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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.



Thank you for a successful 2017!



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**2017
FOCUS
T-SHIRT
SALE**

\$15 + SHIPPING
AND HANDLING

Email sjones@thefocusprogram.com
with the following information:
Name, Shipping address, Phone Number,
Quantity, Size(s) - Add \$2.00 for XXL and XXXL

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**Don't wait - order your
2017 FOCUS T-Shirt today!**



**Please be sure to register or update your
school for the 2017-2018 school year!**

You can register/update your school by clicking on the following link -
<https://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.*



Nominations Open for "DIFFERENCE MAKER" Award WIN \$1,000

We are in the process of rolling out a new award program! You will now be able to nominate your FOCUS Facilitator as a "Difference Maker!" The "Difference Maker" award program will take the place of the FOCUS School of the Year.

The Facilitator chosen as the "Difference Maker" will receive a \$1,000 cash to be used however they choose. The "Difference Maker" will be chosen based on their school's activities, their level of involvement with FOCUS, and the creation of successful prevention activities and events.

In order to be considered for the Difference Maker Contest your Facilitator must be nominated by April 13, 2018.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1.The FOCUS Facilitator must be nominated using the Difference Maker form, which can be found on our website at www.thefocusprogram.com.
- 2.The winner must be registered as a FOCUS Facilitator (register at www.thefocusprogram.com/registration).

Judging Criteria:

- 1.The school's FOCUS activities that were led by the Facilitator.
- 2.The Facilitators level of involvement with FOCUS throughout the year.
- 3.The Facilitator has demonstrated dedication and commitment to creating successful prevention activities and events.

Winner Will Receive:

- 1.The selected Difference Maker will receive \$1,000 cash to be used however they choose.

For more information on the program please contact Sue Jones at sjones@thefocusprogram.com.

For information on nominating a Facilitator as a difference maker please visit our website at www.thefocusprogram.com or contact April Freitag at afreitag@thefocusprogram.com

Follow FOCUS on social media at /alabamafocus:



Be sure to tag us on all your school's activities
by using the hashtag #ALABAMAFOCUS!



On January 9-11, 2018, the Alabama Campaign will deliver Education and Awareness Seminars on Reproductive Health in Birmingham, Montgomery, and Mobile. The seminars will focus on the legislative process, how to educate legislators about reproductive health issues, and how you can be involved in our 2018 Reproductive Health Advocacy Day.

Registration is OPEN until January 8, 2018:
Tuesday, January 9 in Birmingham
Wednesday, January 10 in Montgomery
Thursday, January 11 in Spanish Fort

These Education and Awareness Seminars are supported by Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR).

For more information visit their website at <http://acptp.org>.



National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week

January 22-28, 2018

For more information please visit:

<https://teens.drugabuse.gov/national-drug-alcohol-facts-week>

or

<https://www.drugabuse.gov>



END HEROIN BHM

February 24, 2018

For more information visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stopheroinbham/>.



Each year, the Department of Children's Affairs works with all sixty-seven of Alabama's CPCs to complete a Needs Assessment. The Alabama Children's Policy Councils were able to determine the top 3 issues that are affecting Alabama's children. #1 Substance Abuse, #2 Parental Involvement and Family Engagement and #3 Mental Health. Please see the map for a breakdown of the top needs. Also included is a snapshot of the top 3 needs that were reported from CPC's from across the state.

[Map of Needs for AL Counties](#)

[Snapshot of Top Three Needs](#)

To learn more please visit the CPC's website at <http://www.alcpc.org>.



Welcome to our new FOCUS Schools!

Crossville High School
DeKalb County



The 8th Annual National Conference will be held February 8-9 at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama.

The Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation produces the Annual National Peer Professionals' Conference to provide training for current and future Peer Program Coordinators. The conference attracts speakers, presenters, counselors, teachers, social workers, and nonprofit administrators from around the country.

This Conference provides a forum for adult Peer Program Coordinators to train, collaborate, and share best practices for Peer Helper Programs.

[For more information and to register please click here.](#)



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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.