

AARC Annual Training Conference at the Perdido Beach Resort

Wouldn't it be nice if the road to economic and community prosperity for all Alabama communities was a direct route with smooth curves? Just imagine all towns, cities, and counties moving in one direction toward a common goal that benefits everyone. Unfortunately, that's just not the case. Alabama's road to the future is often disjointed and changes directions without warning. Join the Alabama Association of Regional Councils in Orange Beach as we explore how the road to the future may be interwoven through the communities of Alabama, bringing us together as ONE ALABAMA. The One Alabama concept is based on the need to work together to attract commerce to Alabama within the global environment.

The 2006 AARC Annual Training Conference will open on Tuesday afternoon with Keynote Speaker, Representative John Knight (invited). Then, directors of four state agencies will discuss projections and possibilities for the next four years. On Thursday, Jim Buford, of Ellis-Harper Management, will join us for breakfast and Irene Collins, Director of the Alabama Department of Senior Services, and Dr. Don Williamson,

Alabama State Health Officer, will discuss pandemic influenza following lunch. Friday morning will feature a Congressional Breakfast with our senators and representatives from Washington, D.C. Along with the general sessions, there are seven concurrent training tracks to choose from with interesting information on a variety of subjects. Tracks include transportation, transit, economic development and regional planning, fiscal and professional development, medicaid waiver, senior services and, pending AARP approval, elder law.

In addition to the informative training sessions, the AARC Conference offers some downtime for networking with peers across the state who are facing the same issues in planning their road to the future. Independent networking sessions are scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, including a golf tournament, a fishing excursion, and a dolphin cruise. Because space is limited, be sure to sign up for one of these independent networking events on the registration form. Don't miss this opportunity to join the AARC in paving the road to the future with One Alabama. **For more information, visit AARC at www.alarc.org.**



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One Alabama

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November 28
through
December 1, 2006

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Conference Schedule

Tuesday, November 28

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Exhibit Set up
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm A4A Meeting
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Registration in Exhibit Hall
 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm Opening Session & State of the Regions Report

Keynote Speaker, Representative John Knight (Invited)
 Projections and Possibilities for the Next Four Years
 Irene Collins, ADSS; Joe McInnis, ALDOT;
 Doni Ingram, ADECA; and Trey Glenn, ADEM

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Reception in the Exhibit Hall
 Dinner on your own

Wednesday, November 29

7:00 am - noon Exhibit Hall Open
 7:00 am - noon Registration

7:15 am - 8:00 am
 8:00 am - 11:45 am
 Noon - 1:00 pm

Noon - Until

Lunch & Dinner on your own
 Golf Tournament, Fishing Excursion & Dolphin Cruise

Thursday, November 30

7:30 am - 3:00 pm
 7:30 am - 8:00 am
 8:00 am - 9:30 am

Performance Appraisals and Merit Pay
 Jim Buford, Director, Ellis-Harper Management

Breakfast with Exhibitors
 Training Sessions
 ADSS Board Meeting with Lunch
 Interaction with Exhibitors
 Independent Networking Sessions

9:45 am - 11:45 am
 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Pandemic Influenza
 Irene Collins, Director, ADSS & Dr. Don Williamson,
 Alabama State Health Officer, ADPH

1:15 pm - 3:00 pm
 6:30 pm

A4A Silver Star Award
 Entertainment to Follow

Friday, December 1

7:30 am - 11:30 am
 8:00 am - 9:45 am
 10:00 am - noon
 10:00 am - 11:45 am

Information Desk Open
 Congressional Breakfast
 Organization Meetings
 Training Sessions

Visit www.alarc.org for more information

Conference Training Sessions

| | Government Services Sessions | | | | Aging Services Sessions** | |
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| | TRANSPORTATION | TRANSIT | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGIONAL PLANNING | FISCAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | MEDICAID WAIVER | SENIOR SERVICES |
| WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29 8:00 AM - 9:45 AM | Global Impact of the Alabama Port System, Jimmy Lyons, State Docks Director; Transportation Infrastructure & Alabama's Economic Future, Dr. Bill Killingsworth, Infrastructure Commission; Update from National Groups, Speaker TBA, ARC; Speaker TBA, Delta; Jason Boehlert, NADO; Jim Youngquist, SERDI; Cameron Moore, NARC | | | | Deficit Reduction Act Irene Collins, ADSS; Carol Hermann-Steckel, Alabama Medicaid Agency | |
| WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM | Mobile MPO Preload Process Kevin Harrison, South Alabama RPC | South Baldwin Transit Project Stan Virden, Baldwin County Public Transit Coalition | Workforce Development in Alabama Dr. Tim Alford, ADWD | Purchasing Cooperatives in Alabama Charles Booth, PARCA; Wanda Brantley, SAPA; Larry Whitt, NACPA; Jim Barker, NEAPA; Wayne Mink, PACA | How Home Health Care Can Help You Grover Wedgeworth, Bureau of Home & Community Services, ALDPH | |
| WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29 10:50 AM - 11:45 AM | Traffic Counting Process Charles Turney, ALDOT | Economic Impact of Shortline Rail Don Rychnowski, Southern Tier Council of Governments, New York | Rural Economic Development Dr. Bill Gillis, CenturyTel | Session To Be Announced | Meal Delivery During A Disaster Sarah Strawn, ADSS | EPI: Blue Cross Blue Shield Eddie Harris, Emergency Patient Information Program |
| THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM | Freight Modeling Dr. Michael Anderson, UAH Southern Rapid Rail Update Craig Thomas, ALDOT | How SAFETEA-LU Applies to Transit Scott Bogran, CTAA | USDA Update Steve Pelham, USDA Port Authority - Economic Impact Judith Adams, Alabama Port Authority | Employee Health Insurance Chris Miller, SARPC; ICMA Representative TBA; HMO Physician TBA, Cigna; Theresa Scroggins, AEIB; Mark Midyette, BC/BS; Wayne Bowling, Willis Group of Alabama; Randy Kelly, Three Rivers PDD | Consumer Direction Rebecca Wright, Wright & Associates | Housing for the Future Gary Edwards, United Cerebral Palsy of Birmingham |
| THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30 11:05 AM - 11:45 AM | RPO Training David Norris, WARC | SAFETEA-LU Roundtable / Q&A Scott Bogran, CTAA | LMI Tools You Can Use Greta Williams, Alabama Department of Industrial Relations | Deferred Compensation Opportunities Keith McGraw, PEBSCO | Consumer Direction Rebecca Wright, Wright & Associates | Marketing & Outreach in the Aging Network John Matson, ADSS |
| THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM | CUBE Software Update Speaker TBA, Citilabs | ALDOT Update on Sections 5309, 5310, 5316 & 5317 Bob McWhorter and Joe Nix, ALDOT | CDBG Administration (Regional Staff Only) Shabbir Olia & ADECA Staff Until 2:30 | Workers Compensation Issues Tom Roper, MWCF | Consumer Direction Rebecca Wright, Wright & Associates | ADRC - Moving Towards Single Point of Entry Julie Miller & Ron Tanner, ADSS |
| THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM | Decatur Traffic Safety Study Mickey Hall, Skipper Consulting | Session To Be Announced | Strengthening Our Regional Partnerships Angie Winter, Southern Development Council | Aging Fiscal Issues Todd Cotton and Michael Bridges, ADSS Bessie Bogan, SARPC | Consumer Direction Rebecca Wright, Wright & Associates | Managing Aging Programs Using AIMS Karen Taylor & Tina Hartley, ADSS |
| FRIDAY DECEMBER 1 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM | Alabama Transportation Planners Business Meeting | Session To Be Announced | New EDA Final Regulations Lee Mertens & Phil Paradise, EDA | Helping the Rx Garden to Grow with Wellness Programs Lee Sanders, ADSS and Mim Gaines, ALDPH | | |
| FRIDAY DECEMBER 1 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM | ALDOT Planning Bureau Report Bill Couch, ALDOT FHWA, Alabama Division Report Dave Harris, FHWA | Session To Be Announced | AARC Planning Task Force Meeting Jeff Pruitt, TARCOG and Joey Hester, NARCOG | Wellness - Steps to Personal Success! Mim Gaines, ALDPH | | |

** Pending AARP approval, an Elder Law Training Track will be added to the Senior Services Sessions and CLEs will be requested. Visit www.alarc.org. Updated information will be posted as soon as it comes available.

AARC 2006 Conference Registration

Complete Registration and Mail With Check Payable to:
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- Attendees can receive basic hours toward the Alabama League of Municipalities Certified Municipal Official Program. Continuing education credit is available for Nursing, Social Work, NBCC counselor, and AICP. Request will be made for CLE.
- Cancellation fee is \$65.00.
- All conference functions are casual.
- Register Online at www.alarc.org

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| EVENT | PRICE | TOTAL |
|---|----------|-----------------|
| Good Planning Registration (Paid on or before 10/13/06) | \$375.00 | \$ _____ |
| Regular Registration (Paid between 10/14 and 11/10/06) | \$450.00 | \$ _____ |
| Late Registration (Paid on or after 11/11/06) | \$495.00 | \$ _____ |
| Fishing | \$75.00 | \$ _____ |
| Golf Handicap _____ | \$60.00 | \$ _____ |
| Dolphin Cruise | \$20.00 | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL DUE No Refund After 11/14/06 | | \$ _____ |

I plan to attend: (please check)

- Government Services Sessions (relating to Economic Development and Regional Planning, Transportation, Transit, and Fiscal and Professional Development)
 Aging Services Sessions (relating to Medicaid Waiver, Senior Services and Elder Law)

I plan to attend the following function(s):

- Tuesday Reception Thursday Breakfast Thursday Banquet
 Wednesday Breakfast Thursday Lunch Friday Breakfast

A block of Standard/Double-Double rooms has been reserved at a rate of \$90.00, for room requests received prior to October 30, 2006. Requests received after this date will be honored based on availability and regular rates will apply. A higher rate applies to Gulf Front pool view rooms. After check-in, there will be an early departure fee of 50% of the daily rate. All cancellations must be made 72 hours prior to arrival date.

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