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## **Governor Musgrove Announces Substance Abuse Grants As Part of Governor's Mississippi Alliance for Prevention**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today announced that agencies in 19 Mississippi communities have been awarded grants to implement substance abuse prevention programs targeting youth between the ages of 12 and 17. The grants are part of the Governor's Mississippi Alliance for Prevention (MAP) initiative announced in May.

“The investments we make in our children today will pay great dividends tomorrow, and this initiative is part of our investment strategy,” Musgrove said. “Substance abuse is a serious issue among our young people. By taking action now, we can stop abuse before it starts and save those children already affected by it.”

Led by Musgrove, the MAP initiative is administered by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health and implemented by DREAM, Inc. Funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, the state will receive \$3 million per year for the next three years.

The community grant programs announced today will receive approximately \$100,000 a year for a total of three years, if the programs demonstrate a positive impact in the communities. Grant funds will be distributed later this month.

“These communities share a solid commitment to the lives of Mississippi's children, and we're going to work closely with them to achieve our common goals,” said Musgrove. “The partnership between my office, the Department of Mental Health and DREAM is strong, and extends to each of these communities across Mississippi.”

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Grants are being awarded to:

- DREAM of Hattiesburg;
- Panola County Board of Supervisors, South Panola Community Coalition;
- National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Northeast Mississippi, Inc.;
- Jackson County Children's Services Coalition;
- Region 8 MH/MR Commission;
- Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources (Region 12);
- Gulf Coast Mental Health Center (Region 13);
- Vicksburg Family Development Service, Inc.;
- Partnership for a Healthy Scott County;
- Northeast Mental Health / Mental Retardation Commission (Region 3);
- Adams County Board of Supervisors;
- Communicare (Region 2);
- National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Central Mississippi, Inc.;
- Life Help Mental Health / Mental Retardation Commission (Region 6);
- JSU / Metro Jackson Community Prevention Coalition;
- Meridian Public School District;
- Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Service;
- JSU Interdisciplinary Alcohol / Drug Studies Center;
- Copiah County Schools.

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