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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education
FROM: Philip C. Cleveland *PCC*
Interim State Superintendent of Education
RE: 2016 FOCUS Rally Events

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is pleased to announce the opportunity for middle and high school students to participate in two FOCUS rallies in 2016. FOCUS is a youth-led program seeking to promote community and school involvement in the planning of prevention of high-risk behaviors.

The ALSDE, in collaboration with FOCUS and selected community partners, will hold two regional rallies this year. The first rally will be held on September 13, 2016, at the Bryant Conference Center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and the second rally will be held on September 21, 2016, at the Shocco Springs Conference Center in Talladega, Alabama.

Further details and registration are located online at www.thefocusprogram.com. Educators may receive professional development credit by registering at <https://pdweb.alsde.edu>. The PD Title Number is **SDECT0191**. Social Work CEUs will be provided by the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners.

Questions regarding these events may be directed to Mrs. Sue Jones, FOCUS Director, by telephone at 256-453-0655 or by e-mail at sjones@thefocusprogram.com or Mrs. Wanda Langley, Education Specialist, by telephone at 334-242-9294 or by e-mail at wlangley@alsde.edu.

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