



**MEDIA ALERT**

**EMBARGOED INFORMATION UNTIL DECEMBER 8, 2008 10 A.M.**

**Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program To Release  
Report On W.D. Partlow Developmental Center**

***Report Identifies Wasted State Funds and Deplorable Living  
Conditions for Residents at Tuscaloosa Facility***

**WHAT:**

Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP) will unveil results of a 12 month-long investigation of the W.D. Partlow Developmental Center in Tuscaloosa at a media briefing on December 8. Partlow, which opened in 1919, is the final institution for persons with intellectual disabilities in operation in the state. The report will unveil details of wasted state funds and deplorable living conditions.

Speakers expected to attend include ADAP personnel and a former resident of Partlow. ADAP is expected to make a strong call for closure of the facility and will outline possible next steps to remedy this state funded program.

**WHEN:** December 8 – 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:**

Alabama State Capitol Building, 600 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, AL  
*(Note: Media briefing will take place on front west portico steps)*

In case of rain the Media briefing will be moved to the Bailey Building, 400 South Union Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room at 10:00am.

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