

# **SAFE's Dorinda Waldrop named 2021 Extended Day Director of the Year**

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SYLACAUGA, Ala . – SAFE's Dorinda Waldrop has been recognized as the 2021 Extended Day Director of the Year by the Alabama Community Education Association.

The Extended Day Director of the Year Award is given to an individual whose primarily responsible for the day-to-day operations and maintenance of the afterschool and summer school programs.

Waldrop serves as the Program Manager for SAFE's BRIDGES afterschool and summer school programs at seven sites across the county including: Indian Valley Elementary, Pinecrest Elementary and Nichols Lawson Middle School in the Sylacauga City Schools; Comer Elementary and Sycamore Elementary in the Talladega County Schools; and Houston Elementary, Salter Elementary and Graham Elementary Schools in Talladega City, serving hundreds of children and families across the county.

"We are so proud of this honor and recognition for Dorinda," said Executive Director of SAFE, Margaret Morton. "There is no one more worthy. Her dedication to making a difference through education in the lives of children and families across our county is unparalleled. She has been instrumental in the creation of our BRIDGES afterschool and summer school programs and has worked tirelessly to assure that our children and families receive quality, outcome driven opportunities for success in a safe, structured learning environment. Dorinda Waldrop is esteemed by her colleagues and loved by her students."

Waldrop's talents and leadership are renowned and her ability to inspire her staff, mentor and train makes her an exemplary leader in the field of education, particularly in providing quality afterschool and summer school experiences.