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## **Parental Alienation Day Declared; UA Staffer, ALFRA Offering Educational Awareness Seminars**

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Dr. Denise Cleveland (standing, right), a University of Alabama staff member, was in Montgomery when Alabama Gov. Bob Riley signed a proclamation declaring April 25 Parental Alienation Day in Alabama. Also pictured is Michael Polemeni, the Alabama Family Rights Association's state president. Cleveland, research administrator for the UA School of Social Work, is also ALFRA's state vice president for public policy. The Alabama Family Rights Association, or ALFRA, helps those experiencing alienation from their children and grandchildren by encouraging non-custodial fathers and non-custodial mothers to stay involved with their children and by providing social events, moral support, group sessions, and education about divorce and its impact on families. Cleveland and ALFRA will offer educational awareness seminars statewide this summer.

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