



2010 Georgia Youth Summit County Issue & Action Plans



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Prior to the Summit, participants researched major issues affecting their own counties. Listening to ideas and concerns of others, Summit teams identified the most pressing issue in their county and developed plans to address them.

The topic categories were Economic Development, Education, Health, and Safety

Issue Category	% of Summit Teams Addressing Issue
Economic Development	23%
Education	21%
Health	36%
Safety	20%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The major issues in the Economic Development category were unemployment (for both adults and youth), the need for more recreational facilities, and the need for community beautification programs.

Economic Development - Issue Breakdown	% of Summit Teams Addressing Issue
Unemployment	44%
Community Beautification	8%
Need for Recreation Center	24%
Other	24%

Teams that are focusing on unemployment for adults plans to collaborate with local organization to create a job fair, provide job skills training, promote the GA Work Ready program, and develop a way to advertise local job opportunities. Teams focusing on unemployment for youth will be working to create a resource list of available employment opportunities and educate and motivate youth to create business plans.

Teams that are focusing on recreational facilities plan to create Park Committees to oversee parks, conduct fundraising to build new parks, build recreational centers, research and apply for grants to increase funding resources for facilities, and work with local citizens to build neighborhood playgrounds.

The teams focusing on community beautification programs plan to increase funding resources for beautification programs, promote recycling and organize an "adopt a yard" program.

EDUCATION

The major issues in the Education category were graduation/retention rates and in school and after school programming

Education Issue Breakdown	% of Summit Teams Addressing Issue
Low graduation/retention rates	60%
Need for additional in school and after school programming	23%
Other	17%

Teams focusing on graduation and retention rates plan to develop better after school programming, programming aimed at middle schoolers to keep them in school through out high school, develop better student-teacher relationships, and form graduation clubs.

Teams focusing on in school and after school programming plan to partner with existing organizations to increase participation in programming, develop tutoring programs, and work to reinstate study halls.

HEALTH

The major issues in the Health category were childhood obesity, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, and waste management and recycling.

Health Issue Breakdown	% of Summit Teams Addressing Issue
Teen Pregnancy	30%
Childhood Obesity	30%
Drug and Alcohol Abuse	16%
Waste Management/Recycling	14%
Other	10%

Teams focusing on childhood obesity plan to develop in school and after school educational and physical programming as well as community events such as trail walks where educational materials will be featured.

Teams focusing on drug and alcohol abuse also plan to develop in school and after school programming as well as partnering with local law enforcement to educate youth about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

Teams focusing on teen pregnancy plan to develop education programming about safe sex practices as well as invite teen parents to speak with other teens about the challenges of being a teen parent.

Teams focusing on waste management and recycling issues plan to educate adults about the need to maintain their septic systems for community health needs and also plan to add recycling bins to local schools.

SAFETY

The major issues in the Health category were distracted/drunk driving, non-motorist safety, bullying, and domestic

Safety Issue Breakdown	% of Summit Teams Addressing Issue
Distracted/Drunk Driving	33%
Non-Motorist Safety	24%
Bullying	19%
Domestic Violence	14%
Other	10%

Teams focusing on distracted/drunk driving plan to create a S.A.D.D. program within their schools and to create a DWI (Driving with Intelligence) program to educate youth about the risks of driving while texting and drunk driving.

Teams focusing on non-motorist safety plan to work with local agencies to create literature about lake safety and work with local government to increase safety measure for pedestrians and cyclists, including the additions of bike lanes on many roads.

Teams focusing on bullying plan to provide in school educational programming and to create an awareness raising video about bullying and to help combat bullying.

Teams focusing on providing adequate resources for victims of domestic violence plan to start after school programming for at risk youth and to make family meeting spaces better at the local DFCS.