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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.

SAVE THE DATE!

15TH ANNUAL
FOCUS RALLY
MAKING A DIFFERENCE
2017
FOCUS

For Students in Grades 7-12
STI-PD offered for Educators
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 For more information and to register



Registration Opens April 1, 2017!
Visit <https://thefocusprogram.com/focus-rally>
for more information.

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



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FOCUS School of the Year

Deadline for submitting FOCUS School of the Year application is Tuesday, April 11, at midnight!

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 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.
3. The winner must be registered as a FOCUS School (register at 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 to share your event or success story.



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>.



The 45 Warning Signs Of Prescription Drug Abuse

Millions of people go to the doctor every year and receive prescriptions for medications to alleviate symptoms that interfere with their daily lives. However,

these life-saving medications are also incredibly dangerous if used incorrectly.

Intentional or accidental abuse of prescription drugs can occur with or without an actual prescription if taken in a dosage or by a method other than what was prescribed. In fact, some people use them for non-medical reasons to seek out the feelings and sensations they can cause when taken in high doses.

To view the full article please click here: <http://www.drugrehab.org/the-45-warning-signs-of-prescription-drug-abuse>.



Welcome to our new FOCUS Schools!

Baldwin County High School
Baldwin County

Chantideer Learning Center
Lee County

Douglas High School
Marshall County

Eufaula Elementary
Barbour County

Greene County High School
Greene County

Haleyville City Schools
Winston County

Rutledge Middle School
Jefferson County

Sulligent High School
Lamar County

And thank you to the schools who updated their information!

Fayette County High School
Fayette County

Horseshoe Bend School
Tallapoosa County

Paul W. Bryant High School
Tuscaloosa County

Reeltown High School
Tallapoosa County

Robert C. Hatch High School
Perry County

Sylacauga High School
Talladega County

The Donoho School
Calhoun County



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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 . 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.