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ALABAMA FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 13th, 14th, and 15th, 2010
Shocco Springs Conference Center



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Nancy T. Buckner
Commissioner

April 14, 2010

TO: County Directors of Human Resources

FROM: Paul J. Butler, Director of Family Services *PJB*

RE: AFAPA Annual Conference
May 13, 14 & 15 at Shocco Springs

The Alabama Foster and Adoptive Parent Association will be hosting their annual conference for foster parents, adoptive parents and social workers. The conference is scheduled for May 13, 14 & 15, 2010 at Shocco Springs near Talladega, Alabama.

County staff are encouraged to attend. The Department will support mileage reimbursement for one car per county, so car pooling is encouraged. Should the larger counties identify the need for additional transportation, contact should be made with the Office of Permanency for individual approval. Staff should use RPT Category 439 on the travel form for mileage reimbursement. As part of the training is on a Saturday, any overtime earned must be flexed out according to policy. There will be no reimbursement for per diem approved. Registration fee, room and meals are paid by AFAPA. If a private room is desired, the employee may pay \$20.00. (This will not be reimbursed.)

Foster or adoptive providers who attend the training will be approved for reimbursement of mileage to be submitted through their local county office. They will be provided with a mileage form at the conference with the RPT Cat. 439. Conference mileage must be submitted on this form.

Should you have any questions please contact Andy Jackson, Office of Permanency @ 334-242-9500.

cc: Commissioner
Deputy Commissioners
Family Services Management Team
AFAPA President-Buddy Hooper
Finance Division-Conitha King and Craig Nelson

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE AFAPA 2010 CONFERENCE

Those who attend the entire conference and all workshops can earn up to 15 training hours.

In order to receive training hours you must not be more than 10 minutes late entering a class and not leave early.

Display tables from different agencies will be on display in the Bagley Center Building

Walk Me Home Tee Shirts will be available this year for a \$5 donation to the Scholarship Fund.

The Foster/Adoptive Family Store will be open again this year in the Annex Building. Please take what you need for your family. Please be respectful of others so that everyone has a chance to shop. There should be enough for everyone, socks, shoes, PJ's, and other items.

Everyone please attend the Friday night Awards program. Children may attend the Friday night meeting but parents are responsible for making sure there is not any disruptions.

There will be 12 \$1000 Student Scholarships Awarded and 4 \$1000 Foster Parent Scholarships Awarded for the National Foster Parent Conference May 29th - May 31st in Baltimore, Maryland and the North American Council on Adoptable Children which is in Hartford, Conn. August 7th - 9th, 2010.

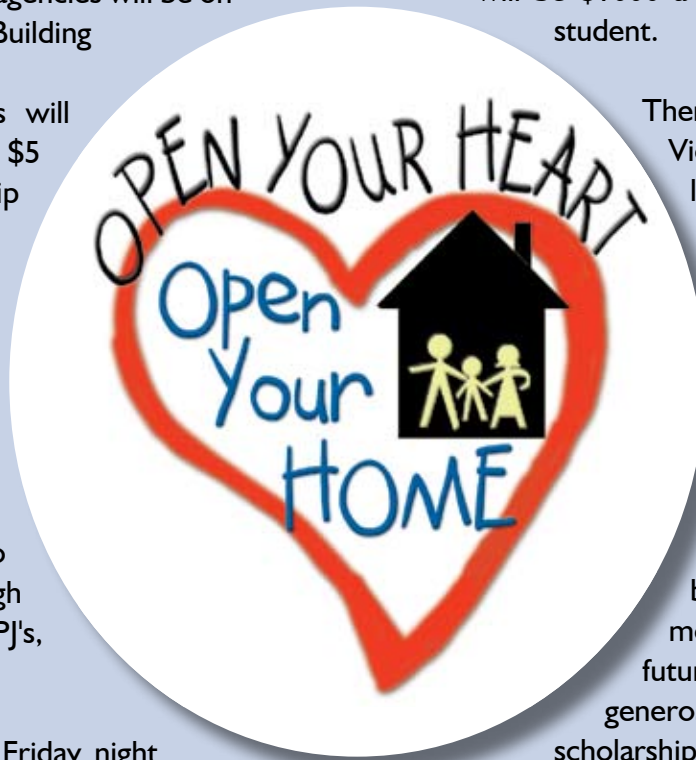
There will be a special Student Scholarship Award this year thanks to the Nathan Cleek Family.

Nathan has made a donation to the Alabama Foster & Adoptive Parent Scholarship fund in the name of his mother Montein McClaren Cleek. This Scholarship will be \$1000 a year for 4 years to the same student.

There will be a Local Presidents, Vice-Presidents and their Spouses lunch on Saturday 11:30 to 12:45 in Room 223 of the Bagley Center Building. This room is next to the dining hall. Please make plans to attend this lunch with the AFAPA Board.

By Popular demand the Silent Auction Baskets will be available to bid on. The money collected will be used for future scholarships. Thanks to your generosity we were able to give more scholarships this year.

When you arrive at Shocco stop at the first building to register for your room. If you arrive after this office is close proceed on to the Bagley Center Building. Pick up of conference material and bags at the Chapel.



AFAPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday May 13th, 2010

10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Registration in Chapel
11:30 am to 12:30 pm	Lunch in dining hall in Bagley Center Building
1:00 pm to 1:30 pm	Early Session speaker Theresa Davis
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm	Workshop in Chapel – Fetal Alcohol Syndrome – Kari Fletcher
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Break in Chapel Annex building
4:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Workshop in Chapel – Foster Parents and The Court System Judge Paul Sherling
5:45 pm to 6:45 pm	Dinner in dining hall in Bagley Center Building
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Hospitality snacks in Chapel annex building Workshop in Chapel – AFAPA President's Address – William Buddy Hooper "Goals and Accomplishments of AFAPA"
7:30 pm to 9:00 pm	Oldie Wed Game and Talent Show in Chapel Must register at AFAPA registration table. 6 couples will be chosen for Oldie Wed Game and 15 individuals or groups for Talent Show. 3 minutes allowed for each contestant.



Friday May 14th, 2010

7:30 am to 8:30 am	Breakfast in dining hall in Bagley Center Building
8:00 am to 11:30 am 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Registration in Chapel
8:30 am to 11:30 am	Workshop in Chapel – Foster Parent Awareness Program
	<p>Opening Session Chapel – William Buddy Hooper President AFAPA Invocation – Dollie Mims Region 2 Representative Pledge of Allegiance – Gina Nixon Song – Laurie Mathis Mullinax – Foster Parent Welcome – Linda Williams AFAPA Member at Large and Past President Proposed AFAPA by law changes</p> <p>Special Guest Speakers Senator Lowell Ray Barron 8th District Wanda Davidson State DHR office of Permanency Foster Care Month Celebration: Each County will be represented with Foster/ Adoptive Parent and Staff carrying a flag to represent the county. Introduction of Commissioner Nancy Buckner by William Hooper AFAPA President Commissioner Buckner's Address to Conference Participants "Foster Parent Skit" AFAPA Board Members</p>
11:30 am to 12:30 pm	Lunch in dining hall in Bagley Center Building
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Workshops in Chapel and Bagley Center Building
	<p>Chapel - Cyber Crime Battling the Phantom Foe – Dale Miskell FBI Agent Room 106 – Coaching the Hurt Child – Patricia Corbitt Room 206 – Living With Grief – Barry Swope Room 226 – Effects of Trauma on Professional and Caregivers – Bridgett Gilley Room 300 – Fetal Alcohol Syndrome – Kari Fletcher Room 306 – D.R.E.A.M Council & ILP Program – Wanda Davidson Room 323 – Mandatory Reporting – Jannah Morgan Bailey</p>
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm	<p>Chapel – Adoption Subsidy and Special Needs Adoption – Josh Kroll NACAC Bagley Center Workshops Room 106 – Child Hood Disorders - Carla Wilson Room 206 – Understanding Basic Medication for Children – Barry Swope Room 226 – Meeting Health Care Needs of Children – Tracy Bell Room 223 – Minimum Standards for Foster Homes – Mollie Rowe Room 300 – Working with and Valuing the Biological Families – Barbara Ford Room 306 – Independent Living Program – Wanda Davidson Room 323 – So Now You are Going to Court – Judge Paul Sherling Room 326 – Understanding IEP's for children – Teresa Goodson</p>
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	Dinner in dining hall in Bagley Center Building

Saturday May 15th, 2010

7:30 am to 8:30 am	Breakfast in dining hall in Bagley Center Building
9:00 am to 11:30 am	<p>Chapel Workshop – Foster Parent Legal Issues – James Long SDHR Legal Workshops in Bagley Center</p> <p>Room 106 – 9:00 to 10:15 – Twenty Things Adopted Children Wish Adoptive Parents Knew – Jill Sexton</p> <p>Room 106 – 10:15 to 11:30 – Lying, Cheating, and Stealing – Debra Fredenburg</p> <p>Room 206 – Emerging Personality Disorders In Children –Barry Swope</p> <p>Room 226 – Understanding Special Education – Lorrain Barnes</p> <p>Room 300 – Helping Children Transition to Permanency –Barbara Ford</p> <p>Room 306 – Stess Management for Foster/Adoptive/Kinship Care Givers</p> <p>Room 323 – Advocacy – Josh Kroll</p> <p>Room 326 – Using Professional Counseling in Parenting and Behavior Management – Tylon Crook</p>
11:30 am to 12:30 pm	Lunch in dining hall in Bagley Center Building
11:30 am to 12:45 pm	Local Association Presidents & Vice Presidents meeting in Bagley Room # 223. Next to Dining Hall. All Local Presidents & Vice Presidents and Spouse's are invited to attend for lunch and network meeting with AFAPA Board Members.
12:45 pm to 2:45 pm	<p>Chapel Workshop – Understanding ISP's and Documentation– Martha Hooper, AFAPA Advocacy Chair</p> <p>Workshops in Bagley Center</p> <p>Room 106 – Child Development – Kathy Hummel</p> <p>Room 206 – Current Trends in ADHD Treatment – Barry Swope</p> <p>Room 306 – Parenting Teenagers</p> <p>Room 326 – What can Professional Counselors do for Us –Tylon Crook</p>
2:45 pm to 3:00 pm	Chapel Closing Session and Evaluations Pick up Silent Auction Baskets



SOME OF THE ALABAMA FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOCIATION VALUES AND BELIEFS

- Treating Children and Families with Dignity and Respect
- Providing safe living environments for Alabama's children
- Promoting respectful partnerships between foster and adoptive families and local and state agencies
- Encouraging child-driven, goal oriented decision making
- Provide pertinent training and education
- Promoting a fair and equitable system of financial support for Alabama's Children
- Having a financially visible and accountable organization
- Appreciating the unique cultural and ethnic difference of the families we serve.





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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is free for all foster, adoptive, or kinship parents and all DHR workers

Rooms for Thursday and Friday night are paid for by AFAPA

Rooms are double occupancy guests are responsible for the extra charge of a private room \$20 per night.

All meals are paid for by AFAPA

All Registration is through Shocco Springs there are 3 ways to register

By Phone: Call 1-800-280-1105

By Fax: 1-256-761-1270 with requested information

By Mail: Shocco Springs Conference Center

May AFAPA Conference

1314 Shocco Springs Road, Talladega, Al 35160



Information to include in fax or mail.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Circle all that apply: Foster Parent, Adoptive Parent, Kinship Caregiver, DHR worker, other _____

How many days you will be attending _____. Will you need a room for Thursday night, Friday night or both

Will you be sharing a room or will you require a private room. Include \$20 for each night for private room

Child Care will not be provided and children will not be allowed in workshops.

Reimbursement for mileage must be pre approved by individual county offices.