



Gov. Ivey on mental health in Alabama

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At an event today in Etowah County, Governor Kay Ivey offered her sympathy to Alabama attorney general Steve Marshall.

"It's a tragic loss, and mental illness is a serious illness and we've certainly been prayer for Attorney General Marshall," said Governor Kay Ivey.

Marshall lost his wife Bridgette over the weekend. His office described her death as stemming from a long struggle with mental illness.

When it comes to treating mental illness in Alabama, lawmakers say funding and early intervention are key.

"I think there should be some prevention programs, early detection programs, such as in the school system," said David Burkette, Alabama state senator.

Burkette feels these programs could help cut down on school shootings.

"To me it's not an isolated thing, it's not like they just woke up one day and said hey, I think I'm going to go and shoot somebody, that is a mental illness," said Burkette.

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