

Department of Children's Affairs  
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***Partners in Progress***  
***December 8, 2009***



The Department of Children's Affairs will be offering an opportunity to representatives of the County Children's Policy Councils to participate in *Partners in Progress*, a one-day training program to be held December 8, 2009. Budget woes, travel expenses, and time crunches have affected us all and, as a result, the decision was made to forgo the Leadership Academy this year and concentrate our efforts on a smaller scale by offering a one-day program instead.

An agenda has been developed to offer some very practical information to County CPCs. It will include a morning session on how to better identify existing resources, a lunch and learn session with Commissioner Davis, and afternoon sessions devoted to hearing first-hand how CPCs are organizing and offering programs and activities that benefit children in the community.

We hope you will be able to participate in this program and spend some time with CPC members from other counties, learning and sharing with them. The one day event is being offered at no charge, but pre-registration is required. Lunch will be furnished. Space is limited! *Partners in Progress* will be held at the Center for Commerce, Room 342, 401 Adams Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama. When you register, a confirmation e-mail will be sent. A parking code will also be sent to you so that you may use the parking deck.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 334-223-0502. We look forward to seeing you on December 8th.

## *County Children's Policy Councils - Partners in Progress*

*December 8, 2009*

*Center for Commerce – Room 342*

*401 Adams Avenue*

*Montgomery, AL 36104*



### **10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome and Introductions  
Needs Assessment Presentation

### **10:30 a.m. – Noon**

The process of intentionally identifying human, material, financial, entrepreneurial and other resources in a community is known as *Community Asset Mapping*. **Danielle Lipow** with the Southern Poverty Law Center will share with you how you can use this valuable tool in your county to uncover some hidden assets.

### **Noon – 1:00 p.m. – Lunch and Learn with Commissioner Davis**

### **1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

#### **Bibb County – Health Checks**

Although it started as a small project, after fourteen years, *Bibb County Cares for Kids* has grown so that it now includes all of the county schools. Barbara Terry will share the story of how Bibb County became the state model for conducting health checks for children. She will also share how you can start this same process in your county.

### **1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

#### **Geneva County - Reality Check**

We have the responsibility to prepare our children for the realities of life once they complete high school. In order to do so, Geneva County has taken a proactive approach and conducts *Reality Check* on an annual basis for the county's eighth graders. Sandy Gainey and Pam Solomon will share with you the methods that can be employed to make *Reality Check* effective in your county.

### **2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.**

#### **Wilcox County – Family Summit**

With lots of ideas and no money, Wilcox County began conducting an annual Family Summit. *Strong Children + Strong Families = Strong Community* began as a way to focus on the need for supporting children with sound families, a caring community, and compelling role models. Sheryl Threadgill-Matthews has been the driving force behind the Family Summit, now in its fourth year, and she will communicate the "how-tos" that she has learned.

### **2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Wrap Up and Adjourn**

*Partners in Progress*  
*A Time for Sharing with County Children's Policy Councils*  
*December 8, 2009*

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

*Pre-registration is required to attend Partners in Progress. There is no registration fee and lunch is included. You may mail or fax this form, or you may e-mail the above information to [susan.mckim@dca.alabama.gov](mailto:susan.mckim@dca.alabama.gov). Registration confirmation will be sent by e-mail only. Deadline for registration is December 1, 2009.*

Registration forms that are mailed or faxed should be sent to:

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