September 6, 2016

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

**FROM:** Philip C. Cleveland  
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 though 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

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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
9:00-9:15 AM Welcome

9:15-10:15 AM School Counseling and Alabama Schools

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
1:45-2:45 PM *Breakout sessions
3:00-4:00 PM *Breakout sessions

*See page 2 for session information.

This workshop has been approved for 5 NBCC hours (5 contact hours of professional development).
See CEU Application Form onsite for more info.

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 PO's), 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/ALSAC 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 PO's, 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:________________________

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<th>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</th>
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<td>School Counseling Ethics</td>
<td>Amy Upton, Ph.D., NCC, NCSC/ALSCA Government and Professional Relations State Chair; Assistant Professor, School Counseling Coordinator, University of South Alabama</td>
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<td>Developing A Suicide Prevention Plan</td>
<td>Cindy Wiley, Ed.S., LPC/Private Therapist; Retired, Counseling and Testing Supervisor, Shelby County Schools</td>
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<td>Cutting: inside the World of Non-Suicidal Self-Injury (NSSI)</td>
<td>Dale Wisely, Ph.D./Clinical Psychologist; Student Services Director, Mountain Brook Schools; Retired, Children’s of Alabama</td>
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<td>Reporting Suspected Child Abuse and/or Neglect: What You Must Know/What You Must Do (mandatory reporting)</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Erin’s Law and Jason Flatt Act</td>
<td>Marilyn Lewis, Ph.D./Program Coordinator, Prevention and Support Services, Alabama State Department of Education</td>
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<td>Human Trafficking: The New Face of Slavery</td>
<td>Pat McCoy, 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</td>
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<td>Small Tissues, Big Issues: How Children’s Advocacy Centers Serve Children in Alabama</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Effective and Ethical Counseling Practice with LGBTQ Students</td>
<td>Glenda R. Elliott, Ph.D., LPC, NCC/Retired, Associate Professor Emerita, Counselor Education Program, University of Alabama-Birmingham</td>
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<td>Diversity: The personal and professional impact in our schools, homes and communities – thoughts, feelings and recommendations for inclusiveness</td>
<td>Vincent D. Hinton, Ed. S., LPC-S, LPC (AL &amp; GA), CPCSC, NCC/ALCA Past-President; Assistant Professor, Counselor Education Programs, Alabama State University</td>
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<td>The Grieving Student &amp; Small Group Activities</td>
<td>Casey Lancaster, MA, LPC/School Counselor, Mountain Brook Schools; Certified Bereavement Facilitator, American Academy of Bereavement Specialists</td>
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<td>Grief and Loss As It Relates to Divorce</td>
<td>Judith Harrington, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT/Assistant Professor of Graduate Counseling, College of Education, University of Montevallo</td>
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<td>The Impact of (Social) Media on Today’s Drug Culture</td>
<td>Angela Camp, M.A./National Coordinator of Adolescent and Emerging Adult Marketing, Bradford Health Services</td>
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<td>Effective Strategies to Enhance Classroom Attachment (working with foster care, adoption, trauma, etc.)</td>
<td>Lisa Keane, MA, LPC/Clinical Director, Pathways Professional Counseling</td>
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<td>Reactive-Attachment Disorder: Overview and Implications for School Counselors</td>
<td>Ashley Eldridge, M.Ed./School Counselor, Mountain Brook Schools</td>
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<td>Supporting Students with Eating Disorders</td>
<td>Nancy Berland, Ph.D./Supervising Psychologist, A Center for Eating Disorders; Clinical Psychologist, Grayson and Associates</td>
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<td>Mean Girls: The Culture of Female Relational Aggression</td>
<td>Alice Churnock, M.A., LPC, CEDS/Certified Eating Disorder Specialist, Primary Therapist, Covenant Counseling and Education Center</td>
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<td>How to Be Kind to Yourself (compassion fatigue prevention)</td>
<td>Lou Lacey, MA, LPC/Director of Emotional Wellness, Children’s of Alabama</td>
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<td>Accountability in School Counseling</td>
<td>LaWanda Edwards, Ph.D., NCC/Associate Dean, College of Education; Coordinator, Counselor Education Programs, Alabama State University</td>
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<td>Promote Your School Counseling Program Through the RAVE (Recognition of Accountability, Verification, and Excellence)</td>
<td>Cindy Davis, M.A., NBCT/ALSCA RAVE Chair; District At-Risk Counselor, Madison City Schools</td>
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<td><strong>ASCA National Model training</strong></td>
<td>Eric Sparks, Ed.D./Assistant Director, American School Counselor Association</td>
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<td><strong>Technology &amp; Time Management for the 21st Century School Counseling Program</strong></td>
<td>Sean J. Stevens, M.Ed./Education Administrator, Counseling and Guidance, Alabama State Department of Education</td>
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<td><strong>REACH – Advising for All Alabama’s Students</strong></td>
<td>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</td>
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**May be offered as a FREE distance learning session. Stay tuned for more information from ALSCA!**