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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor Certification Training

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Special Education Services Section (SES), is pleased to announce the Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor Certification Training during MEGA Conference 2019, held July 15-19, 2019, in Mobile, AL. The Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor Certification Training is a five-day course that introduces the interactive eight-hour training course, overviews adult learning styles and teaching strategies, and provides in-depth instruction on implementing and managing this evidence-based program.

To become an instructor, participants must demonstrate mastery of the program through a written test and an evaluated presentation. Only participants who have been present for the entire five-day training will be certified as a Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor.

Registration for the Instructor Certification Training is limited to 30 participants. The local education agencies (LEAs) are asked to only recommend one individual who has a background/experience in working with School-Based Mental Health Collaboration, counseling, or providing services for students with social and emotional needs. Additionally, this individual must have flexibility within his or her schedule and the ability to work well with representatives from outside agencies.

Please forward the MEGA 2019 Youth First Aid link to anyone interested in attending the training. This training does not require MEGA Conference registration, and the registration fee will be covered by SES.

The registration deadline is May 10, 2019, and the selection of participants will be completed by May 17, 2019. The participant who is selected and confirmed by his/her supervisor will be informed via email of their commitment to represent the LEA as a Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Tina Sanders by telephone at 334-694-4782 or by email at tsanders1@alsde.edu.

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