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**2024 ALABAMA SAYS SUMMIT AGENDA**  
**Frazer Church, 6000 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, AL 36117**

**April 9, 2024**

- 9:00 Welcome by Mr. Curtis Stewart, Administrator, Alabama ABC Board
- 9:15 The Honorable Steve Marshall, Alabama Attorney General
- 9:45 Legislative Panel – “Protecting Children Through Legislation”  
Sen. Lance Bell, R-Pell City  
Rep. Barbara Drummond, D-Mobile  
Rep. Andy Whitt, R-Ardmore
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Ms. Sue Thau, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) –  
“The ABCs of Effective Advocacy”
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 Mr. Nathan Wray, Prevention Coordinator, Roane County (TN) Anti-Drug  
Coalition – “Emotional Regulation: The Key to Preventative Well Being”
- 1:30 Elana Merriweather, Adolescent and Adult Program Manager, Alabama  
Department of Mental Health – “Adolescent Substance Use and Treatment  
Services in Alabama”
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 Dr. Carmela Drake, Alabama State University, NAADAC  
U.S. Addictions Educator of the Year – “We Need You, But We Won’t Say It:  
Importance of Addiction Professionals to Focus on Adolescent Population”
- 3:15 Ms. Laurie Dhue, Chief Brand Officer, Recovery Education & Applied  
Learning – “Living Out Loud”
- 4:00 Closing Remarks – Mr. Dean Argo, Manager of Government Relations &  
Communications, Alabama ABC Board
- 4:15 Departure