

Oral Health Risk Assessment Training Speaker Biography



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Dr. Ernest was born in Lutcher, Louisiana. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Centenary College of Louisiana, where she received a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry. She earned her PhD in neurobiology and Doctor of Medicine degrees from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. After completing a three-year pediatric residency program at Vanderbilt University and Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Dr. Ernest joined Southeast Alabama Rural Health Associates (SARHA) in Troy in 2012. She joined Enterprise Pediatric Clinic on June 1, 2016.

Dr. Ernest is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) as well as an active member of the Alabama Chapter-AAP (AL-AAP), and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama. She is heavily involved in the advocacy work of the AL-AAP and the AAP, and currently serves as Legislative Chair for the Chapter, as well as District X Representative for the Early Career Physician section of the AAP.

She and her husband, Trent, live in Troy and have three children: Andon, Caden, and Jacob. Dr. Ernest enjoys reading, singing at her local church, and vacationing at the beach. When she is not at work, she can often be found cheering on her sons in baseball, archery, and tennis.