

CLAYTON COMMUNITY ACTION NEXUS

Statistics from the National Youth Gang Survey (2007)

- Most gang members join between the ages of 12 and 15.
- Prevention is a critical strategy within a comprehensive response to gangs that includes intervention, suppression, and reentry.

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Clayton C.A.N. Committees: Working Together

At the Clayton C.A.N. meeting on October 6, 2009, three committees were formed:

- * Strategy and Planning
- * Community Events and Resources
- * Communications

These committees will provide a common terminology to focus on gang prevention. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Comprehensive Gang Model was reviewed. The model outlines five strategies: community mobilization, social intervention, opportunities for educational and vocational advancements, suppression, and organizational change.



Clayton C.A.N. is comprised of members of the community from the following agencies:

- * District Attorney's Office
- * Police Department
- * Sheriff's Office
- * Juvenile Court
- * Parks and Recreation
- * Faith Based Organizations
- * Community Organizations
- * School System

The Best Practices to Address Community Gang Problems manual can be found at:

<http://www.nationalgangcenter.gov/Content/Documents/Gang-Problems.pdf>

Mission of Clayton C.A.N.

This mission of Clayton CAN is to work as a collaborative body partnering with key stakeholders to offer

and promote positive activities for youth in order to combat community and school violence while providing

gang prevention and awareness for the Clayton County community as a whole.

PROJECT HIP “Your Life, Your Decision”



This program is sponsored by the Clayton County Juvenile Court. It consists of life stories told by currently incarcerated young adults and those recently released. Demonstrations are also completed by the Sheriff’s Department CERT team.

Project HIP is offered on Wednesday following the calendar listed from 6:00-8:30pm at the Performing Arts Center.



October 21, 2009
November 18, 2009
December 9, 2009
January 6, 2010
February 17, 2010
March 31, 2010
April 21, 2010
(May 12, 2010)
June 2, 2010
No Meeting in July
August 4, 2010
September 1, 2010
October 13, 2010
November 3, 2010
December 1, 2010
Ω = Event will be moved to Eula Ponds Learning Center

Handle It Before Prison

Clayton
 County
 Juvenile
 Court



Clayton County
 Performing Arts Center
 2530 Mount Zion Parkway
 Jonesboro, GA 30236
 (404) 249-6400



Program Development and Services

School Conflict Workshop

This program is sponsored by the Clayton County Juvenile Court and explores conflict resolution and juvenile law in an interactive workshop format.

The School Conflict Workshop is offered on Wednesdays following the calendar listed from 6:00-8:30pm at the Performing Arts Center.

October 15, 2009
November 19, 2009
December 10, 2009
January 7, 2010
February 18, 2010
March 18, 2010
April 15, 2010
May 6, 2010
June 3, 2010
No Meeting in July
August 5, 2010
September 2, 2010
October 14, 2010
November 4, 2010
December 2, 2010



For more information Please call 770-472-8163

500 Men Standing in the GAP

Clayton County Public Schools is looking for 500 good men to step up and serve as the point man for the children of Clayton County to bridge the space between your generation and those that follow.

To register:
<http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/GAP/contact/>



10 Ways to be an ALL PRO Dad

1. Love Your Wife
2. Spend Time With Your Children
3. Be A Role Model
4. Understand Your Children
5. Show Affection
6. Enjoy Your Children
7. Eat Together As A Family
8. Discipline with a Gentle Spirit
9. Pray and Worship Together
10. Realize You're a Father Forever

For more information go to:
<http://www.allprodad.com/playbook/viewarticle.php?art=2>

Logo Contest for Students

Clayton CAN has reached out to the Art Community of Clayton County Public Schools to design a logo that will be representative of

our mission and goals. A \$50 gift card will be presented to the winning entry. Entries will be submitted by Friday, January 29, 2010.

The winner will be selected on Friday, February 5, 2010. Our next newsletter will highlight the winning logo and student.



It's Not Too Late to Be a Mentor

ARMS (Adult Role Models for Students) is a mentoring program that develops a one-on-one caring relationship between an adult and a student. After completing mentoring training

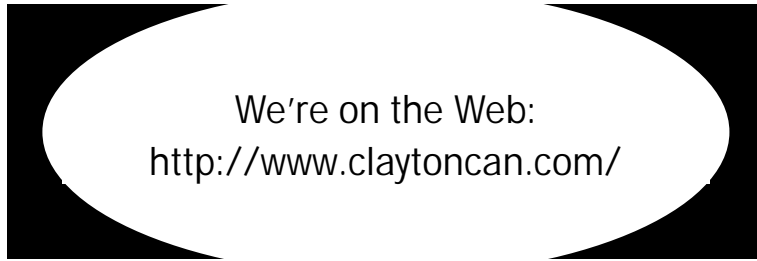
through the Professional Learning Department and passing a background check, mentors spend time, share experiences, and give support to youth who need to

improve their self-image, strengthen their decision-making skills and build confidence. For more info:
<http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/administration/publicaffairs/arms.asp>

Training

Location:
 Professional Learning Center
 1087 Battle Creek Road
 Jonesboro, GA 30236
 (770) 473-2795

Clayton County, Georgia



Clayton Community Action Nexus (Clayton C.A.N.)
Organization Statement of Understanding 2009-2011

The _____ pledge that we will work together with C.A.N. to address the youth and gang violence in Clayton County, Georgia.

The mission of Clayton Community Action Nexus (C.A.N.) is to work as a collaborative body partnering with key stakeholders to offer and promote positive activities for youth in order to combat community and school violence while providing gang prevention and awareness for the Clayton County community as a whole.

As an organizational partner of C.A.N. we will seek to promote and fulfill the Mission and understand that our responsibilities are:

- We are responsible, along with other partnering organizations, for the sustainability of C.A.N.;
- We will be responsive to any request made by C.A.N.;
- We will remain actively engaged as we pursue and implement solutions to address the gang and youth violence that plague our community;
- We will support the decision of the majority with our all;
- We will regularly report to our organization on the progress of C.A.N.

