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TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice TRB
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RE: Youth Leadership Conference 2016

The Southern Prevention Associates will present the first Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) in the state of Alabama. The conference is intended for high school students and their advisors involved in Peer Leader/Helping, SADD, FOCUS, and/or other prevention programs in their schools. The goal for the conference is to provide a forum where students and their advisors who are involved in prevention programs can network and learn ways to address underage drinking, promote drug prevention, and avoid risky behaviors.

The YLC will be held at Shocco Springs in Talladega, AL, on March 20-23, 2016. The four-day event will be packed with motivational and inspirational keynote speakers, informational and educational break–out sessions, leadership and team-building skills, and dynamic prevention messages presented through drama, music, and dance. Student leaders from across the state will be empowered to promote a more positive school climate by sharing their message with all students in their schools, younger students, and the community.

I encourage you to send your high school student leaders and advisors to attend the YLC. The conference is $325 per person and includes registration, lodging, and food. Registration may be completed on-line at www.shocco.org. Educators may receive professional development credit by registering at https://pdwed.alsde.edu. The Title PD Number is **"Youth Leadership Conference 2016."** Early registration is encouraged and will include a discount of $10 per person if the deposit of $25 or the full amount is paid prior to December 31, 2015.

Thank you in advance for your support of the YLC 2016. Please share this information with educators and advisors who are involved in prevention efforts in your schools. If you need more information or have questions regarding the conference, please contact Southern Prevention Associates at 205-764-5648 or soprevention@bellsouth.net.

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cc: Principals
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