

## Naomi Haines Griffith



Naomi Haines Griffith is a true Southerner, growing up in Alabama and Mississippi. She holds a B.S. from the University of North Alabama, an M.A. from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Alabama. After teaching for several years, she worked in the North Carolina and Alabama child welfare systems from 1966-1984 when she became Executive Director of PACT, a pioneer child abuse prevention agency she helped to found. From 1994 to 1997, she served on the State Board of the Alabama Department of Human Resources. She is presently president of her consulting company, Red Clay & Vinegar, based in Nashville, TN.

Since 1988, Naomi Griffith has been a national speaker and consultant on child welfare issues, speaking at conferences throughout the United States and Canada. A well-known storyteller and family systems specialist, she uses humor and her own experiences to challenge and inspire audiences working with business, education, juvenile justice, mental health, child abuse prevention and family violence systems. She is the author of *Red Clay and Vinegar: Looking At Family Through the Eyes of a Southern Child* and co-author of *The Unkindest Cut: The Emotional Maltreatment of Children*. She recently completed her parenting curriculum- **“Parenting from the Heart”**.