



Chatham County Board of Commissioners
124 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401

2nd Annual Community Safety Forum: “Effective and Therapeutic Approaches for a Safer Savannah,” Saturday, December 10, 2016

SAVANNAH, GA (December 2, 2016) - The Chatham County Juvenile Court is hosting the 2nd Annual Community Safety Forum entitled: “Effective and Therapeutic Approaches for a Safer Savannah.” This year’s community forum will include a diverse agenda, including highlighting our progress and successes, as well as continuing challenges and innovative approaches to addressing them.

Last year’s gathering brought together over 200 participants, including community residents, employers, and students, as well as individuals from government, non-profit organizations, and faith-based organizations.

The Juvenile Court is charged with intervening with youth who have been referred as a result of delinquency matters. We continue to strive to intervene in a manner that both protects community safety and effectively gets youth onto a path where they can grow into healthy, productive, and contributing members of our society.

Our team effort has been overseen by *Judge LeRoy Burke, III*, Chatham County Juvenile Court, *Chief Joseph H. Lumpkin, Sr.*, Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, and *Dr. M. Ann Levett*, Chief Academic Officer, Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools. These three leaders are spearheading innovative solutions to address the challenges and barriers faced by Savannah and Chatham County.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Spoken Word Performance by Spitfire Poetry and DEEP Youth Center, Savannah, GA
- Monique Marrow, Ph.D., *Juvenile Justice & Trauma Focused Interventions for Youth At-risk*
- Homeboy Industries, “*Relational vs. Consequential*,” Los Angeles, CA
- Nikki Glass, Deputy Director, Community Conferencing Center, Baltimore, MD
- Community Policing, Boston, MA

LOCATION: Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Fahm Street, Savannah, GA 31401

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

LUNCH: 12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

PROGRAM: 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Over the past two years, Chatham Juvenile Court has been a recipient of a state and technical assistance grant as a result of Governor Deal's focus on juvenile justice reform. This effort encourages investment in effective community interventions as an alternative to state juvenile correctional confinement. We continue to receive technical assistance from the Annie E. Casey Foundation to improve our practices and strengthen our partnerships so we can have a more robust portfolio of positive and constructive options for youth in our community.

For questions or additional information, please contact Adam Kennedy at akennedy@chathamcounty.org or 912-652-6721.

To RSVP, please visit the [Community Safety Forum website](#).

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