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SPECIAL EVENT THIS TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

*“State Focuses on Advancing Student and Family Support Services during
2021 Alabama Mental Health Services Coordinator Launch Conference”*

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WHAT:

- The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) Prevention and Student Support Services Section is hosting an important professional development event for local educators statewide, focused on the vital role and significance of mental health services for students and families. *Media members are invited to attend.*

Tracie West
District II

WHEN:

- **Tuesday**, September 21, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday**, September 22, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Stephanie Bell
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WHERE:

- The Bryant Conference Center – Tuscaloosa
240 Paul W. Bryant Drive Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487

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WHO:

State officials and top representatives from these organizations are hosting this effort:

- Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention – Children’s Trust Fund
- Alabama State Department of Education
- Alabama Department of Mental Health
- Alabama Education Association
- Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers
- Alabama Helping Families Initiatives
- Alabama 2021 Legislative Session
- Alabaster City Schools
- RHITHYM.APP
- School Social Work Association of Alabama
- ThriveWay
- University of Alabama, School of Social Work
- University of Alabama Regional In-Service Center
- The Parent Project

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Some of the featured workshops and events to take place during this exciting two day event:

- Presentations by respected state educators including Dr. Kay Atchison Warfield of the Alabama State Department of Education Prevention and Support Services area.
- Special messages from State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Eric Mackey, and Assistant State Superintendent Terry Roller.
- A special presentation by Commissioner Kim Boswell of the Alabama Department of Mental Health.
- Informative and engaging workshops and many other professional development opportunities for Alabama educators and mental health coordinators.

See the full conference and event agenda at the following link:

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