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**Taking Charge
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July 22-24, 2010
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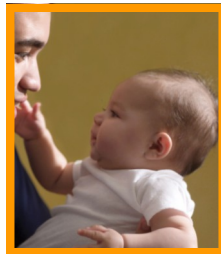
Join your colleagues from across the state for an extraordinary professional development experience. **Taking Charge of Change** will bring together Alabama's key stakeholders and policy leaders in Early Care and Education. Participants will explore the components of important initiatives and policy issues, and learn about individual and organizational change and the leaders role as a change agent.

Substantive change or trendy talk? Is there really a shift in national early care and education policy? From equity to excellence? From increasing access to services to an emphasis on school readiness? Research supports policy that inter-connects the goals of excellence, coherence and equity.

Through a town hall format, participants will engage presenters, guests and each other in dialogue about these important issues and how changes proposed will impact the work of directors, teachers, and other early childhood educators.

Facilitator – Trainer, Cathy Cole, M.S.

An accomplished professional with more than 30 years of experience in Early Care and Education, Cathy has had the privilege of working with children and families in private programs, Head Start, and California State Preschool programs. Mrs. Cole currently is an independent ECE consultant often working as a representative presenter of Kaplan Early Learning Company at professional conferences and instructional events. Since 2000, as a facilitator for Dr. Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and 4 Roles of Leadership, she has developed and enhanced the leadership skills and abilities of professionals throughout our Early Childhood Education field.



Program

Thursday, July 22, 2010

1:30 PM – Welcoming Remarks followed by:

Preparing for Change: State Initiatives and Programs

An overview of state programs and initiatives, including the Professional Development Plan, the Quality Rating Information System, Early Learning Guidelines, Quality Enhancement Activities, and child care funding outlook under the direction of the Department of Human Resources; and the Alabama First Class Program under the direction of the Office of School Readiness. (Guest panelists)

5:00 PM – Networking Reception

Friday, July 23, 2010

8:30 AM – Opening Remarks followed by:

9:00 AM – Developing Leadership

Sometimes we may choose to lead and in other circumstances we are pushed into leadership. Whether you want to lead or are selected to lead, how you demonstrate your leadership will determine how successful you will be and how successful those who follow you will become. During this session, Cathy Cole will lead participants through the roles of leaderships assisting them in learning how to refine their abilities to become a leader others want to follow.

**12:00 NOON – Lunch with Special Guest Speaker
Donna Watts, Director
South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce**

Investing in Early Childhood Programs. The Business Council of Alabama (BCA), Alabama's leading business and industry advocate representing nearly three-quarters of a million working Alabamians has stated its commitment to building on-the-ground support for programs that yield returns for the health, prosperity and future of our communities by investing in our children. What is the expected outcomes from this investment. Are our early care and education service providers and programs ready?

1:30 PM – Children's Initiatives & Evolving National Policy
Information and insight into current policy and program discussions with implications for the early care and education field. Included will be a review of the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Listening Tour on Early Learning. Phyllis Kalifeh, Executive Director/CEO, the Children's Forum, Guest

3:30 PM – Adjourn

Saturday, July 23, 2010

8:30 AM – Opening Remarks followed by:

Framing the Issues - In an increasingly competitive environment, how do we get our messages heard? How do we develop messages that build public support for early care and education, both locally and statewide? Learn the importance of framing and participate in demonstrating its application using critical early care and education issues in Alabama. Linda Tilly, Executive Director, Voices for Alabama's Children, Guest

10:45 AM – Considering Challenges: Planning for Change. Breakout groups work together to identify challenges for family day care homes, classroom teachers, and center administration. Group leaders will facilitate discussion about how we move forward to bring about positive change and celebrate successes.

11:45 AM – Working Lunch

1:30 PM – Taking Charge of Change

Closing Presentation by Cathy Cole. Dismiss.

*Candidates for State Offices have been invited to discuss their ECE platform and may join discussions throughout the Institute program.

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