



## Rhonda Mann, Deputy Director

In July 2000, Rhonda joined VOICES for Alabama's Children and began learning all aspects of the organization and the issues facing Alabama's children. Through her work with the Alabama Kids Count project she has developed both in-depth as well as broad understandings of the various aspects of child well-being and of the ways to improve it. She has worked on various communications campaigns from helping individuals understand the critical nature of the first five years of life in child development to child passenger safety, teen driver safety, child poverty, child hunger, child care and citizen understanding of tax and budget issues.

Her skills include writing, graphic design, and web content development to convey important issues affecting children in Alabama. While serving as the Policy & Research Director her duties included production of the Alabama Kids Count Data Book, the Kids Count County Data Profiles and other supplemental reports and other related activities each year.

For more than 17 years, Rhonda has served in various positions within the organization that has given her the opportunity to learn and manage the administrative side of the organization. Rhonda's knowledge and skills in the areas of event planning, finances, grant writing, human resources, and organizational management gives her the understanding of what it takes for a small nonprofit to survive and prepare, during the good years, for more difficult economic times should they occur.

In her current position as Deputy Director, Rhonda helps identify the needs of the organization and oversees the day to day operations. Under her direction, VOICES will be expanding its internship program to allow opportunities for upper level college students, or those just starting their careers, an opportunity to learn about advocacy by being a part of the VOICES' team in a supporting role.

Rhonda serves as a member on several statewide groups including End Child Hunger in Alabama Task Force, Alabama Obesity Task Force, Alabama Child Care Alliance, Alabama Healthy Homes Initiative, Alabama Grade Level Reading Campaign, to name a few.

Rhonda previously worked as Director of Tourism for the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce and as Benefits Coordinator for the U.S. office of MacMillan Bloedel Pulp & Paper Company, now Weyerhaeuser.

She attended the University of South Alabama where she majored in Business Administration. She is married to Joe Mann of Eufaula and has two married sons and four granddaughters. She is an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Prattville. She is also an active member of the Autauga County Children's Policy Council.