

Teens Under Fire

(T. U. F.)

Living Life by
MAKING CHOICES

Not by
Taking CHANCES

A program sponsored by:
Substance Abuse Free Environment (SAFE) Team of Aiken County

The Substance Abuse Free Environment Team of Aiken County's purpose is to promote healthy lifestyles and opportunities for a successful life, prevent and reduce violence, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use for our children in Aiken County, and more specifically for grant purposes, the children in the North Side community.



S.A.F.E. Team Coalition

Aiken County Public School District
City of Aiken Parks, Recreation & Tourism
Aiken Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Services
Aiken County DJJ
SC DHEC
Aiken Regional Medical Center
Aiken County Solicitors Office
Youth Central
Community/Prevention Advocates
Parents and Concerned Citizens

The S.A.F.E. Team monthly meetings are held during the school year.

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What is *Teens Under Fire*?

- ❖ A prevention / intervention program that help teens focus on their choices, especially in the area of alcohol and other drug use.
- ❖ Exposes them to the consequences of poor decisions by bringing them face-to-face with those consequences.

Is this a scare tactic?

- ❖ No...TUF deals with the presentation of truth, showing where poor decisions can and do lead.
- ❖ The goal is to enlighten, not frighten.
- ❖ The truth, although sometimes frightening, is presented as directly as possible.

T. U. F. Program

A one-hour educational program for youth to share information about choices and the consequences these choices.

AGENDA

Program Introduction & Welcome

SAFE Team Member

Choices & Consequences: *It's All up to YOU*

SC DJJ Supervisor along with ***The INSIDERS***. Juveniles who are presently incarcerated, share their life stories that led them to prison. They tell about their choices and consequences of these choices. They help the youth face the fact that breaking the law can put them in jail too. Discussion follows.

Choices & Consequences: *Think Twice!*

Aiken County DJJ - Facilitate a discussion about effects of poor choices and the impact on their lives and others. They help the youth fully understand the consequences of their behavior and the impact of what it may be like to lose their personal freedom if they enter into the juvenile justice system. Q & A session follows the presentation.

Consequences: *Time 2 Think (Alcohol and Drug Awareness)*

Prevention Staff - Aiken Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Services: Discussion to raise awareness of the harmful consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, as a step toward changing attitudes and ultimately changing behaviors.

Program Evaluation- Completed by the participants.

The referring agency or school will request that every participant turn in an evaluation of the TUF program with their written expression of the program and what it meant to them. Counseling can be scheduled if desired.