



TASK FORCE MEETS — Pictured are members of the Dale-Geneva County Multidisciplinary Task Force. They are, from left, seated, Liz Martin, CAC program director, Sue Hayes, director of Geneva County DHR; Leslie Henderson, supervisor of Child Protective Services at Geneva County DHR; Sylvia Dodgen, director of Dale County DHR; and Sherryl Walker, CAC executive director; standing, Chief Deputy Tim McDonald, Dale County Sheriff's Office; Chief David Land, Slocomb Police Department; Chief Greg Adams, Hartford Police Department; Chief Frankie Lindsey, Geneva Police Department; Captain Ronnie Williamson, Wiregrass Violent Crimes Drug Task Force; Chief Jimmy Seaton, Daleville Police Department; Chief Gary Weeks, Samson Police Department; Sheriff Greg Ward, Geneva County Sheriff's Department; and District Attorney Kirke Adams.

Dale-Geneva County Task Force Holds Meeting

Dale-Geneva County District Attorney Kirke Adams coordinated a meeting of the Dale-Geneva County Multidisciplinary Task Force at the Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center recently.

The Task Force has been formed to address the needs of child sexual abuse victims in Dale and Geneva counties. In an effort to strengthen the multidisciplinary team approach to the investigation of child abuse cases, the Task Force will establish protocols

and interagency agreements. The investigations of child abuse cases are very complex for both the families and those professionals who have the responsibility of ensuring the safety of the child. By using a multidisciplinary team approach, the focus is on the child and the team working together to ensure the child's best interest is being addressed.

Sherryl Walker, CAC executive director, and Liz Martin, CAC program director, presented

information about the Child Advocacy Center and the steps which must be met to meet the standard requirements of the Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers and the National Children's Alliance. The Task Force was able to tour the CAC and to ask questions about the CAC programs and services.

As district attorney, Adams has taken a proactive approach in regard to the investigations and prosecution of child abuse cases. He thanked the

representatives from local law enforcement, the Department of Human Resources, and the Child Advocacy Center for their participation in the meeting and asked for the group to work together to make sure abused children in Dale and Geneva counties receive the best possible multidisciplinary team services.

For more information about the Task Force, contact the CAC at (334) 671-1779 or the District Attorney's Office at 774-9500.