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# Happenings

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## State Council Elects Officers

On September 21st, at the State Individual & Support Council meeting held in Montgomery, our new officers were elected. Joann Craighead was elected Chair, Gail Browning - Vice-Chair, and Noreen Maccabe - Secretary. Also at this meeting, Lonnie Williams of Alabama's Disability Advocacy Program shared information regarding trusts, Alabama's Enable accounts, and Medicaid.



In the photo from left to right: Courtney Tarver (DMH Associate Commissioner), Gail Browning, Joann Craighead, and Noreen Maccabe.



## Council Sets Budget



The Region III Regional Support Council met in Mobile on September 16th and approved the budget for our 10 county region. The Region includes Dallas, Wilcox, Perry, Monroe, Escambia, Conecuh, Clarke, Baldwin, Washington, and Mobile. In the photo, from left to right, Renee Littlepage, Alvin Garvin, Alton Howard, Lillian Wassman, Susan Polizzi, and DiAnn Stuckey.



## Tis-the-Season

On September 20th the Tis-the-Season Task Group met to finalize plans for the Annual Fundraiser. This year Tis-the-Season will be held at Wintzell's Restaurant - West Mobile location on Tuesday, December 5th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. A great party is planned with table decorations, door prizes, a holiday trivia game, and a festive buffet dinner with a beer and wine bar.

Members of the Task Group in the lower photo, from left to right, are Alvin Garvin, Kendra Butler, Judy Sykes, Troy Wilson, Michelle Jones, and Dianne Oveson. In the upper photo (left to right) are Kendra, Jenny, and Dianne busy stuffing invitations into envelopes.



## Happy Thanksgiving!

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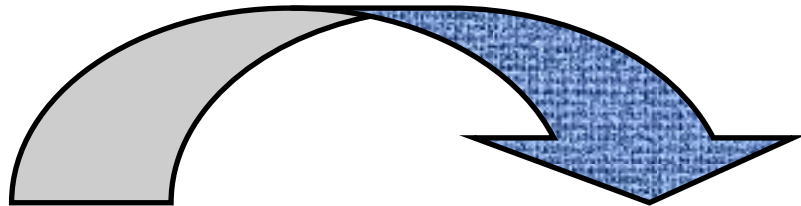
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## Nellie Washington Takes Over Clarke Council

After serving the Clarke Community Support Council for many, many years Betty Gilchrist has "retired" and Nellie Washington has stepped up into this position as of October 1st. Families living in Clarke County turn to this council for assistance. Parents of children with developmental disabilities or traumatic brain injury who live in Clarke County and who may be interested in serving on this volunteer council may call Nellie (photo on the left) at (251) 589-0308.



## HONORING BETTY

Betty Gilchrist has served Clarke County families as Chair of the Clarke Community Support Council for over 15 years. Betty has parented a child with special needs, attended nursing school and cared for her family while always reaching out to help others. The Individual & Family Support program honors Betty for her steadfast service to Clarke's families and wish her great success as she moves on.



## Mobile Area Council Elects New Officers

The Mobile Area Community Support Council has elected new leadership at their September 22nd meeting. Martha & Donnie Pittman are the new Chairs, Carol O'Brian the Treasurer/Secretary, and Shari Campbell the Vice-Chair. Pictured (left to right) are Linda White, Shari Campbell, Susan Polizzi, Martha and Donnie Pittman.



# Merry Christmas to All!

