

# InterConnections

*linking the ties that bind*

## Changing of the guard

During the August 15th Board meeting, the Network's appointed Nominating Committee announced a suggested slate of officers for the approaching fiscal year. When nominations were not offered from the floor, the committee's suggested slate became official.



*Emilyn Gipson,  
President-elect 2006-2007*

After serving two consecutive terms as President, Cullman County CAC (Brooks' Place) Director, Susan Martin will pass her duties to Director Emilyn Gipson of the CAC of East Alabama.

"Although I will not miss some aspects of the job of Board President, I admit there are a few projects and initiatives I hope the incoming officers will continue to pursue. Most of these would, I believe, provide some unified focus of effort for the centers represented by ANCAC, while simultaneously reducing the financial issues that tend to cloud our priorities at times. Emilyn Gipson, along with Lynn Hart, treasurer and Lori Lumsden (in her third term as secretary), has served on the Executive Committee this past year. Patty Steele and Cathy Pinion, though relatively new to the Network, have already exhibited their willingness to take an active role in the operation of ANCAC. All of them care, as I do, that the strengths and talents of our State Coordinator, Tara Johnson, and the members of the Board be utilized to their fullest advantage in order to face the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead."

In turn, Gipson is ready to take the reigns. She said her main focus will be in the promotion of the Network on a statewide level.

## InterConnections: ANCAC pens new publication, keeps directors abreast

The American Heritage Dictionary says, *inter-connect* means: "To connect or be connected with each other."

With that defined, welcome to *InterConnections*, the newest ANCAC publication.

This newsletter will arrive in your electronic Inbox once a month. It's designed to allow us to have a more consistent, frequent and organized interaction with one another. If you would like to see a specific

topic mentioned, please e-mail us. Since this is a first for ANCAC, the format is subject to change. I guess you can call this another of our Pilots! It is developing and meeting an underserved need.

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### Just to remind you...

- Next ANCAC Board of Directors' Meeting: 10 a.m. October 17th, 2006 at the ANCAC office
- Please send us pictures and articles about happenings at or in honor of your center
- You can call us toll-free: 1-888-848-3468



## Digital library offers easy online access to resources

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For more than a year, the National Children's Advocacy Center Research Library has been collecting electronic resources, databases and online journals that can benefit Children's Advocacy Centers in their mission of preventing and responding to child abuse. This Digital Library on child abuse includes many resources that are open access and easily retrieved from the NCAC Web site.

The Digital Library collections also include resources that are governed by copyright law, which restricts access. These resources include professional databases and online journals. As a result, measures must be implemented to limit access to these resources. The Digital Library now has set up and tested the technology to make these resources available to you.

The Southern Regional CAC is initiating access to this valuable collection of resources to the 17 states of our region. Because these resources are limited access, you must register for access and agree to comply with copyright restrictions governing ac-

cess and use of the resources.

All Accredited and Associate CACs in the Southern Region are eligible for access to these resources. Developing CACs should contact their State Chapter for assistance with their information needs.

Eligible CACs will receive a Username and Password for access to the collections when they register.

All members of the multidisciplinary team of eligible CACs can use the Username and Password, if they sign the agreement to comply with copyright restrictions.

The Digital Library resources provided through this program are part of the collections of the NCAC Research Library. Access to these collections for Chapters and CACs is made possible in part through support from the four Regional CACs. There is no access charge for Chapters and CACs.

The registration process takes a bit of time and effort on your part. It is easy, but cannot be completed at a

moment's notice. So you should sign up now in anticipation of the times in the future when you will want access.

Simply complete the Registration Form linked at the end of this e-mail message and mail it to the SRCAC using the address on the form. You will receive a confirming email with your Username and Password.

The professional resources provided to you through the NCAC Research Library can help keep up to date with current best practices and research, to answer questions that arise in your efforts to prevent and respond to abuse, and to improve your efforts to secure funding through grants and legislation.

Copy and paste into your web browser to download.

<http://www.nationalcac.org/professionals/srcac/CAC-Registration-Form.pdf>

## Continuing your education in the workplace

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### • **Cultural Diversity Training**

Sponsored by: SRCAC

When: Sept. 29; 8:30 AM-Noon

Where: NCAC

Presenter: *Kenneth Anderson, MS of Maximum Life Enhancements*

Cost: **FREE**; first come first serve

Deadline: Sept. 27

Info.: [dwoodard@nationalcac.org](mailto:dwoodard@nationalcac.org)

### • **Why is he doing that? Inside the Minds of Angry Men**

Sponsored by: *Rose Haven Center for Domestic Violence, Mt. View Hospital and Etowah Co. Council on DV*

When: Oct. 20; 9 AM- 4 PM

Where: *Senior Activity Center, 623*

*Broad St. Gadsden, AL*

Presenter: *Lundy Bancroft, Batterer Intervention Specialist*

Cost: **Varies**

Call: 256-546-9265, ext. 123 or 125

Deadline: Sept. 27

### • **Southern Region Basic Medical Training**

Sponsored by: *Southern Regional and Midwest Regional CACs*

When: Nov. 5-7

Presenter: *Lundy Bancroft, Batterer Intervention Specialist*

Tuition: \$199.00

Call: *Darlene at 256-327-3753*

Deadline: Oct. 6

### • **Cultural Diversity Training**

Sponsored by: *DV Violence Response Coalitions of Colbert and Lauderdale Counties*

When: Oct. 11, 8 AM

Where: *Brandon Center, 1701 Cole Ave. Florence, AL*

Presenter: *Lt. Mark Wynn*

Tuition: \$15.00

Info.: 256-767-3076 or

[preventionprogram@gmail.com](mailto:preventionprogram@gmail.com)

Deadline: Oct. 4

## Calling for applications: 2007 NCA grants

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The National Children's Alliance (NCA) is looking forward to receiving your grant application.

Meanwhile NCA is offering a new method for receiving applications.

According to a message from NCA, "We are thrilled to tell you that the on-line application system for non-competitive grants is ready for your application! We have included a short power point on the website ([www.nca-online.org](http://www.nca-online.org)) that will walk you through the system."

The agency will only accept on-line applications for Program Support and Chapter Support Grants. Paper applications will not be accepted.

The deadline for competitive applications has closed, and the deadline for Program Support and Chapter Support Grants is 5 p.m. on October 6.

## HHS services opens new resources gateway

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The Child Welfare Information Gateway (formerly the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information and the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse) was recently renamed and reintroduced by the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The Gateway is an online portal that connects visitors to information and resources concerning the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families. Visit [www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov).

The Child Welfare Information Gateway provides access to information and resources to help protect children and strengthen families. Some of the features of this informative gateway include: an on-line library with more than 48,000 documents, more than 130 Information Gateway publications, and free subscription services.

Questions may be addressed to the customer service center at [info@childwelfare.gov](mailto:info@childwelfare.gov) or, toll free, at 800-394-3366.

## Now available

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### ♦ 2006 Alabama Kids Count Book

It is a county-by-county data driven study that reports on the well-being of Alabama's children. The Data Book examines the conditions of children and families using the most recent data available for 19 different measures.

### ♦ 2003 Annual Report of the Alabama Child Death Review System

This report is a compilation of findings from Local Child Death Review Teams whose tasks are to: 1) identify factors that put a child at risk of injury or death; 2) share information among agencies that provide services to children and families or that investigate child deaths; 3) improve local investigations of unexpected/unexplained child deaths by participating agencies; 4) improve existing services and systems while identifying gaps in the community that require additional services; 5) identify trends relevant to unexpected/unexplained child injury and death; and 6) educate the public about the causes of child injury and death while also defining the public's role in helping to prevent such tragedies.

## Network Neighborhood News

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- **Welcome Joe!** - Retired Alabama State Trooper Joe Nabors has joined the Network as the executive director of the Calhoun/Cleburne Children's Center. Joe's e-mail address is [cccnabors@bellsouth.net](mailto:cccnabors@bellsouth.net). Joe, we hope to meet you at the October Board of Director's meeting.
- **Keep in touch-** Darla Graves has announced her resignation from the Alabama Coalition Against Rape, effective at the end of October. Darla and her husband are moving to Ft. Pierce, Florida. ACAR will soon begin the search for a new director. Darla will be missed.
- **Opening-** Turning Point Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Services, in Tuscaloosa, is seeking the perfect candidate to serve as a full-time executive director. This position requires a Master's degree in social work, psychology, or related field with a minimum of three years of relevant work experience in a managerial capacity. As Turning Point serves sexual assault victims, prefers a party with experience related to shelter administration and violence against women. The perfect candidate must be willing to relocate to the Tuscaloosa, Alabama area. Competitive salary and benefits. Applications will be accepted until October 4, 2006. Send resume and salary history/requirements in confidence to: Turning Point, Attn: Human Resources, P.O. Box 1165, Tuscaloosa, AL 35403. Turning Point is an equal opportunity employer. For more details about this position, e-mail Tara, [tjohnson@alabamacacs.org](mailto:tjohnson@alabamacacs.org).

Our mission is possible...



The Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers promotes the multidisciplinary process in fostering an abuse-free society for Alabama's children and supports the development of the children's advocacy center model through public awareness, training and networking.

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