

# 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.

## Become a FOCUS School of the Year & Win \$500!



The FOCUS School of the Year Contest was created to honor schools that have implemented the FOCUS program within their school and, as a result, have created successful prevention activities and events.

### Winners Will Receive:

- First place:**
  - \$500
  - A framed Award Certificate
  - A trophy
- Second place:**
  - \$250
  - A certificate
  - A trophy
- Third place:**
  - \$100
  - A certificate
  - A trophy



For more information, visit  
[www.thefocusprogram.com](http://www.thefocusprogram.com)

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## The FOCUS School of the Year process has been updated!

The "FOCUS School of the Year" was created to recognize schools that have implemented the FOCUS program within their school and, as a result, have created successful prevention activities and events.

In order to be considered for the FOCUS School of the Year Contest your school will need to submit a description of their prevention activities and events from August 1 - April 1.

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. The school's FOCUS Facilitator must submit a description on the FOCUS website at [www.thefocusprogram.com](http://www.thefocusprogram.com) by the deadline.
2. The school's FOCUS Facilitator must also upload a supporting video to the FOCUS YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/AlabamaFOCUS](http://www.youtube.com/AlabamaFOCUS).
3. The winner must be registered as a FOCUS School (register at [www.thefocusprogram.com/registration](http://www.thefocusprogram.com/registration)).

### Judging Criteria:

1. The school has demonstrated dedication and commitment to creating successful prevention activities and events.

2. The school has demonstrated that the activities or events were based on a youth led approach and sought to promote youth involvement in the planning of prevention activities.
3. The school must plan and implement a World AIDS Day Activity (Planning Guide may be found on the FOCUS website's Facilitator Page).

Winners Will Receive:

1. First place will receive \$500, a framed Award Certificate and a trophy.
2. Second place will receive \$250, a certificate and a trophy.
3. Third place will receive \$100, a certificate and a trophy.

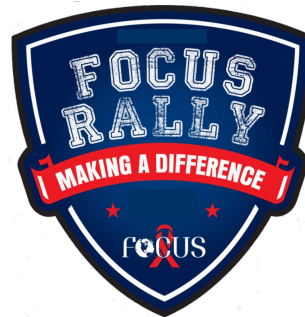
"FOCUS School of the Year" will receive awards at the individual school's Awards Day Program.

*Share Successful Prevention Activities and Events!*

*Let us know about your successful prevention programs and activities. We would like to feature your success stories in our eNewsletters, on our website and via social media to promote the great work that is being done throughout Alabama. Contact April Freitag at [afreitag@thefocusprogram.com](mailto:afreitag@thefocusprogram.com) to share your event or success story.*



**Save-the-Date for the 2017 FOCUS Rallies!**



**Making a Difference!**

Youth in Grades 6-12 will attend motivational general sessions and interactive breakout workshops.

Topics: Alcohol and other drugs, suicide, distracted driving, HIV and other STIs, Teen Pregnancy, and Anti-Bullying

**THREE DATES AND SITES!**

- The University of Alabama, Tuesday, September 12, 2017
- Shocco Springs, Talladega, Wednesday, September 20, 2017
- South Alabama Site and Date - TBA

### Munford High School

For their World AIDS Day activity Munford High School held a toy drive benefitting families impacted by HIV/AIDS. Even though students were already out of school for the holiday break they still had a great turn out for their toy drive! Munford High School's FOCUS program is led by Ann Smith.



Welcome to our new FOCUS Schools!

Sumter Academy  
Sumter County



### National Peer Program Conference

The National Peer Program Conference features a variety of experts and professionals who will offer practical, relevant ideas ready for immediate use in

your peer-to-peer support programs. We bring together the best minds in K-12 education to provide you with proven and practical strategies, connect you with both peers and experts, and reinvigorate your practice.

Their Conference allows you to dive deeper into current topics related to peer-to-peer support groups, gain the materials and tactics to train students to be Peer Helpers and hear from other Peer Program Professionals on the tips they use for a successful program. Do not let this opportunity pass you by to gain great information while enjoying the beautiful beaches of Orange Beach, Alabama.

When:

Thursday, February 2, 2017 - Friday, February 3, 2017

Where:

Perdido Beach Resort  
27200 Perdido Beach Blvd, Orange Beach, AL 36561

For more information and to register please click the following link:

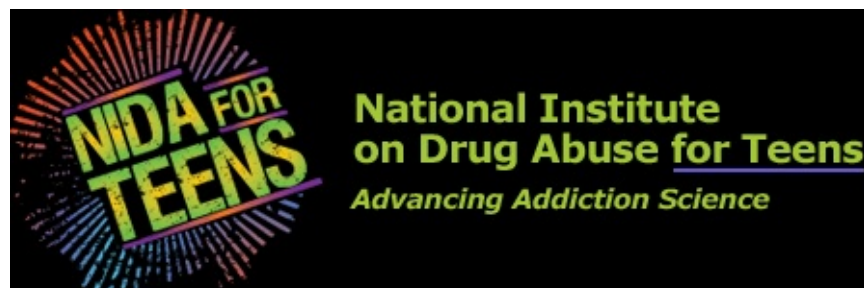
<http://jennifermoorefoundation.com/events/7th-annual-national-peer-program-conference/>.



**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](#)



FAQs about Marijuana



## *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.*