



# Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers

## Return On Investment Allocation

### The Why?

The Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers are:

- Comprehensive
- Preventive
- Family centered and family driven
- Integrated across agencies (no duplication of services)
- Developmental
- Flexible

The family resource center model is: “An entrepreneurial venture in human capacity building”. (Mary Jolley) Self-sufficiency/independence is the foundation upon which this model was created.

Creating “learning communities” across this state to assure economic development and job creation through the family resource centers has impacted in virtually every department of state and local government, providing creative and alternative resources and supports to assure that, at the community level, individuals and families have the greatest opportunity for success. The success of these strategies has resulted in improved economic, education, health/healthcare and safety outcomes for children and families and those investments have earned dividends for this State.

In 2008 the Alabama Legislature created a “Services for Alabama Families Study Commission” charged with several duties: to study various issues related to family services; to gather information about services provided by the different family services programs in the state; and to examine the funding sources and funding limitations of the programs in the state. In addition, the Commission was to review accountability and quality measures, while compiling and analyzing data related to service delivery and to make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor regarding said services and funding.

This Commission, representing a broad range of state services, studied the impact of these services, conducted a Return on Investment Analysis and considered measures for assuring sustainable fiscal resources generated at the community and state levels. The following information provides a look at how the Alabama Network of Family Resources Centers has impacted state agencies both fiscally and economically through family support, education and job placement and creation.

## **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

- Employability skills training
- Job Search
- Leadership development
- Assessment for job readiness
- How to Interview for a Job
- Auxiliary services such as day care, transportation
- Micro-enterprise development to create jobs
- GED preparation
- Pre/post employment training
- Entrepreneurial training
- Job placement
- Tax preparation
- Income Tax Credit application preparation
- Access to resources such as utilities, rent and other basic needs
- 211
- Information and referral

## **ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Parenting Education
- Family support
- Case management
- Child Care
- Fatherhood
- Access to child support
- Paternity Testing
- Family preservation
- Prevention of out of home placements
- Job creation
- Employment training
- Information and referral
- Transportation
- Access to resources such as food assistance, TANF, JOBS, etc.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE

- Maternal and Child Health
- Parenting Education
- Access to health insurance
- Case Management
- Rural Health Outreach
- Indigent Clinics
- Information and referral
- Access to prescription medication
- Disease management
- Disease prevention
- Obesity, diabetes and other chronic disease prevention education
- Transportation
- Access to a medical home

## DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

- Alternatives to incarceration
- Parent education
- Case management
- Information and referral
- Community Service placements
- Transportation

## DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

- Prevention education related to ATOD (alcohol, tobacco and other drugs)
- Information and referral
- Counseling
- Violence prevention education
- Transportation

## DEPARTMENT OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION

- Parenting Education
- School-based education
- Case management
- Resource access
- Marriage and relationship training
- Abuse and neglect prevention education
- Parental leadership training
- Resource development
- Domestic Violence support, education, advocacy and victim counseling

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Early Intervention Service, Afterschool, Credit Recovery, ATOD and Drop Prevention
- Information and referral
- McKinney Veto (homeless resources access)
- Mentoring
- Parenting Education
- Remedial education and tutoring
- Family support and advocacy
- Prevention education (bullying, drugs, tobacco)
- Tutoring
- Social networking
- Transportation

## DEPARTMENT OF POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Employment skills training and related job skills development (employability)
- GED training

## FAMILY AND JUVENILE COURT

- Parenting Education
- Youth intervention/prevention education
- Alternative sentencing resources
- Community Service placements

## DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

- Prescription/medication assistance access
- Access to health insurance and related decision making
- In-home support
- Transportation
- Meals on Wheels

## COST SAVINGS

- \$ Cost of high rates of unemployment and job access;
- \$ Cost of remedial education
- \$ Cost of foster care
- \$ Cost of child abuse and neglect
- \$ Cost of juvenile incarceration
- \$ Cost of adult incarceration
- \$ Cost of special education
- \$ Cost of mental illness
- \$ Cost of drug and alcohol abuse and treatment
- \$ Cost of dropping out of school
- \$ Cost of nursing home care
- \$ Cost of indigent healthcare
- \$ Cost of obesity and other chronic diseases

***Cost of living in poverty! Cost of unemployment!***