



The State Chapter of the Federation of Families

The Ally

A Families As Allies Newsletter

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The Story of the Door



Our Youth M.O.V.E Chapter painted this door several years ago, and it became our focal piece of artwork as well as our inspiration. Every day it reminds us to open the door to each new opportunity that awaits us. Those opportunities bring us great joy, especially when we greet them hand-in-hand with families throughout the state.

Join Us for the 2015 JFP Chick Ball

11th Annual
JFP CHICK BALL
PREVENT, PROTECT, EMPOWER
Join the JFP Chick Ball in celebrating 11 Years of helping metro families break the cycle of domestic abuse.

Saturday, July 18, 2015
6 p.m. to Midnight
Hal & Mal's in Downtown Jackson

\$5 | 18+

Line Up:

6 - 10: Silent Auction	8:00: Best Dressed Awards
6:10: The Delicate Cycle	8:05: Chick/Hero Awards
7:10: The Nellie Mack Project <small>(Featuring Falisa Jenaye)</small>	9:00: Victoria Cross and Friends
	10:00: Time to Move

Come out to Hal & Mal's from 6pm to Midnight this Saturday, June 18, the the 11th Annual [JFP Chick Ball](#). All proceeds will benefit the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Funds raised at the event will provide emergency funding or the 13 shelters throughout Mississippi that receive support from the coalition. Visit [MCADV](#) for more information on the organization and how you can get involved.



This year we're honored to have our very own Executive Director, Joy Hogge, recognized as one of the [Jackson Free Press](#)' "Ten Chicks We Love".

HAPPENINGS



Our Children's Mental Health Awareness Day was a success. Thanks to Fondren's First Thursday for their overwhelming support. With over 25 partner participants many lives were touched and a great time was had by all.

(click photos in the link for more pictures)



DisAbility MegaConference

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Popular on Facebook

The Dark Side Parenting a Special Needs Child

My Mother's Suicide

Hearings Scheduled on Mississippi School Funding Initiative

Not one to crave the spotlight, Joy believes this honor is about all of us- the board, staff, supporters, and above all the FAMILIES of Families as Allies. She shares, "Every day all of you work tirelessly to make sure that families are partners in their children's care so that All of our children can grow up to reach their potential and be successful. We deserve to celebrate and support a very important cause."

With that said, we hope to see you all there. Dress is causal and admission is \$5. And men- this isn't just about chicks. We want everyone there, plus it's a great opportunity for men to learn how they can be "stand-up, not stand-by guys" and help stop domestic violence. For more information visit www.jfpchickball.com.

Training Started for Early Childhood Partnership with the City of Jackson



Families as Allies, in partnership with Mississippi Families for Kids and the City of Jackson, received a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that will allow the City to expand its services for young children. The grant, one of only 22 awarded nationwide in 2014, provides funding to the city and to the organizations to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families.

This past April we hosted an interactive session designed to prepare mental health practitioners and other clinicians who treat disorders of infancy and early childhood, diagnose mental health and developmental disorders of very young children. Participants were introduced to and received practice in using the DC: 0-3 multiaxial system, the first training of its kind in Mississippi.



Karen A. Frankel, Ph.D., IMH-E (IV-C) conducted the training. Dr. Frankel is an associate professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics and is the director of the Irving Harris Program at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She is also the executive director of the Fussy Baby Network Colorado and the Harris Healthy Infant Program.

Participants learned the recommended process for diagnosing very young children, and became familiar with multiaxial diagnostic systems for infants and toddlers, similarities and differences between DSM and the DC:0-3 diagnostic system. They also practiced DC: 0-3 guided clinical thinking and diagnostic decision making for very young children, understanding stressors affecting young children from a developmental perspective, and using DC: 0-3 checklists and rating scales.

Congratulations to our 2015 Graduates and their Families



In their own words, our graduates share their journey:

"With Families as Allies' help I have successfully graduated class of 2015 and my journey is still not ended. I will be going to college in the fall. There is one person in particular that I can honestly say she tried to help me and she succeeded in what she promised. That is Ms. Coreaner Price. Thanks."

"Over the years Families as Allies has been a strong

supporter in my life. Because of Families as Allies I have successfully graduated from high school and heading to college in the fall of 2015. I am so grateful for the advantages that Families as Allies have given me. I just would like to say thanks to Families as Allies and a special thanks to Ms. Coreaner Price for all her love, care and support."

Keep Our Children Safe in School



The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) is developing a restraint and seclusion policy for all students. We appreciate the efforts of MDE to address this very real need in Mississippi. As a group of concerned parents, advocates, and citizens we know that this policy could be stronger to protect the safety of our children. We need your input and your story.

EVERY VOICE MATTERS!

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