

# CLAYTON CAN

## Community Action Nexus

Law Related Education

# Who Cares About Truth?

High Schoolers explore Truth in making choices

Ninth-graders learn consequences of  
unlawful and delinquent behavior

# What to do this summer

Clayton CAN Community Expo  
showcases summer programs

# Sheriff's Office in Schools

Clayton County CAN Members: Clayton County Public Schools, District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, Parks and Recreation; Board of Health, faith-based organizations, Juvenile Court, community-based organizations, Police Department

# Youth Programs Address TRUTH

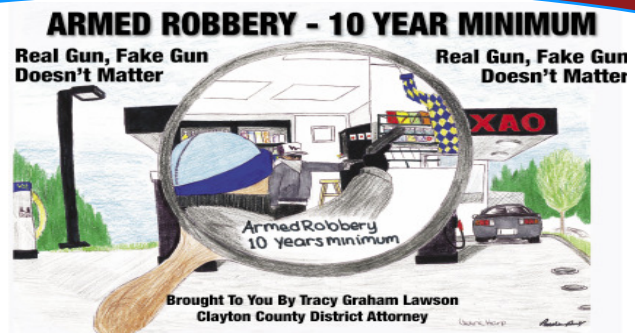
Clayton Community Action Nexus (CAN) provides support for two new programs for youth in Clayton County to offer education to combat community and gang violence. The Taking Real Understanding To Heart (TRUTH) Program and the New Youth Leadership Program (NYLP) were offered to high school and middle school students in Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS).

Both programs assisted students with: making better decisions; being a positive role model/ leader; appreciating that each one of us is special and unique; and dealing with peers and being a friend.

TRUTH was offered to a sample group of all eight high school students over a six week period. Approximately 200 students were referred for participation in the program by school counselors, school social workers and school administrators.

CCPS middle school students participated in the NYLP for four to eight weeks during the school year.

Both programs were made available by the CCPS Student Services Division through EGRESS Consultants. The group offers an exit path for young people involved in gangs. Arthur Powell, CEO of EGRESS Consultants, presents sessions in character development and gang prevention based on an es-gangster reviewing experiences suffered in surroundings. The presentations were met with an overwhelming positive response. Powell can be contacted at [arthurpowell@yahoo.com](mailto:arthurpowell@yahoo.com).



## District Attorney's Office in the Movies

The District Attorney's Office now features a student film production about the consequences of armed robbery. In a project to engage youth in the criminal justice process, District Attorney Tracy Graham Lawson held a poster contest to depict an armed robbery scene including the caption of the mandatory 10 year sentence. Many are unaware of the state law that requires a minimum sentence of 10 years for the violation. This means that if convicted, a person will serve the entire 10 years.

Winners of the poster contest were Cedric Harp and Paula Post, both of Open Campus High School. Their art work is displayed in schools, libraries, and other community venues with hopes of combating the criminal act.

In addition, students produced a film about the armed robbery prevention initiative under the direction of Gary Dubose, director of program development and services.

The script for the film was written by Raven Hathcock, Riverdale High with performance by other CCPS high school students. The play debuted on May 3 at the Performing Arts Center and was filmed to serve as a public service announcement of the campaign to prevent armed robberies.

For information about Clayton Community Action Nexus  
Call CCPS Family Resource Center 404-362-3780 - contact Cora Williams

# Law Related Education Seminars (LRE)

Ninth grade students in Clayton County Public Schools had an opportunity to learn about the consequences of unlawful and delinquent behavior. The Law Related Education (LRE) Seminars are offered to students in grades four through twelve by Clayton County Public Schools' Student Services Division. The sessions are the result of collaboration between the school system and its juvenile justice partners: Clayton County Juvenile Court and the District Attorney's Office. The sessions were presented by Adolphus Graves, detentional alternative coordinator and Gary Dubose, director of program development and services.



The collaboration provided LRE Seminars during the 2009-2010 school year.

The seminars counter false information that is frequently shared among peers and older adults.

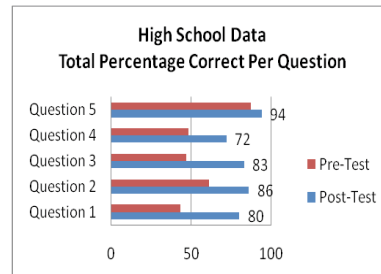
Seminars offered information to dispel myths and misinformation that is

often provided by older teens

in attempt to influence younger teens to participate in delinquent behaviors. The curriculum covers conflict resolution, offenses, consequences of each offense, and the "7 Deadly Sins" for which juveniles can be charged as adults.

The pilot seminar was held at Mt. Zion High School during late fall 2009. Students were surveyed to determine their knowledge base prior to the presentation. Immediately following the LRE presentation, the students were asked to complete a survey in Likert scale format that shows students

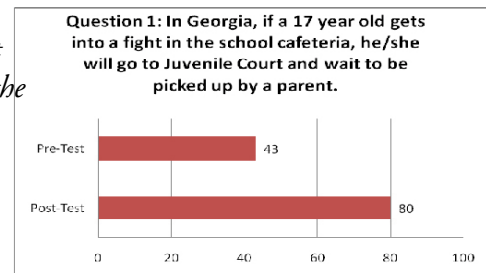
correct responses increased after the training.



*Data for correct answers pre- and post-training.*

The greatest gain in correct answers made by students was to Question number two about what happens to a 17 year old who gets into a fight at school.

*The correct answer to the question is "false."*



By the end of the fall 2009-2010 school year, the LRE seminars were conducted in all high schools and in all middle schools. The final LRE Seminars were held Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at Open Campus, Flint River, and the Alternative School.

The LRE seminars are offered to students in grades four through twelve by Clayton County Public Schools, Student Services Division in collaboration with Clayton County Juvenile Court and the Clayton County District Attorney's Office. Cora Williams is responsible for coordinating these seminars for our students as a part of our Court Related Collaboration that works to dismantle the school to prison pipeline.

LRE Seminars will begin again in the fall of the 2010-11 school year. Session will be provided to students in grades four through nine.

# Community Expo

Vendors at the Clayton CAN Expo came out on May 1 to showcase opportunities for summer camps, and resources for students and families. The event was hosted by Parks and Recreation at the Jim Huie Recreation Center. For more information on the agencies offering summer camp programs listed below, contact Clayton CAN.



- Anthos Properties
- Arts Clayton Director of Children's Programs
- Business and Technology Outreach Corporation

- Clayton County Library System
- Clayton County Police
- Cross Roads Comprehensive Youth Development Center
- Faith in Christ Mission Outreach
- Greater St Peter Christian Academy
- Hearts to Nourish Hope
- Higher Living Christian Church
- Kidz Teen Town
- Ladies of Favor
- Love Involves Family Everyday, (L.I.F.E.)
- Office of Clayton County Sheriff
- Oliver Consulting
- Parks and Recreation
- Business and Technology Outreach Corporation
- The White House Academy's Summer



## Camp

- Totty Totty Clayton State Univeristy Camp
- Tower Educational Consulting
- Worktec

## Sheriff for a Day in Clayton County Schools

On March 23, Clayton County Sheriff "Kem" Kimbrough announced the first of three middle school students to serve as Sheriff for the Day in Clayton County. M.D. Roberts Middle School sixth-grader Raji Leon Allen Jr., was chosen for his essay titled, "What Would I Do If I were Sheriff of Clayton County to Cut-back Crime." The county-wide competition was open to middle school students by the Sheriff Department's Community Relations

Unit (SDCRU). Forest Park Middle School seventh-grader Jailene Soto and Mundy's Mill Middle School eighth-grader Alexis Lucas were chosen to serve on subsequently scheduled events of Sheriff for the Day.

The students shadowed Sheriff Kimbrough throughout the day, riding in a police vehicle, learning from officers about how the department works, and about the duties and responsibilities of sheriff

deputies. The event was implemented in middle schools to let students experience first-hand the accomplishments and challenges that confront the department. The goal of the event is for the selected student to translate a one-day experience into a positive, long-term relationship with law enforcement.

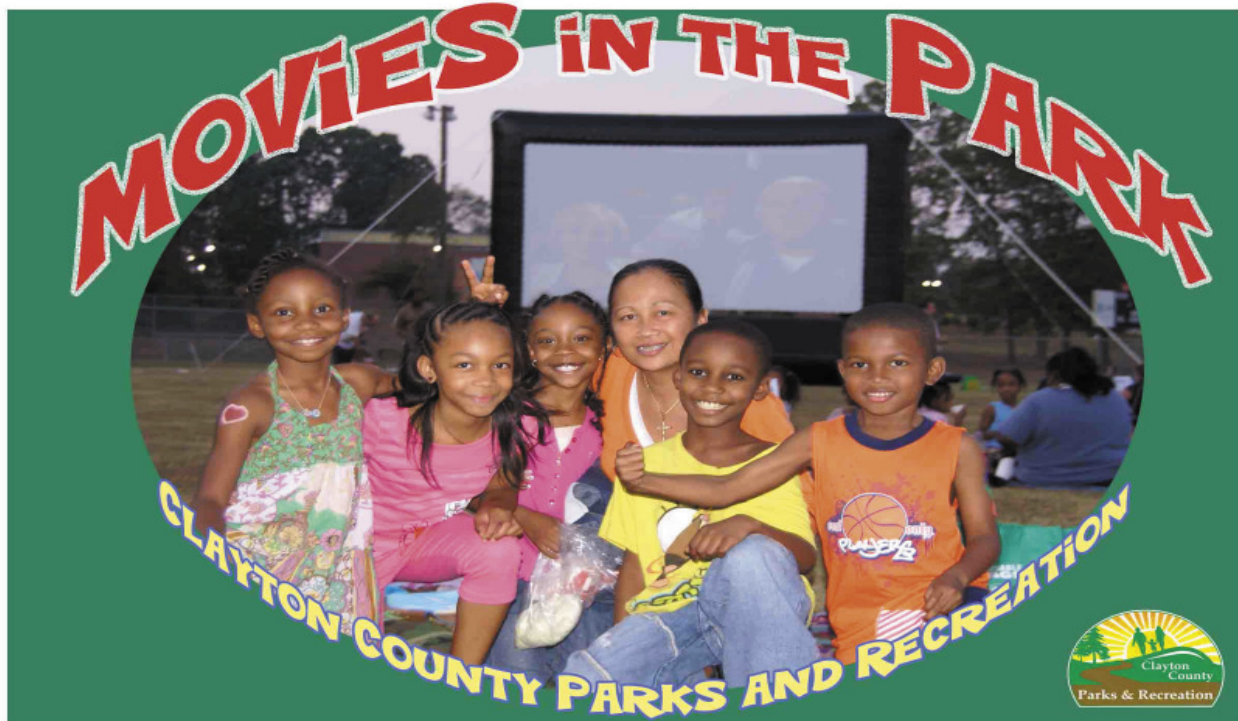
The department looks at its new program as a public relations tool that will make the challenging, complex work of the

office more visible to middle grade students. It will provide them with a richer view of what really transpires throughout the day in the lives of law enforcement officers, a view which they will carry back to their schools and classrooms.

The SDCRU also sponsors the Junior Deputy Program which announced Trysten Fowler as the 2010 Junior Deputy of the Year.

Clayton CAN meets on the sceond Tuesday of each month. The first meeting for the 2010-2011 school year will be on Tuesday, August 17.

# Featured CAN Member



**CLAYTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION INVITES FRIENDS AND FAMILIES TO ENJOY A "MOVIE UNDER THE STARS" LOCATED AT OUR PARKS AND OTHER FACILITY LOCATIONS.**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
5/15/2010	CARL RHODENIZER RECREATION CENTER
6/19/2010	FLAT SHOALS PARK
7/24/2010	JIM HUIE RECREATION CENTER
8/14/2010	INTERNATIONAL PARK "THE BEACH"
9/18/2010	GERALD MATTHEWS SPORTS COMPLEX
10/23/2010	INTERNATIONAL PARK "THE BEACH"
12/11/2010	INTERNATIONAL PARK "THE BEACH"



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Patrons are encouraged to bring their own food, blankets and/or chairs. Clayton County Parks and Recreation Facilities are Tobacco Free and Alcohol Free.

# Clayton County Parks and Recreation