

Participant's Code of Conduct

I agree to the following:



- Be open to building new relationships with my peers and adult leaders.
- Respect the rights and property of others.
- Respect adult leaders and other participants.
- Demonstrate my values by appropriate language and behavior.
- Not to possess any drugs, tobacco, alcohol, fireworks, matches, cigarette lighters, knives, or items that would endanger people, pets, wildlife, or property or are illegal.
- To dress appropriately; this prohibits short shorts, tank tops, any clothing that has any reference to gangs, tobacco, drugs or alcohol products including insignias or advertisements.
- Act as a lady or gentleman and refrain from any sexual misconduct.
- Not to leave an event, unless my adult leader grants permission.
- Financial and ethical obligations that result from violating the code of conduct will be the sole responsibility of myself and my family.

Our Mission

Impact is a prevention program for youth in 7th grade to 12th grade who are interested in staying out of trouble and keeping busy with positive solutions. It is a platform for them to build self esteem by demonstrating their gifts talents and abilities, via self expression of their musical, written and vocal gifts.

The co-founders of the program are Michael and Joyce Leonard. They will co-direct the program and all of its activities. Michael Leonard Sr. is a criminal justice consultant, motivational speaker and author. Joyce Leonard is an educator with over 20 years experience.

Participant Requirements:

Must be in Grades 7 or above

Attend monthly meetings (unless excused) which are normally be the last Friday of the month from 7 pm to 10 pm.

Abide by the Code of Conduct

Provide copy of report card and progress reports each quarter or semester.

Parents must be present for the first meeting to enroll their children. The following signed forms are required:

- Registration Form
- Parental/Guardian Permission Form
- Media Release Form

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IMPACT Program for Students

Developing Tomorrow's Leaders

Today!

Through...

Effect
Contact
Influence

at the Full Gospel Holiness Church
of God in Christ
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Mt Pocono, PA

Program Directors:
Michael and Joyce Leonard

The Purpose

The purpose of the Impact program is an intervention for youth who are at risk of falling prey to peer pressure, drugs, alcohol and gang involvement. We at Impact plan on creating an atmosphere that is safe and confidential for sharing sensitive information about the participant's lifestyle and home living arrangements. Referrals the Impact program can come from parents, school teachers, guidance councilors and community leaders (i.e. pastors youth leaders or elders of the church).

Conflict resolution, bullying and how to deal with being asked to join gangs or use tobacco, alcohol or drugs will be taught via role playing and skit vignettes.

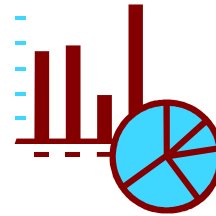
At the end of each semester awards will be given for the most improved students and the higher academic achievers.

Impact will publish its activities via various media including the web, newspaper and television. The "Impact" TV show, hosted by Mr. Leonard, is in development and will be a half hour show on PAC TV channel 21, a Monroe County television station.



Statistics to Think About

Don't Let Your Kid Be One of Them!



Tobacco

Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death. Each day, according to the CDC, over 6,000 ten and eleven year olds try their first cigarette, with over half becoming addicted to tobacco by age 14.

Drugs and Alcohol

40% of those who started drinking at age 13 or younger developed alcohol dependence later in life. 10% of teens who began drinking after the age of 17 developed dependence.

10% of teens report that they have attended a rave, and ecstasy and other drugs were available at more than two-thirds of these raves.

Teens that drink are 50 times more likely to use cocaine than teens who never consume alcohol.

Nationwide, alcohol is a contributing factor in 80% of homicides (California Wellness Foundation).

63% of the youth who drink alcohol say that they initially got the alcohol from their own or their friend's homes.

Alcohol kills 6½ times more teenagers than all other illicit drugs combined.

Teenagers whose parents talk to them on a regular basis about the dangers of drug use are 42% less likely to use drugs than those whose parents don't.

More than 60% of teens said that drugs were sold, used, or kept at their school.

20% of 8th graders report that they have tried marijuana.

28% of teens know a classmate or friend who has used ecstasy (Teen Substance Abuse).

Gangs

Gangs are not just a big city problem (FASTEN Network Gang Stats, 2001). Gang activity has been reported in:

- 20% of cities with 2,500 and 24,999 people
- 35% of suburban counties
- 11% of rural counties

Victims believed the offenders were gang members in about 12% of all aggravated assaults that occurred between 1993 and 2003 (Bureau of Justice Statistics).

Offenders were identified as gang members in about 4% of rapes, 10% of robberies, and 6% of simple assaults (Bureau of Justice Statistics).

It is estimated that 39% of gangs active in 2000 had at least one female member; 2% of gangs were identified as being composed of predominantly female members (FASTEN).