

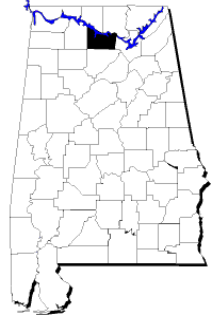
# MORGAN COUNTY

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## Accomplishments

PACT continues to offer services that educate our community about the importance of Child Abuse Prevention. Through our efforts in educating both children and parents, we are helping to secure healthy, productive lives for all of our children. PACT has been providing programming dealing with preventing child abuse in Morgan County since 1978. We continue to offer the programs that reflect the latest research-based findings. Over the past year our activities included:

- Safety Awareness Programs are offered to students attending the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> grades in Morgan County. Perspective programs are designed based on the child's developmental needs and latest research pertaining to child abuse. Last year over 5800 students received information.
- Family Assistance through Community Ties (FACT) was offered at the 6 Title 1 schools in Decatur City. This program aids families in locating resources that will remove barriers that keep the child from having a positive educational experience. Teachers are able to spend more time teaching and assisting students and their families with educational needs. Last year we served over 700 students.

- **Newborn** packets are delivered to all mom who deliver a child in either of the hospitals located in Morgan County (Decatur General or Parkway Medical). The packets contain information on child development, stress and local resources. Last year over 800 packets were delivered.
- **Baby Talk** classes are offered to expectant parents 3 times per year. A local obstetrician volunteers her time to deliver these classes. Last year approximately 30 women were served.
- **Kids and You** parenting classes are offered 4 times per year. The focus is on parenting and stress, helping parents to understand what behaviors are developmentally appropriate, how to handle them and how to recognize when outside help may be needed. Last year over 75 people attended the parenting classes.
- **Baby Boutique** is an incentive based program that encourages young mothers to have healthy pregnancies. Expectant moms earn “bucks” by having regular check-ups, walking, stopping smoking, signing up and attending PACT programs, etc. The bucks can then be traded for a variety of baby items.
- **Parents As Teachers (PAT)** is a home-visitation program that focuses on early brain development. We received referrals from the community and local high schools for this program. The program focuses on a child’s developmental level and parent educators teach and encourage parents in using developmentally appropriate activities with their children. Regular screenings are done and referrals are made to appropriate resources when necessary. Last year we served 60 children and their families through this program.
- **Healthy Relationships** consists of 7 different curricula that are aimed at improving and encouraging healthy relationships. Last year over 600 individuals participated in 1 of our Healthy Relationships classes. Classes offered include: *Relationship Smarts*, *How Not to Marry A Jerk*, *Together We Can*, *Smart Steps for Step Families*, *Basic Training* and *Mastering the Mysteries of Love*.

**Locally PACT participated with numerous other non-profits to host the Annual Child Safety Conference. With April being Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, PACT once again hosted the “Kick-off” at the courthouse. This is an activity that has grown over the years. This year over 10 agencies participated and over 200 people were in attendance.**