



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Thomas R. Bice
State Superintendent of Education

September 4, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice *TRB*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Alabama School Counselor Association (ALSCA) Workshop: *Critical Issues for Alabama Schools*

The Alabama School Counselor Association (ALSCA) will hold its inaugural workshop this month with plans to make it an annual event. *Critical Issues for Alabama Schools* is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2015, at the South Campus of Gardendale Baptist Church. The ALSCA recognizes that our schools are dealing with increasingly critical issues and that collaboration with stakeholders is essential for student success. The ALSCA aims to address the current critical issues by equipping school counselors and other stakeholders with information and resources through this workshop. Those who counsel, guide and/or educate students, are involved in the supervision and education of school counselors and staff, and other vested stakeholders may find the topics presented relevant and useful. Attendance of your school counselor and other school and system leaders is strongly encouraged.

The ALSCA workshop will feature two general session speakers in the morning. Dr. Philip C. Cleveland, Deputy State Superintendent and newly appointed counseling supervisor, will share his plan for the future of school counseling in Alabama. Dr. Norman Gysbers, recognized as the father of modern school counseling, will follow with his presentation, *One Hundred Years of School Counseling: Evolving School Counselors*.

The ALSCA Board identified several areas that are currently of critical importance. Recruited speakers will present on the identified topics during afternoon breakout sessions. The topics include human trafficking, diverse student populations, suicide prevention, non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI—"cutting"); bullying awareness (the psychology involved in each of the roles); current youth culture and trends (including substance abuse); traumatic grief or related crises; current issues with mandatory reporting; ethical and legal concerns; self-care; and advocacy.

Please find the attached registration form. The deadline for registration is **September 10, 2015**. On-site registration is also available with an increased fee. Please consider attending this workshop that should prove to be beneficial for all student success stakeholders.

TRB:PCC:PAF

Attachment

cc: City and County School Counseling Coordinators
City and County School Counselors
Grades K-12 Principals

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Critical Issues for Alabama Schools

Thursday, September 17, 2015

South Campus of Gardendale Baptist Church · 940 Main Street · Gardendale, AL



Rationale and target audience: Alabama schools are dealing with increasingly critical issues. Collaboration with all stakeholders is essential. ALSCA aims to address current critical issues by equipping school counselors and other stakeholders with information and resources. Those who counsel, guide and/or educate students, those involved in the supervision and education of school counselors and staff, and other vested stakeholders may find the topics presented relevant and useful. *We encourage multiple staff members per school and system to participate.*

AGENDA

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration	
9:00 - 9:15 AM	Welcome	
9:15 - 10:15 AM	<i>The Future of School Counseling in Alabama</i>	Dr. Debbie Grant, ALSCA President
10:15 - 11:15 AM	<i>One Hundred Years of School Counseling: Evolving School Counselors</i>	Dr. Philip Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent, ALSDE Dr. Norman Gysbers, "Father of Modern School Counseling" Curators' Distinguished Professor, University of Missouri
11:15 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch (on-site; covered in registration fee)	
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Breakout sessions (6 choices)	
1:40 - 2:40 PM	Breakout sessions (6 choices)	
2:40 - 3:00 PM	Break	
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Breakout sessions (5 choices)	

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Ethical & Legal Implications for Alabama Schools
The New Face of Slavery: Human Trafficking

Current Youth Culture & Trends

Depression & Suicide: What to Look For & What to Say
Non-Suicidal Self-Injury (NSSI)
The Psychology of Bullying
When Death Comes to School

Difficult Family Situations and Mandatory Reporting
Diversity
Self Care
A Time for Advocacy

Debbie Grant, Ph. D., LPC, NCC, CRC/ALSCA President/School Counselor, Hoover City Schools
Pat McCay/Secretary, Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force (Appointee of Governor Bentley)
Shelly Johnson, M. Ed., LPC, NCC/ALSCA Past-President/School Counselor, Shelby County Schools
Donna Funderburke-McKinley/McKinley Community & Family Services
Maribeth Bowman, LGSW/Forensic Interviewer, Owens House Children's Advocacy Center
Cindy Wiley, Ed. S., LPC/SCS Counseling Supervisor & AFSP Spokesperson
Daley Wisely, Ph. D./Counseling Supervisor, Mountain Brook City Schools
Gary Williams, Ed. S., LPC-S, NCC, CRC/Counseling & Consulting Professionals
Robert Smith, M. A., LPC-SC/Executive Director, The Amelia Center
Matthew Bunt, M. Ed., LPC/Education and Events Coordinator, The Amelia Center
John C. James, MSW, LGSW, Director, Alabama Department of Human Resources Family Services Division
Vincent D. Hinton, Ed. S., LPC (AL & GA), NCC/ALCA President/Assistant Professor, ASU
Lou Lacey, M. A., LPC/Director, Emotional Wellness, Children's of Alabama
Sherri Savage, Ph. D./Counseling Supervisor, Jefferson County Schools

Registration and Workshop Information

- Registration fee:
 - Includes lunch (on-site)
 - Checks (or POs), payable to ALSCA
 - No cash or credit options.
 - Current ALSCA members: \$35
 - Non-ALSCA members: \$85
 - On-site registration: Members \$60; Non-members \$110.
- ALCA/ALSCA membership application is available, if interested:
<http://www.alabamacounseling.org/meminfo.html>
- Membership list will be updated through ALCA on Monday, September 14.
- **Mail all forms and payments to:**
ALSCA Workshop
PO Box 2497
Montgomery, AL 36102-2497
- Postmark deadline is **September 10, 2015**.
On-site registration is required thereafter.
- **No** refunds; however, substitutions are allowed.
- For **questions** or workshop **accommodations**, please contact Shelly Johnson (205-223-1228) or Meg Smith (334-281-1920).
- Please contact Meg Smith for W9 (for PO).
- Special accommodations request deadline is **September 10**.
- No NBCC credit has been approved *at this time*.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION—PLEASE PRINT:

(Submit 1 form per participant, regardless if paying as a group.)

Current member of ALCA and ALSCA? yes no

Membership application and check attached? yes no

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Position: _____

Email address: _____

Institution/school name: _____

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Amount: _____ Check or PO #: _____