

- **Alabama Identified as a National Leader for Accountability**
Many states have family resource centers, but Alabama is one of the first to implement accountability standards. In fact, Alabama is the only known state to have signed into law standards of accountability for family resource centers. The Alabama Network brings positive focus to Alabama and serves as a national model for replication of accountability standards.
- **Helping Alabama Meet Federal Expectations and Mandates**
As with all states, certain federal expectations must be met in order for the state to receive federal funding dollars and to self- direct as a state, independent of intense federal involvement. The Alabama Network helps the state meet these expectations in a wide range of issues such as welfare reform and welfare-to-work initiatives. Additionally, through its work with families and partnership with state agencies, the Alabama Network assists the state in achieving compliance with federal mandates such as the R.C. decree involving the Alabama Department of Human Resources. The member sites of the Alabama Network are ready to leverage federal dollars through quality service, and are prepared to implement needed programs, identify options, and discover new possibilities that promote a shared vision for Alabama's families.
- **Inter-agency partnerships are enhanced, reducing duplication of services and maximizing funding**
As financial and other resources continue to become tighter and more subject to proven impact standards, the Alabama Network stands ready to bring accountability and impact data to the forefront. Family resource centers link agencies, services, and programs within a community together to maximize funding dollars and prevent service duplication and overlap. The Alabama Network expands this partnership by linking all the state's family resource centers together, allowing the State of Alabama to provide high quality services to families while reducing service duplication.
- **Ensuring Alabama's Citizens Receive Quality Services**
All families deserve to receive high quality services. Member sites of the Alabama Network must compliance with the 25 quality membership standards each and every year. Endorsement of a family resource center by the Alabama Network helps guarantee that a family receives quality services.
- **Increasing Alabama's ability to leverage outside dollars**
The ability of Alabama Network member sites to leverage outside funds into the State of Alabama is enhanced through membership in an organization that ensures accountability. Additionally, attracting new businesses and families to a community is enhanced when a community can deliver quality social service through the proven family resource center model.
- **Family Resource Centers offer a Message of Promise for Alabama**
Family resource centers have proven their importance in Alabama. They offer a model of social services that works for service- seeking families as well as for agencies and communities. The Alabama Network's commitment to quality standards and on- going accountability is a strong message of promise for the future of strengthening Alabama's families.