



Alabama
COMPREHENSIVE CANCER
CONTROL COALITION

NEWSLETTER

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ACCCC Spotlight: ACCCC named 2021 Cancer Control Partner of the year by American Cancer Society



Chairperson - DINA AVERY, DHS, MA, MAEd

Accepts the Award on Behalf of the Entire Coalition

Dr. Dina Avery is Assistant Professor for the UAB School of Health Professions and Associate Scientist for the UAB Minority Health & Health Disparities Research Center. In addition, she is the elected Chairperson for the Alabama Department of Public Health, Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. On Thursday, February, 10, 2022, during the American Cancer Society Alabama Area Board of Directors Meeting the Alabama Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition was recognized as the Cancer Control Partner of the Year (2021).



Alabama Cancer Control Partner of the Year

The Alabama Cancer Control Partner of the Year Award recognizes an organization that has partnered with the American Cancer Society to enhance and promote programs and services that improve the lives of cancer patients and their families. One winner will be chosen each year for this award.

Nomination Requirements

A nominee must meet the following requirements to be nominated for the Alabama Cancer Control Partner of the Year Award:

- Organizations must have an active and on-going partnership with the American Cancer Society.
- Their partnership should result in a successful achievement that impacts the American Cancer Society's mission and patient support programs.
- The Cancer Control Partner must be an advocate for the improvement of access to care and quality of life for cancer patients and their families in any aspect of the continuum of care (prevention, early detection, quality of life) with a strong focus on reducing cancer disparities.
- Commitment to advancing health equity.



ACCC Subcommittees Updates

Access to Care Committee:

- Advocating for Medicaid Expansion is still ongoing.
- Working towards adding a Health Equity lens to the Cancer Control Plan 2022-2027.

Early Detection Committee:

- March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month March 4th was Go Blue Day.
- A Colorectal toolkit has been created and sent out to the Colorectal Cancer Screening Engagement Project participants.
- Early Detection Committee first meeting for this year was held via zoom on March 30, 2022 at 1p.m.

Prevention Committee:

- Finalized a project consisting of short messages on cancer prevention, information will be sent out over the next few months on social media (April-July).

Survivorship & Palliative Care Committee:

- A survivorship video has been produced in conjunction with Accordia Health Care as it relates to Cervical Cancer. To view the video visit, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPzLckSK5r0>.

Committees are holding working calls in between quarterly ACCCC meetings. Email Lakita.Hawes@adph.state.al.us to be added to a committee!

Revised Collective Works Catalog (CWC)

The Collective Works Catalog has a new look! The CWC now has a click to submit link no need to spend time downloading the document to fill it out. This on-line catalog provides a place for all coalition members to share any activities that support and promote the goals, objectives and strategies set forth by the Alabama Cancer Control Plan. With all of our efforts now accessible in one place, we can display all of your hard work, leverage resources and build on one another's efforts towards reaching our goals. Scan the QR code or visit, <https://www.adph.org/Extranet/Forms/Form.asp?formID=8380>



2022-2023 Shade Structure Grant Program Opportunity

ADPH Comprehensive Cancer Control Program announces an opportunity for Title I public schools to apply for funding for shade structures. The program provides funds to install permanent shade structures for outdoor locations that are not protected from the sun, such as playgrounds or recreational spaces.

Each shade structure grant is valued at a maximum of \$15,000 which includes the cost for a shade structure and installation. The number of awards depends on the availability of funding each year. The deadline to receive applications is June 30, 2022.

For more information, visit alabamapublichealth.gov.cancer.skin.html

Calls to Action

- *Join a committee*
- *Invite a prospective member to the next meeting: Friday, April 15, 2022 from 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m. (via Zoom)*

New Normal... Same Cancer

Covid-19 has changed many things—the need to have regular cancer screenings isn't one of them.



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Upcoming Awareness

Months

March:

Colorectal Cancer
Multiple Myeloma

April:

National Minority Health

May:

Brain Tumor

Evaluators' Corner

Hello from the Evaluation Team,

We wanted to pop in to let everyone know that we're here and working in the background to make sure the successes and progress of the ACCCC are documented (along with any challenges, too!). While the program evaluation is not the important work of the Coalition itself, it's still necessary to maintain CDC funding! As always, the Collected Works Catalog is the place to deposit all of your coalition-relevant activities, hopefully preventing us from having to clarify these types of details with everyone, come evaluation reporting time. Please also feel free to email us with any suggestions or comments if you have them.

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Thanks,

Debra and Sarah