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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Philip C. Cleveland *PCC*
Interim 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 annual workshop this month. *Critical Issues for Alabama Schools* is scheduled for Friday, September 23, 2016, on the campus of Birmingham-Southern College. 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. Mr. Sean J. Stevens will share *School Counseling and Alabama Schools*, and Dr. Eric Sparks will follow with his presentation, *The ASCA National Model*.

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 School Counseling Ethics, Erin's Law and *Jason Flatt Act*, The Grieving Student and Small-Group Activities, Technology and Time Management for the 21st Century School Counseling Program, and REACH—Advising for All Alabama Students.

Attached is the registration form. The deadline for registration is September 16, 2016. 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.

PCC/SS/EF

Attachment

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

FY16-4017

2nd Annual Critical Issues for Alabama Schools

Friday, September 23, 2016

Birmingham-Southern College · 900 Arkadelphia Road · Birmingham, AL 35254



Objectives 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	Location: Great Hall, Norton Campus Center, 3 rd Floor Linda Flaherty-Goldsmith, MBA/President, Birmingham-Southern College ALSCA Board Sean J. Stevens, M. Ed./Education Administrator, Counseling and Guidance, ALSDE Eric Sparks, Ed.D./Assistant Director, American School Counselor Association Sara Newhouse/Vice-President for Admission and Financial Planning, Birmingham-Southern College
9:00-9:15 AM	Welcome	
9:15-10:15 AM	<i>School Counseling and Alabama Schools</i>	
10:15-11:15 AM	ASCA National Model	
11:15 AM-12:15 PM	Lunch (on-site; covered in registration fee)	
12:30-1:30 PM	*Breakout sessions	This workshop has been approved for 5 NBCC hours (5 contact hours of professional development). See CEU Application Form onsite for more info.
1:45-2:45 PM	*Breakout sessions	
3:00-4:00 PM	*Breakout sessions	
*See page 2 for session information.		The logo for the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) consists of a stylized globe with latitude and longitude lines, enclosed in a square frame. To the right of the globe, the text "NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFIED COUNSELORS" is written in a sans-serif font, with "NATIONAL BOARD FOR" on the top line and "CERTIFIED COUNSELORS" on the bottom line.

The Alabama Counseling Association "ACEP #2001" is an NBCC-Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP) and may offer NBCC-approved clock hours for events that meet NBCC requirements. The ACEP solely is responsible for all aspects of the program.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- **Registration fee:**
 - Includes lunch (on-site)
 - Checks (or POs), payable to ALSCA.
 - No cash or credit.
 - Current ALSCA members: \$40
 - Non-ALSCA members: \$90
 - On-site registration—Members: \$65
 - On-site registration—Non-members: \$115
- ALCA/ALSCA membership application is available: <http://www.alabamacounseling.org/meminfo.html>
- Membership list will be updated through ALCA on 9/20/16.
- **Mail all forms and payments to:**
ALSCA Workshop
PO Box 2497
Montgomery, AL 36102-2497
- **Postmark deadline is 9/16/16. On-site required thereafter.**
- No refunds; however, substitutions are allowed.
- For **questions**, workshop **accommodations**, or **W9** for POs, please email: alscaboard@gmail.com.
- Special accommodations request deadline is 9/16/16.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION—PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

(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: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Processing date: _____

Amount: _____ Check or PO #: _____

BREAKOUT SESSIONS	PRESENTERS
<i>School Counseling Ethics</i>	Amy Upton, Ph.D., NCC, NCSC/ALSCA Government and Professional Relations State Chair; Assistant Professor, School Counseling Coordinator, University of South Alabama
<i>Developing A Suicide Prevention Plan</i>	Cindy Wiley, Ed.S., LPC/Private Therapist; Retired, Counseling and Testing Supervisor, Shelby County Schools
<i>Cutting: Inside the World of Non-Suicidal Self-Injury (NSSI)</i>	Dale Wisely, Ph.D./Clinical Psychologist; Student Services Director, Mountain Brook Schools; Retired, Children's of Alabama
<i>Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and/or Neglect: What You Must Know/What You Must Do (mandatory reporting)</i>	John C. James, MSW, LGSW/Director, State Department of Human Resources Family Services Division Freida S. Baker, MSW/Deputy Director, State Department of Human Resources Family Services Division
<i>Erin's Law and Jason Flatt Act</i>	Marilyn Lewis, Ph.D./Program Coordinator, Prevention and Support Services, Alabama State Department of Education
<i>Human Trafficking: The New Face of Slavery</i>	Pat McCay, B.S.B.A./Secretary, Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force; Chair, Huntsville-Madison County Human Trafficking Task Force; President, Bd. of Directors for Tennessee Valley Family Services
<i>Small Tissues, Big Issues: How Children's Advocacy Centers Serve Children in Alabama</i>	Cindy Greer, MSW/Director, Shelby County Children's Advocacy Center; Board Secretary, The Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers Maribeth Parker Bowman, MSW, LGSW/Forensic Interviewer, Shelby County Children's Advocacy Center Kari Wilson, M.Ed., LPC, NCC/Counselor, Shelby County Children's Advocacy Center
<i>Effective and Ethical Counseling Practice with LGBTQ Students</i>	Glenda R. Elliott, Ph.D., LPC, NCC/Retired, Associate Professor Emerita, Counselor Education Program, University of Alabama-Birmingham
<i>Diversity: The personal and professional impact in our schools, homes and communities – thoughts, feelings and recommendations for inclusiveness</i>	Vincent D. Hinton, Ed. S., LPC-S, LPC (AL & GA), CPCS, NCC/ALCA Past-President; Assistant Professor, Counselor Education Programs, Alabama State University
<i>The Grieving Student & Small Group Activities</i>	Casey Lancaster, MA, LPC/School Counselor, Mountain Brook Schools; Certified Bereavement Facilitator, American Academy of Bereavement Specialists
<i>Dealing with Grief in Special Circumstances (crisis management)</i>	Robert Smith, M. A., LPC-SC/Executive Director, The Amelia Center: A place of hope for grieving children, parents and families Matthew Bunt, M. Ed., LPC/Education and Events Coordinator, The Amelia Center Olivia Dorn, MA, LPC/Counselor, The Amelia Center
<i>Grief and Loss As it Relates to Divorce</i>	Judith Harrington, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT/Assistant Professor of Graduate Counseling, College of Education, University of Montevallo
<i>The Impact of (Social) Media on Today's Drug Culture</i>	Angela Camp, M.A./National Coordinator of Adolescent and Emerging Adult Marketing, Bradford Health Services
<i>Effective Strategies to Enhance Classroom Attachment (working with foster care, adoption, trauma, etc.)</i>	Lisa Keane, MA, LPC/Clinical Director, Pathways Professional Counseling
<i>Reactive-Attachment Disorder: Overview and Implications for School Counselors</i>	Ashley Eldridge, M.Ed./School Counselor, Mountain Brook Schools
<i>Supporting Students with Eating Disorders</i>	Nancy Berland, Ph.D./Supervising Psychologist, A Center for Eating Disorders; Clinical Psychologist, Grayson and Associates
<i>Mean Girls: The Culture of Female Relational Aggression</i>	Alice Churnock, M.A., LPC, CEDS/Certified Eating Disorder Specialist, Primary Therapist, Covenant Counseling and Education Center
<i>How to Be Kind to Yourself (compassion fatigue prevention)</i>	Lou Lacey, MA, LPC/Director of Emotional Wellness, Children's of Alabama
<i>Accountability in School Counseling</i>	LaWanda Edwards, Ph.D., NCC/Associate Dean, College of Education; Coordinator, Counselor Education Programs, Alabama State University
<i>Promote Your School Counseling Program Through the RAVE (Recognition of Accountability, Verification, and Excellence)</i>	Cindy Davis, M.A., NBCT/ALSCA RAVE Chair; District At-Risk Counselor, Madison City Schools
**ASCA National Model training	Eric Sparks, Ed.D./Assistant Director, American School Counselor Association
**Technology & Time Management for the 21st Century School Counseling Program	Sean J. Stevens, M.Ed./Education Administrator, Counseling and Guidance, Alabama State Department of Education
**REACH – Advising for All Alabama's Students	Sean J. Stevens, M.Ed./Education Administrator, Counseling and Guidance, Alabama State Department of Education Wanda Langley, M.Ed./Education Specialist, Counseling and Guidance, Alabama State Department of Education

****May be offered as a FREE distance learning session. Stay tuned for more information from ALSCA!**