

InterConnections

linking the ties that bind

State Coordinator's message



Well, let's just say that the past few weeks have been hectic, but I think we have all survived.

This issue of *InterConnections* is abbreviated, but full of important information, so please squeeze in a few minutes to read it as you balance budgets, administer prevention education programs, answer telephones, preside over MDT meetings and comfort families all in one day.

On top of wading through what seemed like a zillion budget forms due to various state agencies and attending an assortment of meetings (*See Network Neighborhood News, page 3*), this week I received Laura's letter of resignation.

After sharing space in the Alabama State Trooper Association office for four years, she has decided to manage their business full-time. Laura's last day with the Network is **November 17th**. During her last week of employment with the Network, she will be in the office by herself while I am in Winona, Minnesota for the conference *Finding Words: Interviewing Children and Preparing for Court* from **November 12-18th**.

Maybe some of you can find a moment to wish Laura well in her new endeavor.

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Just to remind you...

- Next ANCAC Board of Directors' Meeting: 10 a.m. **January 16th, 2007** 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**

Rep. Davis mulls Sessions challenge

One day after Democrats won control of at least one chamber of Congress, U.S. Rep. Artur Davis, D-Birmingham, said he is mulling a 2008 challenge to U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Mobile.

"I've had individuals talk to me about that possibility," Davis, the only black member of Alabama's congressional delegation, said in a phone interview today. "What I will do is make an assessment of whether I think a race will be viable."

That assessment will involve polling, Davis said, and will also consider whether he could raise enough money to run competitively against Sessions, who has about \$1.5 million in his campaign account, according to a disclosure report filed last month. If he did decide to run, Davis said, the campaign would have to begin by early next summer.

"Ultimately, the choice I have to make is where I can have the best opportunity to pursue the kind of change I want for Alabama."

Sessions is rounding out a second six-year term in the Senate. A spokesman had no immediate comment on Davis' remarks early this afternoon.

- Sean Reilly, posted at 12:41 p.m., Wednesday, November 8, 2006

Taken from the Mobile Press Register www.al.com site.

Continuing your education in the workplace

• **Sexual Assault: A Prosecutor's Perspective**

Sponsored by: *Alabama Coalition Against Rape and the Auburn University Outreach Program Office*

When: *Nov. 16th; 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Nov. 17; 8 a.m. -4:15 p.m.*

Where: *Auburn*

Presenters: *Multiple*

Cost: *The conference fee is \$50 if registration is received by November 9, 2006. After that date, if space is available, the fee will be \$75 to register. The conference fee covers instruction, materials, breaks,*

Info.: *Application has been made for attorneys successfully completing all sessions to be awarded 11.75 hours of CLE credit by the Alabama State Bar Association*

FOUR EASY WAYS TO REGISTER:

FAX registration form to 334-844-3101

CALL with your information to 334-844-5100

WEB www.auburn.edu/outreach/acar

MAIL form to ACAR, 301 OD Smith Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5608

Cancellation requests must be placed in writing and received at the Outreach Program Office seven days before the start of the program for a refund minus a \$15 administrative charge. Refund requests postmarked after November 9, 2006 will not be honored.

Network Neighborhood News

In the mail– For the first time in a few years, the first installment of the General Fund allocation arrived before December! The check for your center should arrive in your mailbox by **Tuesday, Nov. 14.**

Children's Justice mini-grant applications– are due from Multidisciplinary Teams to the CJTF no later than **Nov. 13, 2006.**

National Children's Advocacy Center– has extend the deadline to receive Early Bird registration rates for the **23rd National Symposium on Child Abuse.** This offer is extended to the 24 Full-member AN-CAC members and the ANCAC's five Pilot Projects. Information: **256.327.3863.**

Family Advocate needed– at the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy in Dothan. Resumes, with references, will be accepted through **Monday, Nov. 20, 2006.** Mail resumes to: Child Advocacy Center, P. O. Box 8781, Dothan, AL 36304 or FAX resumes to 334-677-1767.

Don't forget this resource - The Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission will help fund various expenses. Contact Claims Manager Sandy Perillard for specific information. Her e-mail address is: sandy.perrillard@acvcc.alabama.gov or call her at 334-290-4420. Web site: <http://www.acvcc.state.al.us/contact.htm>

ANCAC submitted the following reports or applications to various entities in the past month:

Executive Budget Office: Budget Request (Fiscal Year 2008), Nov. 1

SMART Office: Budget Request (Fiscal Year 2008), Nov. 1

National Children's Alliance: Chapter Update, Nov. 3 (to be published in the NCA Fall newsletter)

Recent activities and meetings:

Alabama Coalition Against Rape: Sexual Assault Task Force, meeting

Attorney General's Task Force on Domestic Violence Protocol, meeting and press conference

Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Staff Development, presentation

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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