

# FOCUS

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## About Us

FOCUS promotes school and community partnerships for the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other adolescent risk behaviors. The program is based on a student led approach and seeks to promote youth involvement in the planning of prevention activities.

**Registration is open!!!**  
**Register now at**  
[www.thefocusprogram.com!](http://www.thefocusprogram.com)



**SAVE THE DATE!**



For Students in Grades 7-12  
 STI-PD offered for Educators  
[thefocusprogram.com](http://thefocusprogram.com)

## 2017 RALLY DATES ANNOUNCED!

- ✓ **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**  
The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa
- ✓ **Wednesday, September 20, 2017**  
Shocco Conference Center, Talladega
- ✓ **Wednesday, October 11, 2017**  
First Baptist Church, Andalusia



**Calling ALL FOCUS Facilitators**  
**Summer One Day Training**  
 Tuesday, July 11, 2017

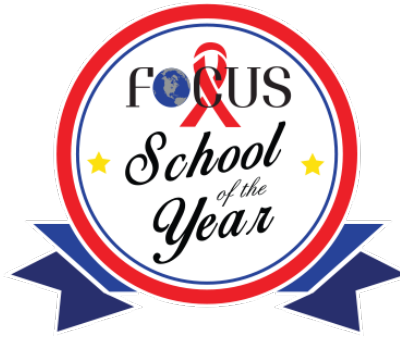
Clanton Conference Center - AL Power Company  
 2030 7th Street South - Clanton, AL 35046

STI-PD Offered

Visit [www.thefocusprogram.com](http://www.thefocusprogram.com) For more information and to register

Our Partners





## FOCUS School of the Year Winner!

**Congratulations to Munford High School for being the 2017 FOCUS School of the Year winner!**



### Calling ALL FOCUS Facilitators!

The 2017 FOCUS Facilitator Summer Conference is offered for individuals interested in effectively implementing FOCUS in their middle and/or high schools. This one-day training session will provide participants with: easy to follow steps for starting FOCUS; skill-based training; readily accessible resources; and a FOCUS Facilitator Certificate of Completion. Participants must register through the Alabama State Department of Education to receive STI-PD. There is no charge for this training.

**When:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017

#### Event Schedule:

8:30-9:00 Register  
9:00-12:00 Session 1  
12:00-1:00 Lunch (*lunch on your own*)  
1:00-4:00 Session 2

**Where:** Clanton Conference Center  
AL Power Company  
2030 7th Street South  
Clanton, AL 35046

**Cost:** No Charge

To register for the 2017 Summer Conference please visit <https://thefocusprogram.com/facilitator-training>.

# HOT TOPIC!

Daphne Middle School presented a skit that focused on teaching hand awareness and not spreading germs to approximately 530 kindergarten through 3rd grade students at Daphne East Elementary School in January. Students were seen throughout the morning in grade level groups through the PE classes at Daphne East Elementary School. It was a fun, successful event!





The 2017 Alabama Adolescent and Young Adult Conference is quickly approaching and registration space is limited.

Wednesday May 3rd  
8:30am-4:00pm

Pelham Civic Complex  
\$50 includes 6 contact hours (7.2 for nurses),  
breakfast, lunch, and a t-shirt

[Click here to view conference information.](#)

Register today at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-alabama-adolescent-and-young-adult-conference-emerging-issues-in-substance-abuse-tickets-30859261883>

Questions? Email Angela Camp @ [acamp@bradfordhealth.net](mailto:acamp@bradfordhealth.net)



### Is Your Teen Stealing Your Prescription Drugs?

"Young people are abusing prescription drugs in rapidly increasing numbers. Without concern for safety or side effects, children as young as twelve are habitually taking opiates, central nervous system (CNS) depressants, and

stimulants, to get high and self-medicate. A recent survey by the Partnership for a Drug Free America indicates that one in five teens report taking prescription medication for non-medical purposes."

[To view the complete article please click here.](#)



### Feeding the Gulf Coast

"As part of the effort to fight food insecurity in our communities, Feeding the Gulf Coast is a sponsor for the federally funded Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) which aims to provide adequate nutrition to children and teenagers when school is out and parents' budgets are tight. During summer months, free meals are unavailable at schools and children are most susceptible to suffer from hunger.

With the help of this federally funded program, the food bank can provide items such as: sandwiches, salads and wraps along with fruit, vegetables and milk. Meals are provided free of charge to not for profit programs that offer a safe environment for children. This program is available for anyone 18 years of age or younger to receive free meals at eligible locations.

Feeding the Gulf Coast is available to sponsor sites in the following counties in Alabama: Baldwin, Bibb, Chambers, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Covington, Escambia, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lee, Macon, Mobile, Monroe, Pickens, Russell, Tuscaloosa, and Washington counties. Here are links to both the [application to participate](#) in the program and [a flyer](#) which you can disseminate.

Interested organizations may fill out the enclosed application and return it to Teila Younce at your earliest convenience. You may fax it to my attention at (251) 653-4208, or scan and email to [tyounce@feedingthegulfcoast.org](mailto:tyounce@feedingthegulfcoast.org). Please include a letter of support from your Board of Directors, along with a description of activities you have planned for the children. If you have children age 5 and younger at your site for more than 4 hours per day, you must also include a copy of your DHR license, or your letter of exemption from the DHR office."



**Welcome to our new FOCUS Schools!**

Alexandria Elementary School  
*Calhoun County*

Chapman P-8  
*Madison County*

Handley Middle School  
*Randolph County*

LeFlore High School  
*Mobile County*

Notasulga High School  
*Macon County*

Opp High School  
*Covington County*

Randolph County High School  
*Randolph County*

Speake School  
*Lawrence County*

Spring Garden High School  
*Cherokee County*

Walter Wellborn High School  
*Calhoun County*

An advertisement for Focus T-shirts. On the left, a person is wearing a dark grey long-sleeved t-shirt with a large red and white 'focus' logo. To the right, a smaller image shows the back of the t-shirt with the text 'MAKING A DIFFERENCE' and 'www.thefocusprogram.com'. Further right, a price tag shows '\$15' in large red font, followed by 'Long Sleeve 100% Cotton 2016 Focus T-Shirts' and '+ SHIPPING AND HANDLING'. Below this, the text 'SUPPORT ALABAMA'S FUTURE!' is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath, it says 'Empowering Students to Reduce Adolescent Risk Behaviors!' and features the Focus logo, which includes a red ribbon. At the bottom, the website 'www.thefocusprogram.com' is listed, along with social media handles for Twitter and Facebook: '/ALABAMAFOCUS'.

**NEW long sleeve FOCUS t-shirt available for purchase!**

You can order your FOCUS T-shirts now by using the t-shirt order form. We can also print custom t-shirts with your school logo and the FOCUS logo.

[FOCUS T-Shirt Order Form](#)



## *Reminder*

Please be sure to register or update your school for the 2016-2017 school year!

You can register/update your school by clicking on the following link - [www.thefocusprogram.com/registration](http://www.thefocusprogram.com/registration) . Be sure to include the number of FOCUS members for this school year when you update your information!

We are here to help and look forward to working with you and your students. Good luck and thank you for trusting that youth are capable young leaders. We can do it all with them, not for them.

*If you no longer wish to be a FOCUS school please send me an email so that I can remove you from our list.*



STAY CONNECTED:



*The FOCUS eNewsletter provides links to articles and websites with information on current events, research, funding opportunities and other items related to the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other adolescent risk behaviors. The inclusion of this information does not imply endorsement by FOCUS and the opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the official position, policies or views of FOCUS.*