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## *Calhoun County parent to join ADRS board*

MONTGOMERY – A Calhoun County woman has been appointed to the Alabama Board of Rehabilitation Services.

Stacy Mitchell of Alexandria will represent the 3rd Congressional District. Mitchell, the mother of a 7-year-old daughter with Rett syndrome, was appointed by Gov. Robert Bentley and confirmed by the Alabama Senate. The Board of Rehabilitation Services oversees the operations of the state's Department of Rehabilitation Services, which provides services to Alabama's children and adults with disabilities.

Cary Boswell, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, said he is pleased with Gov. Bentley's choice.

"Mrs. Mitchell's personal experience as the mother of a child with a severe disability gives her a unique perspective on disability services in Alabama," Boswell said. "I applaud Gov. Bentley for appointing an individual to our board who is a steadfast in advocating for her daughter and other children and families. She brings a strong voice to our board, and I am certain her addition will positively impact the lives of countless children and adults with disabilities."

Mitchell said she is excited about the opportunity to have a voice in the services provided to Alabamians with disabilities.

"Rehabilitation Services has already done so many positive things for my daughter," Mitchell said. "In talking to other families, I've found many people who are unaware of how valuable a resource ADRS can be for people who need their services. I am eager to take an active role in promoting disability and rehabilitation issues for this wonderful organization."

Mitchell will join board members Stephen Kayes, District 1; Jimmie Varnado, District 2; Andrea Collett, District 4; Eddie Williams, District 5; Board Chairman Roger McCullough, District 6; and Mitch Strickland, District 7.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.

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