



“Every Alabama child will have the opportunity to succeed in life”

TO: Advocates of Young Children
FROM: Michele Smith Piggott, Smart Start Director
RE: *Joining Hands for Week of the Young Child*

The Alabama Partnership for Children is coordinating the seventh annual *Joining Hands for Week of the Young Child* event that is designed to bring attention to the needs of young children ages birth to five to local and state decision makers. In order to do so, we have asked child advocates across the state to have anyone that works with young children submit handprints that the children have traced and decorated. **These handprints will be delivered to the State House in Montgomery, AL to be posted in Alabama Legislative offices on Thursday, April 14th.**

We hope that you will be able to join us in Montgomery on **April 14th** to help us in delivering the handprints and the *Week of the Young Child* message, *Early Years Are Learning Years*, to State Legislators. Anyone planning to attend should complete the enclosed attendance fax back form and return to the APC by April 12th, 2011.

We are very excited about celebrating *Week of the Young Child* and it is our hope that you will find a way to support these efforts. Logistics for the day are below:

Joining Hands for Week of the Young Child

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Location: Alabama Department of Children’s Affairs
135 South Union Street, Suite 215
Montgomery, Alabama

Agenda

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. General information and prepare packets to deliver to legislators
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Deliver handprints
12:00 noon – 12:15 p.m. Reconvene at Department of Children’s Affairs for wrap up

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments regarding *Joining Hands for Week of the Young Child* by calling toll-free (866) 711-4025 (For Zero to Five).

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