

## 2010 Georgia Youth Summit County Issue Action Plans

County	Issue Category	Local Issue Summary	Proposed Solution
Atkinson	Econ Dev't	Lack of funding to maintain & upgrade clean parks in public areas for youth to play and feel safe	Build new parks, maintain upkeep of old, and create a Park Committee to regulate and increase funding
Bacon	Education	Poor and destitute public library facility	Revamp and upgrade public library by raising money for new books, computers, and security.
Baker	Econ Dev't	No recreational activities and/or facilities in Baker County	Build a recreational center (Boys and Girls Club) to help youth develop more positive attitudes
Baldwin	Education	AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) scores are extremely low in Baldwin High School	Create/Promote after-school tutoring/study programs to help raise AYP Scores in the High School
Ben Hill	Education	Decrease in academic scores (math) and declining interest in education results in low graduation rate	Create an after-school mentor program targeting at-risk youth in middle school
Berrien	Health	Underage drinking	Targeting the source of alcohol - work in conjunction with law enforcement and legislative officials
Bibb	Health	Childhood Obesity	Recruit youth (ages 6-11) to participate in a Healthier Lifestyle Program to educate how to eat right and exercise
Brooks	Econ Dev't	Negative image and reputation of Brooks County School System	Place emphasis on education, work readiness, and community values to promote a thriving population who are motivated and self-reliant
Bryan	Safety	Pedestrian infrastructure in Bryan County	Partner with local government to increase number of safety measures for pedestrians; bike lanes, sidewalks, well-lit streets, etc...
Bulloch	Safety	Drunk Driving	Create a S.A.D.D. (Students against drunk driving) chapter to help lower DUI rates, inform students of dangers, and provide free "designated driver" service
Burke	Education	Working with reading attainment in low-income children	Work with existing agencies/volunteers to participate in reading sessions with youth in and after school
Butts	Health	Teen Pregnancy rates vs. Drop-out rates	With support of local educators and businesses, create workshops, solicit funds, & create a mentor program
Calhoun/Early	Econ Dev't	Unemployment rates increasing	Collaborate with community, local businesses, and nearby colleges to create a job/career day fair
Camden	Health	Increasing obesity rates and uninvolved youth in community	Hosting free sporting clinics, such as tennis, throughout the year for youth to participate in
Catoosa	Education	Lack of school supplies for students & teachers	Host a school supplies drive, request donations from local business, and hold County Council meetings
Charlton	Econ Dev't	Limited out-door playground facilities	build 2 out door playgrounds/parks to provide a safe, fun, inviting environment for youth and adults
Chatham	Health	Neglecting septic system maintenance resulted in increase E.Coli levels in creeks and rivers	Educate home owners the importance of septic tank maintenance & create PSA, exhibits, & billboards to inform community
Chatooga	Econ Dev't	County beautification	Increase funds to maintain the upkeep of the community, by cleaning, planting flowers/trees, and increasing décor throughout town
Cherokee	Health	Reduce rate of obesity	Educate, motivate, and promote healthy lifestyles to youth through activities such as gardening
Clarke	Safety	Distractive Driving	Creating and delivering literature defining distracted driving, the effects of it, and how to not be a distracted driver
Clayton	Health	Recycling	Implement recycling bins in county high schools and local neighborhoods

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Clinch	Health	Drug and Alcohol use	Educate community through health classes, increased law enforcement, Drug Task Force, Concerned citizens, & parent Involvement Coordinator
Cobb	Health	Childhood Obesity	Educate and promote healthy lifestyles for youth (elementary - middle) in and after school
Coffee	Education	Improve retention and graduation rates	Teach a 3 step developmental program at the middle school; one step for each grade by bringing professionals to the middle school
Columbia	Health	Teen drug & alcohol use	Create middle school after school programs to teach about self esteem and effects of drugs
Coweta	Education	Improve graduation rates	Creating intervention groups for middle school students (C.H.A.R.G.E.) Choosing Hopeful Actions & Reaching Greater Excellence
Crawford	Health	Childhood Obesity	Start an exercise group for students; offer line dancing lessons; Create a committee to conduct a Wellness plan
Crisp	Econ Dev't	Unemployment	Provide a Kids Day Out program one Saturday a month & provide education on community service, team-building, and job skills training
Dawson	Safety	Distractive Driving	Create a school wide awareness program educating youth of dangers of distractive driving: texting, eating, reading, etc...
Decatur	Health	Teen Pregnancy	Spread the word through inspirational speakers, health clinics, posters about sex-ed and abstinence. Also create a club for pregnant teens
Dodge	Education	Economically disadvantaged students	Create a Big Brother/Big Sister program for older kids to mentor and tutor younger children
Dooly	Health	Safe Sex awareness in Teens	Create PSA's to raise awareness, hold sex ed workshops, and create literature about safe sex, STDs and teen pregnancy
Dougherty	Safety	Gang Violence and Teen Pregnancy	Create a Lemon Squeese Discussion Panel, hold work shops, and teach sex ed classes to educate community of dangers of gang violence and teen pregnancy.
Douglas	Safety	Mall cerfew for youth under the age of 18	Negotiate a later cerfew, utilize security guards to maintain order, and establish new rules to keep teens out of trouble.
Effingham	Health	Childhood Obesity	Create a fitness trail at a local public elementary school
Elbert	Econ Dev't	Lack of economic opportunities for youth	Begin entrepreneur workshops showing youth how to write business plans, offer opportunities, & motivate to create business throughout community
Emanuel	Safety	Distractive Driving	Promote DWI (Driving with Intelligence) program educating community/youth of the dangers being distracted while driving
Evans	Econ Dev't	Community Beautification Program	Create "Get your GREEN on in Evans County" program promoting recycling, adopt-a-yard and yardof the month activities
Forsyth	Health	Recycling and reducing waste in public schools	Collecting plastic bottles from County Schools, reducing waste in landfills.
Fulton	Health	Unhealthy lifestyles in youth	Visit schools and educate youth in healthy lifestyles, implementing courses to get students active
Gilmer	Econ Dev't	Bring new businesses to community to decrease unemployment rates	Create a marketing campaign to promote the Ga work ready certification program & obtaining the work ready certificate
Glascock	Health	Teen Pregnancy	Implement a sex education (required) class to be included in school curriculum beginning in Middle School

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Glynn	Education	Lack of communication between student body and school administration	Create a partnership with the school board to develop an action plan to help solve problems
Gordon	Health	Improve childhood health	Create programs during & after school to increase knowledge, physical activity, and adopt healthier lifestyles
Grady	Health	Teen Pregnancy rates vs. Drop-out rates	Create a S.A.D.D. (Students against distructive decisions) as a platform to increase awareness
Greene	Education	Distressed and at-risk youth caused by personal/home issues	Create a Youth-and-Child mentor group engaging in activities and increase meaningful relationships
Gwinnett	Education	Water conservation and pollution prevention	Increase awareness in community about water conservation and drought risks
Habersham	Econ Dev't	Teen Crime Prevention	Promote the Teen Crime Prevention Program by creating the "Fun Fair" and collaborating with organizations (Rec Center, Theatre, FFA, Boy/Girl Scouts, YMCA, & Garden club. Have law enforcement speak to youth
Hall	Health	Teen Pregnancy	Go to the Board of Education and speak to panel. Also create literature to promote safety. Lastly, partner with other organizations and create club THUMP - teens helping underate mothers pass
Hancock	Econ Dev't	Poorest county - living in poverty and increased unemployment rate	Campaign to raise spending by 10% by putting up yard signs, posting posters at local businesses, & advertise on radio/tv/newspapers.
Haralson	Education	Need an increase in test scores and behavior in students	Motivate youth by communicating with local businesses, speaking with school administration, and going to civic organization
Harris	Health	Obesity	Attend the 5th & 6th grade classrooms educating them about healthy eating and healthy alternatives. Bring in a "fruit stand" that allows each student to get a piece of fruit everyday.
Heard	Health	Obesity	Host event called "The Walk & Talk" along chattahoochee river & have different booths stafed with professionals w/nutrition handouts. Include Medical staff to take blood pressure
Hart	Safety	Increase awarness in Lake safety	Work with community organizations, create literature and post lake safety infor around boat ramps/beaches. Also should create presentation for elementary school kids
Henry	Safety	Domestic Violence	Create and distrubute educational literature. Also broadcast educational videos on local/county news channels as well as High School news programs
Irwin	Health	Obesity	Survey individuals of who might be interested in walking around the football field, implement getting a "healthy" vending machine, and make a healthy food list for those in need
Jackson	Econ Dev't	Increase poverty & graduation rates among youth	Host a week-long summer day camp for children providing opportunities for social development and helping students become more aware of local resources

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Jasper	Health	Teen Pregnancy	plan special classes designed for encouraging abstinence and safe sex. Arrange for public speakers and teen moms to speak to youth about their experiences
Jeff Davis	Health	Address community with information needed to learn about waste management and recycling	Design slogans, supply "Go Green" bags to county residents, and partner with county commission educate public about recycling
Jefferson	Health	Childhood Obesity	Create Childhood Obesity Prevention Program - include arobics and fitness classes, healthy eating classes, & healthy lifestyle classes
Johnson	Education	Decrease High School Drop-outs	create in-school & after-school programs for "soon to be drop-outs" that develop a student-teacher relationship along with involving counselors and family members
Jones	Econ Dev't	Promote animal shelter to increase number of adoptions to reduce shelters financial stress	Create website, develop community outreach program, promote fund raisers, and develop/pass out fliers at local events
Lamar	Education	Decrease High School Drop-outs	Implement community outreach programs, fund raisers, and pass out literature at local events
Lanier	Safety	Provide a safe environment for abused and neglected middle school youth	Start an after-school program for grades 6th-8th which will provide a safe-haven for middle school youth
Lee	Econ Dev't	Establish a community center for young individuals	Publicize to gain community support, search for unused building, and reach out to local business/grants for funding sources
Liberty	Health	Decrease STDs among teens & young adults and encourage abstinence or safe sex	connecgt with local leaders (ministers, youth minister, 4-H, Rotary Club, etc...) and create bumper stickers, key chains, banners, etc...promoting safe sex practices
Lincoln	Health	Implementing the lack of a drug awareness program	form a D.A.R.E club, make flyers, hold community meetings, make announcements at community and school events
Long	Safety	Driving Hazards and Car Safety	Have GA State Patrol present workshop for adults on Car Seat Safety, Posting flyers in businesses and schools about dangers of drinking and driving, & have GSP speak to PTA
Lowndes	Safety	Distractive Driving	Produce flyers, posters, billboards, and info videos to raise awareness in high schools & in community
Lumpkin	Safety	Need of a sidewalk for pedestrian awareness	develop a sidewalk stretching from Lumpkin Co High School to town, create a walk-a-thon to raise money, raise awareness of pedestrian safety
Macon	Education	Increase education requirements for Board of Education members & implement failing students have mandatory study hall	research school statistics for past/present information and develop an action plan on how to approach the improvement issues
Madison	Health	Teen alcohol abuse	Create a S.A.D.D. club, hold a memorial service for those killed by drunk drivers, increase road blocks, advocate Red Ribbon Week, & promote with a Mass Text - Don't drink and drive
Marion	Econ Dev't	Decrease unemployment rate	Partner with family connections, inrom the public, and develop promotional incentives to take test, hold community meetings, and create literature informing community
McIntosh	Health	Increase awareness of healthy lifestyles with an emphasis on obesity	Partner with Teachers & community members to set up assemblies focusing on nutrition (emphasis on obesity). Also create fitness groups
Mitchell	Education	Increase the knowledge of the existence of an animal shelter in Mitchell County	Promote animal shelter: create website, create video encouraging adoption/donation, collect pet food/donations, TV's 'pet of the week', and distribute flyers

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Monroe	Health	Need for education of the importance of spay/neuter to prevent unwanted, abused, neglected & abandoned animals.	Educate community through literature on the importance of spay/neutering animals. Provide low or no cost spay/neuter clinics for citizens who cannot afford it
Montgomery	Education	Implementation of Advanced Placement (AP) classes in high school to prepare students for college	Use funding from grants to pay for AP classes and tests. Also request funding from local business to pay for scholarships and AP testing information
Morgan	Safety	To improve the quality and safety of the child-parent meeting room at the DFCS office	Supplying items (toys, furniture, & safety clothes) that will influence over 30 children and their parents.
Newton	Health	Increase awareness of Recycling	inform public through tv and radio commercials/PSAs and provide opportunities to recycle by placing recycling bins in schools, parks, and ball complexes over the county
Oconee	Safety	Raise awareness of bike safety in Oconee county and create bike lanes throughout the county	Work with Oconee County Board to implement bike lanes; spread the word of bike safety through internet, newspaper, etc..., and hold races & bike-a-thons to raise money
Oglethorpe	Safety	Addressing the need to decrease the following: teen pregnancy, substance abuse, and high school graduation rates	Host a one day youth conference for middle and high school youth inviting experts to facilitate and teach workshops of all important and disturbing issues teens face
Paulding	Education	Need to re-implement Study Hall in schools	Propose a study time once or twice a week for the students who want to participate instead of making this a requirement.
Peach	Education	Go back to 5 day/week school weeks; add after school extra credit hours for those who could not graduate last year as a result of the 4day/week school weeks	Meet with school board and county/city officials to gain support and develop alternative school schedule and extra credit plans
Pierce	Health	Teen Pregnancy	implement two assemblies a year held with speeches & testimonies, start a window in school designated w/pregnancy statistics, & begin chaperoned teen-nights
Pike	Health	Teen drug abuse	Identify community partnerships, implement drug awareness day, and inform public of drug awareness through newspapers and internet
Pulaski	Safety	Teen bullying	Producing an interesting and informative video about bullying to spread awareness to all teen youth
Putnam	Health	Teen Pregnancy	Implement a mandatory "sex-ed" class in school and hold an afterschool fun/educational "sex-ed" course
Quitman	Econ Dev't	Increase the business industry	Work with County Commissioners, senators, governor, and mayor to try to recruit more industries
Rabun	Education	Educate community to become more self reliant	implement new classes to teach new life skills such as sewing, canning, music, dance...etc...
Rockdale	Safety	Social problems from social cliques in schools, such as bullying, suicide, teen pregnancy, drug use, etc...	survey youth, start programs in school to combat teen issues, and inform the public through assemblies and other means
Seminole	Education	High drop-out rate at school	Provide mentors and peer tutors, raffle tickets to reward good grades, early intervention, and engaging afterschool study programs.

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Spalding	Economic Dev	Youth Apathy	Create campaigns that include posters, video, radio, etc... Also display civic presentations exemplifying periodic service projects
Stephens	Safety	Communicatge the availability of prescription drug drop boxes to deposit excess prescriptions-water safety	Making service announcemnts via specific radio and television stations in community
Sumter	Health	Obesity	Go to 5th grade classes once a motn to teach about healthy eating and choices & a fun activity. End with "Summer Olympics" camp
Tattnall	Education	High school drop-out rate	Provide in-school workshops, along with tutoring and mentoring programs for graduation tests. Also use literature and guest speakers to encourage youth
Taylor	Health	Unhealthy lifestyles in youth	Distribute informational handouts, put adds in local paper, make video for cable channels, and teach after school classes with the "Family Matters" organization
Terrell	Econ Dev't	Increase recreational activities and facilities	Gain support from city/county government, enlist help of neighbors, develop fundraising ideas, and use the support of neighborhood to build playground
Tift	Education	Increase graduation rate at Tift County High School	Communicate with students through oral presentations and guest speakers
Treutlen	Safety	Increase awareness of Drinking and Driving	Distribute informational literature, conducting teen seat belt surveys, and conduct a "ghost-out" and crash reenactment
Troup	Econ Dev't	Decrease number in teen pregnancy and drop-out rates and increase abstinence & faithfulness awareness	Create a website increasing awareness, encourage active membership in student organization 4-H or SkillsUSA) and educate female students on hope, leadership, & self-worth
Turner	Health	Increase awarness of Recycling	Create High School Recycling Program and placing recycling bns at break and lunch areas. Implement incentives and advertisements to increase awareness of recycling
Union	Econ Dev't	Provide safe recreational activities and facilities	Build a teen club/community center so all teens have a safe place to hang out
Upson	Health	Provide physical activities for handicapped children	Organize educational events for handicaped children to play sports and do crafts, along with implementing a commuinty project to get youth involved
Walton	Econ Dev't	High unemployment rate	Make advertisements for local businesses through hiring, shopping, and volunteer opportunities.
Warren	Education	High school drop-out rate	Start a graduation club (O2MG=Opportunity to my graduation) providing motivation and mentoring opportunities
Washington	Safety	Teen crime victimization and bullying	Gain tools and knowledge to inform students & start an organization, let by teens, to help vicitimized individuals
Wayne	Safety	ATV Safety	Create educational materials to be distributed through local media outlets, schools, tv, fair booths, and safety days in schools and in the community.
Webster	Econ Dev't	Unemployment rates and home-bound elderly who can not maintain their home	Create a "Teen Service" business for youth to help the elderly in need of help doing odd-jobs around the house/community
Whitfield	Health	Teen Pregnancy	travel to schools 5th - 8th grade and educate students by engaging them in "real-life" senerios and skits and getting input from actual teen parents

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Wilcox	Econ Dev't	Lack of industry	Search for grants and increase community awareness of lack of industry by improving community assets and athletics
Wilkinson	Econ Dev't	Part-time jobs for youth during summer and after school	Create awareness campaigns and surveys, identify key partners, research grants, and make resource list of jobs with potential employers
Worth	Safety	Provide safe recreational activities and facilities - help decrease teen pregnancy, drop-out, and unemployment	create kid enrichment programs and community service programs that give teens a positive alternatives