



PREVENTION PROGRESS

Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

The Children's Trust Fund

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Governor Bentley Creates Alabama Children's Cabinet

Governor Robert Bentley announced a statewide effort to streamline services to Alabama's more than 1 million children.

According to a Press Release dated April 12, 2016, the Alabama Children's Cabinet, created by Executive Order 17, will serve as an advisory body in formulating policies, encouraging innovation, and discussing issues critical to the needs of Alabama's children. The cabinet will align systems of children's programs and services, creating a unified and cohesive delivery of services through a comprehensive approach.

"Alabama's children are our future, and we must ensure that their needs are being met just as we do with adults," Governor Robert Bentley said.



Legislative Update

As the Alabama Legislature heads into the final week of the 2016 regular session, both the states' education and general fund budgets are now law. The Department of Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention received an increase of \$399,994 in the Education Budget bringing the total appropriation to \$927,148. The General Fund budget appropriation was unfortunately decreased by 2.50% bringing the Department's appropriation to \$78,317.

As you know, the General Fund continues to struggle year after year to fund many programs. We feel fortunate to have received only a minimal decrease in light of the Medicaid crisis. With the regular session coming to an end we are celebrating our victories and reflecting on our success. We attribute our legislative success to YOU for educating lawmakers about the work you are doing in their districts!

**On March 30, 2016,
Governor Bentley signed
a Proclamation
designating April as
Child Abuse Prevention
Month.**



Pictured left to right: Dr. Thomas M. Miller, Cassandra Sharp, Harrison Black, Sallye Longshore, Commissioner Jim Perdue, Dr. Mitchell Brown, Tracy Plummer, Dawn Miller and Barbara Anne Fell.



Greetings All,

Spring has sprung and Child Abuse Prevention Month activities are happening across our state during April. This Spring edition of the newsletter features photos of many of the wonderful Child Abuse Prevention month events that have occurred. We kicked off the month with over 80 of our grantees, partner agency personnel, friends and Board Members attending our “planting the Pinwheel garden” at the RSA space on Monroe Street in Montgomery. We were so pleased that so many of our “prevention partners” turned out on a rainy day to help us begin the month of April in such a positive way!

One particular event led me to meet and get to know “Wyndell”. I am pictured with his mom and grandmother and Wyndell, with their permission, at the Child Abuse Prevention Month event in Birmingham at the Family Guidance Center. Wyndell’s mom spoke during the event and her story moved me to tears but also reinforced what life-changing work is occurring each and every day in the lives of families and children that are served through our agency’s grantees. Wyndell is the victim of abusive head trauma inflicted by someone outside of his family, but his mother was investigated in the process. During the course of the past two years, the “Small Wonders” program that CTF funds has worked with Wyndell’s Mom to give her the supports, education and training needed to share custody of her son and be a positive factor in his life. Meeting Wyndell and seeing the progress he has made when, at one point, his mom was told he would not survive, and, if he did, he would never communicate. Wyndell’s vocabulary is up to over 50 words and he can sign to communicate even more. Most importantly, he is surrounded by his mother and grandmother who love him and care for him. Wyndell’s story as told by his mom moved everyone in attendance. The relationship between his mom and the coordinator of the Small Wonders program, Brandi Welton, spoke volumes about how our CTF grantees are truly working miracles in the communities they serve.



Small Wonders Program
Coordinator Brandi Welton and
Wyndell’s Mom

This is just one example of the kind of servant leaders CTF supports in communities across Alabama every day. Wyndell’s mom feels strengthened and supported and Wyndell is benefitting!

Thanks for all you do!

Governor Bentley Announces Board Appointments

Representative Terri Collins was raised in Birmingham and earned a Marketing degree from The University of Alabama. She and her husband, Tom Collins, moved to Decatur in 1982 and raised their three children. She was active in church, schools and Bible studies. Terri enjoyed 16 years in banking as Vice President of Marketing and Sales before election to the House of Representatives in 2010.



Terri serves on Education Ways and Means Committee, and serves as Chair of Education Policy Committee. She also serves as Chair of the Tennessee Valley Caucus. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Volunteer Center of Morgan County, Community Board of Princess Theatre, Quality Education Committee with The Decatur Morgan County Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Alabama Archives, and Workforce Investment Board. She was appointed to the Women's Commission and the Commission on Women and Girls in the Criminal Justice System by the Speaker of the House and to the Trails Commission, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board by Governor Bentley. She is State Chairman for American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). She is a founding member of the Women's Leadership Council with United Way. Terri is a mentor and active Bible teacher.



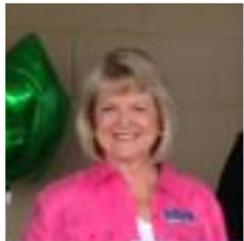
Beth Chapman was appointed Board Member At Large on January 27, 2016. She also served as the District 6 Representative from September 2012 to December 2014.

Chapman has worked with multiple governmental agencies (state and local) and has worked as a cabinet member and Appointments Secretary for a Governor and a Press Secretary for a Lt. Governor. She also served on the Alabama Board of Adjustment for 10 years. She has been appointed to various state boards and commissions by four different Governors.

She was elected State Auditor in 2002 where she served for four years producing 96% perfect audits among state agencies. She was twice elected Secretary of State garnering more votes than any other Constitutional Officer in state history and was elected as President of the National Association of Secretaries of State. *Welcome Back Beth!*

Staff Updates

ADCANP Welcomes Teresa Costanzo



We are pleased to announce that Teresa Costanzo has joined the ADCANP team as of May 1st. Teresa will be working with the Department on a part-time basis in the Tuscaloosa area for the upcoming program year.

Teresa previously served as the Executive Director of Tuscaloosa's One Place for 16 years and has been teaching at the University of Alabama School of Social Work since August 2015. She has worked for Shelby and Hale County Department of Human Resources and retired in 1999 from the Hale County Department of Human Resources as the County Welfare Director.

She has served on numerous Boards and Committees during the last 42 years and currently serves on the Children's Policy Council, Tuscaloosa's Promise Board, Alabama Conference of Social Work, VOICES Member and County Advocate, Leadership Tuscaloosa Alumni Board and the Forerunners Advisory Board.

Mike Roberts Returns to Department

Recently retired, Field Director, Mike Roberts, is now working with the Department on a part-time basis after retiring from full time service the first of March. Mike works primarily with Districts 3 & 4 for the current program year.

Welcome Back Mike!



April—Child Abuse Prevention Month

Since 1985, April has been nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. President Barack Obama called upon Americans to observe the month with programs and activities that help prevent child abuse and provide for children's physical, emotional and developmental needs. In Governor Robert Bentley's proclamation he stated that all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in safe, nurturing environments. The Department uses this special time each year to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child maltreatment.

This year, ADCANP grantees hosted over 68 events across the State. These efforts ranged from proclamation signings, balloon releases, 5K runs to Family Fun Days, all in an effort to raise awareness to prevent child abuse and neglect. The Department kicked off the month by releasing its' online Grant Application for prevention funding as well as hosted a Pinwheel Planting event attended by grantees, friends, family, board members, and collaborative partners.

Additional April activities included:

- * Lighting the Capitol blue
- * Lighting the downtown fountain blue
- * Lighting RSA buildings around the state blue
- * Decorating the downtown area with pinwheel gardens
- * Promoting April 8th as "Wear Blue Day"



Child Abuse Activities Across the State



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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District One

Rev. Clinton L. Johnson

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Department of Human Resources

Commissioner Nancy Buckner

Designee—Paul Butler

Department of Public Health

Dr. Thomas M. Miller (Acting State Health Officer)

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 located on our home page at www.cfa.alabama.gov.*****