



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SOUTHEAST GEORGIA**

Does it work?

These are troubling times for our nation, especially for children. However, while we help our kids cope with the daily media reports of terrorism and war, other dangers lurk much closer to home. Child predators, drugs, sexual abuse and academic failure are but a few of the challenges they deal with daily.

We usually think of the home, with a solid family life and parental guidance, as the answer to nurturing and protecting our kids. But for millions of children in America, there's a gap. Research indicates the hours of 3-8 p.m. as the most dangerous time of day for young people -- when crime involving youth doubles -- as they leave school and return to an empty household or neighborhood street, idle and unsupervised.

The answer, according to experts, is to provide after-school programs in every community. In neighborhoods with effective programs, most youth-related problems are minimized or eliminated. Children are safe, they're involved in life-enhancing experiences with caring adults and meaningful challenges, and they can better understand and handle the larger threats and fears affecting our nation and our world.

While we as a nation vigorously debate many difficult and complex issues, the well being of our kids -- especially during the critical time of 3-8 p.m., every day -- is one responsibility on which we should all agree.

AREAS OF CONCERN IN GLYNN COUNTY:

- * 8.1% of the students are absent 15 days or more from school
- * 6.7 % of 100 students enrolled drop out of school
- * 64.1 % of students graduate with a college prep degree
- * 66.9% of students graduated from high school in 2008
- * 10.8% of arrests in Glynn County are juveniles
- * 15.7% of all births in Glynn County are to unwed teen mothers
- * teen pregnancy rate in Glynn County is 44.8% between 10-19 years of age (state ave. 35%)

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY BY:

- * Increased overall GPA by 15%
- * Decreased school absence by 87%
- * Promotion of job readiness
- * Reduced overall drug activity by 22%
- * Reduced teenage pregnancy by 50%
- * Reduced juvenile crime by 13%

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia consists of six clubs serving over 3500 youth on an annual basis. Known as “The Positive Place for Kids,” the Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children 5-19 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff. Key Boys & Girls Club programs emphasize character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation.

To find out more about the programs offered at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia or for more information please visit www.apositiveplace.net

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