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## **Community Initiative to Address Teen Violence Begins Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**LaGrange, Ga. April 18, 2023** – A community initiative addressing teen violence begins Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. LaGrange City Councilman Quay Boddie and a group of concerned citizens are joining forces to host this free event “Operation We Believe in You.”

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**"WE BELIEVE IN YOU!"**  
A YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT INITIATIVE!

“I wanted to start this initiative because investing and encouraging our youth is near and dear to me. I spend time every week in the schools because when I was younger I was lucky enough to have mentors in my life keeping me on the straight and narrow,” said Councilman Quay Boddie. “It’s now my duty to be there for the young people in this community who may not have anyone supporting and encouraging them.”

This youth and young adult initiative is a free 6-week class catered to young people from 10-21 years old and their families. The sessions will

meet every Thursday evening starting April 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Griggs Center, 716 Glenn Robertson Drive in LaGrange. The classes will be held on the following dates:

Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

There will be no class on May 25<sup>th</sup> during the Troup County School Systems graduation week.

The classes will provide a meal for the families, encouragement, exercises to encourage and empower, and resources for everyone.

Anyone interested in participating or volunteering can fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/z37cpZGS7uSjWwWQ6>

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