

Greg Price, CSO/CTO and Director of the Alabama Computer Forensics Institute, Troy University

Introduction: Vicki Peebles, Assistant Dean, UA College of Human Environmental Sciences

The Lost in Cyberspace Program will endeavor to educate and inform participants about online safety, of the dangers of the internet, how children interact with the internet, and how to sponsor change to protect our children, adolescents and adults in cyberspace.

Children and Trauma/Loss

Rast B

Kevin Burns, Division Chair, Behavioral Sciences, Shelton State Community College

Introduction: Marilou Baker, Program Coordinator, Achievement Network of Tuscaloosa

The session will look at the various types of loss or trauma that children experience, the acute responses of children to trauma/loss and the effective interventions for trauma experiences. The focus will be a practical focus with emphasis on the types of supports and interactions that teachers, parents and others can provide. Discussion of behaviors that may indicate the need for professional intervention will be included.

Human Trafficking, In Our Backyard

Birmingham

Tajuan McCarty, Founder, The Well House

Introduction: Ruth Gaddis, Success By 6 Director, United Way of West Alabama

Participants will hear from a survivor's perspective about identification, treatment and understanding the impact societal beliefs have on the issue of human trafficking.

School Climate Conditions that Promote Student Success

Central

Dr. Laura Hopson, Associate Professor, University of Alabama School of Social Work

Introduction: Leslie Dollar, Child Life Practicum Supervisor, UA Human Dev. & Family Studies Dept.

This session will focus on current research connecting a positive school climate with student behavior and academic performance. We will also discuss assessment and intervention strategies aimed at developing and maintaining a healthy school climate.

Health Issues in Alabama

Mobile

Dr. Karen Landers, Area 1 Health Officer, Alabama Department of Public Health

Introduction: Lee Andra Calvin, Social Worker, Tuscaloosa County Health Department

This session will discuss health coverage for children in Alabama. Participants will also learn about disease control issues for children and newborn management.

2:20-3:20 Breakout Sessions

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Why Are These Kids So Sick?

Rast B

Brian S. Gannon, MD, FAAP - Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, College of Community Health Sciences, University of Alabama School of Medicine

Introduction: Misty Creel, Director, Pickens County Department of Human Resources

The presentation will focus on the reasons children in out of home/foster care placements have more health and developmental problems than the general population and strategies for supporting these children and their guardians as they navigate a complex and disjointed medical landscape. Dr. Gannon will speak from his prospective as a pediatrician, former foster parent and adoptive parent.

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Drug Trends and Expectations for the Future

Central

Derek Osborne, Executive Director, PRIDE of Tuscaloosa

Introduction: Marilou Baker, Program Coordinator, Achievement Network of Tuscaloosa

This interactive session offers an updated look at current drug trends and a realistic forecast as to where our country is headed in terms of use and policy. It will cover drug tendencies, potency, availability and discussion on societal acceptance.

Why Mentoring Matters

Mobile

Rodney Pelt, Founder and CEO, Mind changers, Inc.

Introduction: Vicki Peeples, Assistant Dean, UA College of Human Environmental Sciences

This session will talk about the importance of mentors in the lives of young people. Students who have mentors strive for higher educational goals and are more likely to engage in productive and beneficial activities.

