ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION

ALSCA 2026 Critical Issues Conference

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Who: School counselors, counseling coordinators, school and system administrators, school based therapists, school social workers, school psychologists, school nurses, teachers, counselor educators, counseling students, and other partners are encouraged to attend, as collaboration with all partners is an essential building block of a comprehensive school counseling program.

What: A conference focused specifically on issues facing students and counselors in Alabama schools.

When: October 1-2, 2026

Where: The University of Montevallo

Why: Schools are dealing with increasingly complex matters pertaining to students' mental health and social/emotional well-being. Through the delivery of a comprehensive school counseling program, with equitable access for all students, school counselors can be influential in promoting student resilience and positive mental health outcomes. Given school counselors' instrumental role in mental health crisis prevention and intervention, it is essential they possess the knowledge and tools necessary to identify and respond to the many issues students are facing in these uncharted, modern times. It is also essential they understand the legal implications and ethical considerations within the specific context of school counseling.

This 2-day conference features over 70 scheduled sessions on topics including:

- Best Practices
- Crisis Response
- Intervention
- Mental Health
- MTSS
- Prevention
- Social Media
- Technology
- Trauma

This conference is approved for 12.5 CE hours.

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