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IMPACT Coalition to Hold Community Meeting

LaGrange, Ga. December 13, 2017 - The IMPACT Coalition, an eight agency coalition sponsored by Community Action for Improvement, Inc. (CAFI), will hold a community meeting Friday, December 15th at 2PM.

The IMPACT Coalition is made up of eight local organizations and seeks to improve the delivery of services to the community's at-risk population. The group will meet with invited community stakeholders to discuss family-programming, the two generational approach, and other academically-focused youth initiatives.



WHO: IMPACT Coalition, eight agency coalition
WHAT: Coalition Meeting, A Two Generational Approach
WHEN: Friday, December 15th, 2:00PM
WHERE: CAFI Building, 1380 Lafayette Parkway in LaGrange, GA

Supporting services and programming will provide:

- A pathway to leadership and civic opportunities for young people
- Opportunities for parents to engage with their children and open dialogue
- An environment for youth to discover self-worth
- A structure for building skills that leaders demonstrate
- Resources to help parents remove barriers and find sustainable employment
- Chances for parents to learn best practices in parenting today's generation
- Linkage to resources and benefits for veterans; support for veteran families
- Support, training, and mentorship for those returning from incarceration

Together, the IMPACT Coalition is committed to adapting to meet the needs of vulnerable, low-income families and providing parental support and resources so they can build sustainable skills in parenting and leadership. The Coalition looks at the "whole family" and addresses barriers while also providing opportunities for the children and the parents in a family.

"It boils down to working together and not safe guarding and having a turf war with other agencies. From that organic process- the IMPACT coalition was created," she said.

"We decided to align our services with other agencies and offer better services together. When you surround yourself with like-minds and kind hearts, it's easier to move forward and have a bigger impact."

The eight organizations include Troup Transformation, LaGrange Police Department, Department of Community Supervision, CAFI, Circles of

Troup County, The Artisan Group, Communities in Schools Troup, & Discovering Soldiers' Potential II.



Pictured from left to right: U.S. Attorney B.J. Pak (US Attorney's Office), Dr. Daniell Whyllly (US Attorney's Office), Sandra Brownlee (DSPII) Natalie Blackstock (LPD), Sherrie Brown (CIRCLES), Tabitha Colverson(CIS), Mike Merideth (TT), Jennifer Corcione, (CAFI) Mike Bowen(Artisan), Laurel Boatright (US Attorney's Office). Not shown Chief Lou Dekmar (LPD), Pete Skandalakis (District Attorney), & Wanda Walker (TT).

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