



April 15, 2010

Registration deadline for the 7th Annual Rally for Awareness is April 22, 2010! Register Now!

Rally for Awareness (<http://www.thefocusprogram.com/rally-for-awareness/>)

Register online at [www.thefocusprogram.com/rally-for-awareness!](http://www.thefocusprogram.com/rally-for-awareness/)



Wear comfortable clothes and shoes to the Rally. We will be moving!!! Join in the jump rope and hula hoop competition. Learn more at www.letsmove.gov.

7th Annual Rally for Awareness Brochure

(<http://www.thefocusprogram.com/uploadedFiles/2010%20Rally%20Brochure.pdf>)

Jeh Jeh Pruitt, FOX 6, will be Master of Ceremonies and Keynote Speaker for Opening Session!

When: April 29, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.: Sign-in and Pictures of Individual Schools Groups

9:00 a.m.: General Assembly begins PROMPTLY

1:45 p.m.: Dismissal

Where: Shocco Springs Conference Center in Talladega, AL

\$10.00 Registration Fee Per Person (Includes Lunch, Materials, and T-shirt)\

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Welcome to Our New FOCUS Schools!

Oneonta High School
Blount County

The FOCUS Program website has been recently updated! Visit the Participating Schools (<http://thefocusprogram.com/focus-schools/>) webpage and you can view all participating schools by their county!



JULY 22, 2010

FOCUS Facilitator Training
Alabama Power Company Water Shed Conference Center
In Clanton, AL



The FOCUS Programs wants to acknowledge your school's hard work through our new FOCUSED & Featured section!

The FOCUSED & Featured section of The FOCUS Program was created to acknowledge schools that have implemented the FOCUS Program within their school and, as a result, have created a successful prevention (of HIV/AIDS and other adolescent risk behaviors) activity or project that they would like to share with others.

Each month a school will be selected out of the entries and will be highlighted in the upcoming month's FOCUS eNewsletter. In order to submit your school's successful prevention activity or project simply fill out the FOCUSED & Featured Form ([http://www.thefocusprogram.com/uploadedFiles/Focused%20&%20Featured%20Form\(4\).pdf](http://www.thefocusprogram.com/uploadedFiles/Focused%20&%20Featured%20Form(4).pdf)) and email the completed form to April Smith (asmith@thefocusprogram.com). In

order to be considered for the upcoming month's eNewsletter all FOCUSED & Featured Forms must be submitted by the **7th of each month.**



Health observances are days, weeks, or months devoted to promoting particular health concerns. Teachers, students, community groups, and others can use these special times to sponsor health promotion events, stimulate awareness of health risks, or focus on disease prevention. Materials available from sponsoring organizations range from a single flyer to packets of promotional materials. For more information on monthly health observances visit the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services website (www.healthfinder.gov/nho).

April Health Observances

- 1-30: Alcohol Awareness Month
- 1-30: National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- 1-30: National Minority Health Awareness Month
- 1-30: National Youth Sports Safety Month
- 1-30: Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
- 5-11: National Public Health Week
- 7: World Health Day

May Health Observances

- 1-31: Clean Air Month
- 1-31: Hepatitis Awareness Month
- 1-31: Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month
- 1-31: National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month
- 1-31: National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month
- 1-7: National Physical Education and Sport Week
- 2-8: Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
- 18: HIV Vaccine Awareness Day
- 31: World No Tobacco Day



The FOCUS Program is now on Facebook!
(<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=49776916454>) Become a member of our group and join us in the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other adolescent risk behaviors!

For more information and assistance with your prevention efforts please utilize the following web sites.



Have you been to our website recently? Be sure to check it out at www.thefocusprogram.com!

The FOCUS Program's 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 the FOCUS Program and the opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the official position, policies or views of the FOCUS Program.