



May 20, 2010



FOCUS Program Facilitator Training on July 29, 2010

Join us on July 29th at 9:00am at the Clanton Conference Center for a FOCUS Program Facilitator Training! Lunch will be provided.

For more information view the hyperlinked eFlyer (<http://www.thefocusprogram.com/uploadedFiles/File/FOCUSFacilitatorTrainingeFlyer2010.pdf>).

Register early (before school is out) at www.thefocusprogram.com!



Congratulations to **Benjamin Russell High School** for winning the FOCUS Program's PSA Contest addressing childhood obesity in Alabama!



Rally for Awareness

Students from fourteen counties were among the 340 students who recently attended the Focus Program's "Rally for Awareness" held at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center on April 29, 2010. The Rally focused on the prevention of adolescent risk behaviors identified by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Select the hyperlink to view the full news release (<http://www.thefocusprogram.com/uploadedFiles/File/Rally2010NewsRelease.pdf>).



Register for the 2010-2011 School Year to update FOCUS information!



7th Annual Alabama Youth Council (AYC) will be held on September 14, 2010!



Welcome to Our New FOCUS Schools!

Holtville High School
Elmore 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!



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).

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

June Health Observances

- 1: July 4 Fireworks Safety Month
- 6: National Cancer Survivors Day
- 6-12: Sun Safety Week
- 20-26: Lightning Safety Week
- 21: National ASK Day
- 27: National HIV Testing Day

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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!

Thank you for a successful school year and have a safe summer!

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.