**Rising to the Challenge, Together for Alabama’s Children**

**9:00-9:15 Welcome** **Hon. Sue Bell Cobb**, Chief Justice of Alabama, Ret.  
 Children First Board Chairman

**Katie Jeter**, Executive Director, Children First

**9:15 – 9:35 Grade Level Reading Update** **Dr. Barbara Cooper**, Secretary, Alabama Department of Early Childhood

**9:35 – 9:45 2021 Needs Assessment Update Liletta Jenkins**, State Children’s Policy Council Manager  
 Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education

**9:50 – 11:05** **Trauma: Moving from Awareness to Action**

**Speaker:**  **Dallas Rabig**, LPC, IMH-E, Infant and Early Childhood

Mental Health State Coordinator, Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education

**Panel Discussion:** **Dr. Barbara Cooper**, Secretary, Alabama Department of Early   
Childhood Education

**Sallye Longshore**, Director, Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

**Kim Boswell**, Commissioner, Alabama Department of Mental Health

**11:10-12:00 CASA: Speaking Up for Abused And Neglected Children**

**Speakers:** **Pam Tindal**, Executive Director, CASA of Autauga County

**Judge Joy Booth**, Autauga County District Court

**12:00-12:30 LUNCH**

**12:35-1:35 Open Conversation About Drug Trends, Prevention, and Treatment**

**Speakers:** **Beverly Johnson**, Director, Prevention Services, Alabama Department of Mental Health

**Nicole Walden**, Director of Substance Abuse Treatment and

Development, Alabama Department of Mental Health

**1:40-2:40 Charitable Giving Roundtable:** Funders will explain through a panel discussion about available grants and how to access funds through their organizations.

**Panelist:**  **Katie Jeter**, Executive Director, Children First

**Emily Benson**, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Caring Foundation

**Eva Robertson**, Protective Life Foundation

**Courtney Johnson**, Alabama Civil Justice Foundation

**2:45-3:00 Final Remarks and Adjournment Liletta Jenkins,** State Children’s Policy Council Manager  
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