Books, Balls, and Blocks Replication

Books, Balls, and Blocks (BBB) events are exciting, fun, and a perfect way to engage parents, children, and the community in play, identifying any young children with developmental concerns, and connecting those children to local resources. The guide has been created to give you (an organizer, host, or sponsor), a very clear idea of what a BBB entails.

There are many different ways to engage families, and BBB has a very specific format and purpose. A full BBB event should include all of the following elements: a minimum of 6 activity stations with age appropriate materials and equipment for children and families to participate in; at least 16 volunteers and staff who have a comprehensive orientation and pre-training (BBBs with less volunteers should also have less activity stations); access to ASQ-3 developmental screenings and results with thoroughly trained staff/volunteers to score screenings, share results, and to connect families to appropriate resources; and parent/guardian permission at sign-in to participate in developmental screening and share through Help Me Grow. It is essential for Alabama’s implementation of Help Me Grow and Strengthening Families, two national models, that BBBs accomplish the same goals of identification and connection to services throughout the state and that data from BBBs be consistently and regularly integrated in the Help Me Grow database.

If you are interested in conducting a BBB, please contact the Alabama Partnership for Children so we can partner with you or connect you with a local partner who has experience with the event. Our goal is to fully embed the professional development, training, implementation guide, and materials into local programs so that these can become regular events across the state. Please complete the following contact form and someone from the Alabama Partnership for Children will be in touch with you within 2 business days.
Books, Balls, and Blocks Alabama Response Form

FAX: (334) 271-0315
Email: info@smartstartalabama.org
Mail: Attention BBB
2529 Bell Road, Montgomery, AL 36117

I am interested in hosting/supporting a Books, Balls, and Blocks event in my community.

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(First) (Last) (Organization)

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(City) (Zip)

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(Email) (Phone Number)

Preferred contact method (circle one): Email Phone

Please provide any comments regarding how you found out about BBB or specific questions you may have:

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