

S.M.I.L.E.

(Summer Mentoring Initiative in Legal Education)



Developed By:

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Welcome to the 7th Annual **S.M.I.L.E.** Summer Program!

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What is **S.M.I.L.E.**?

S.M.I.L.E. is a program developed by **The Honorable Stacey K. Hydrick**, a Judge of the DeKalb County Superior Court. Judge Hydrick designed this **FREE** Summer Program especially for high school girls interested in learning more about the criminal justice system.

The **S.M.I.L.E** weekly program will encompass **nine program days** beginning with an Orientation on **Friday, May 29, 2020 through and including Friday, July 31, 2020, which will include a closing reception and luncheon.**

******* NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SESSION ON FRIDAY, JULY 3rd, 2020 *******

Each **Program Day** will **begin promptly at 9:00 AM** and **end** at approximately **3:00 PM**. The session will be held in **Courtroom 6D** in the **DeKalb County Courthouse**, which is located at 556 N. McDonough Street, Decatur, Georgia 30030, in the Judicial Tower.

This exciting program will provide unprecedented opportunities each week and will include speakers from DeKalb County District Attorney's Office, DeKalb County Public Defender's Office, Georgia Legal Aid, DeKalb County Probation Department, the Women's Resource Center, DeKalb County Superior Court, DeKalb County Magistrate Court, DeKalb County Juvenile Court, DeKalb County Police Department, as well as attorneys working in private practice. The program also includes a tour of the **DeKalb County Jail**, which was a favorite of previous year's participants!!

If you are interested in the criminal justice system – this Summer Program is designed especially for YOU!!!

DATES & TIMES:

Friday, May 29, 2020	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
Friday, June 5, 2020	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
Friday, June 12, 2020	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
Friday, June 19, 2020	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
Friday, June 26, 2020	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
Friday, July 10, 2020	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
Friday, July 17, 2020	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
Friday, July 24, 2020	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	
Friday, July 31, 2020	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	(CLOSING RECEPTION)

Please arrive at 8:45 a.m., as you must enter via the Security Check Point each week. Proceed to Courtroom 6D, and wait outside of Judge Hydrick’s Courtroom to be escorted back to the Judge’s jury room at 9:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: no metal or glass items are allowed in the Judicial Building!!

LOCATION:

Participants will meet in Courtroom 6D of the Honorable Stacey K. Hydrick, which is located in the **DeKalb County Courthouse, Judicial Tower, 556 N. McDonough Street, Courtroom 6D, Decatur, Georgia 30030.**

All program participants may be driven to the front of the Courthouse by their parents and/or friends. Or, you may take MARTA as the DeKalb County Courthouse is within walking distance to the Decatur MARTA station. For those who will drive each week, there is a parking deck next to the building (the entrance to the deck is on Trinity Street). There will be complimentary parking for **S.M.I.L.E.** Program Participants.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

You may reach Judge Hydrick through her assistant, Ms. Tess Darisaw, at **(404) 371-2691** or **tydarisaw@dekalbcountyga.gov**.

APPLICATION AND LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

A completed Application Form and a letter of recommendation must be submitted by **MARCH 31, 2020**. We encourage you to submit your application and letter via email to Ms. Darisaw, or via fax to (404) 371-3044.

NOTE THAT DUE TO SPACE RESTRICTIONS, THE PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY LIMITED TO ONLY 14 PARTICIPANTS. WE STRONGLY SUGGEST YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ANY ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS AFTER THE DEADLINE.

ATTIRE:

Business casual attire is required! You are encouraged to wear pants and a jacket or sweater. **Please DO NOT WEAR shorts, tank tops, flip flops, or anything with an exposed midriff.** If there are any concerns about this, please email the Judge or call her at the above number.

LUNCH:

Lunch will be provided each week! The final session will also include a closing reception. ***Your parents and friends are invited to attend this reception.***

READING ASSIGNMENT:

As part of the program, all students will be asked to read the book *A Piece of Cake*, by Cupcake Brown, which is a true story about a young girl who overcame incredible hardship and tragedy and is now an attorney practicing at a large law firm in San Francisco. We will discuss the book weekly during our sessions. Judge Hydrick will provide a copy of the book to all participants on the first day of the program.

EVALUATIONS:

As this was a valuable resource for us during our first year of this program, you will be asked to complete and return weekly (anonymous) evaluations of the sessions regarding what you liked, and did not like. This will help Judge Hydrick improve the program each year now that it has become an annual program.

THANK YOU NOTES:

During each program weekly session, Judge Hydrick has arranged for you to meet with representatives from the various offices that interact with Superior Court. After each session, one of you will be responsible for sending a thank you note to the speaker(s) of that respective day, who have graciously volunteered his/her time to teach you about their jobs and their offices.

PERMISSION TO TOUR JAIL AND JUVENILE COURT

Judge Hydrick has arranged for you to take a tour of the DeKalb County Jail and to visit the DeKalb County Juvenile Court. **We must have written permission from your parent or legal guardian allowing you to participate in these sessions, as they are located “off campus.”** Also, if you do not drive, or if you do not have other means of transportation for these field trips, Judge Hydrick will take you in her car, as these locations are not within walking distance to the Courthouse. However, we must receive written permission from your parent or legal guardian for the Judge to provide transportation for you. Please have the appropriate person sign the enclosed permission slip and return it to Judge Hydrick with your application.

AGENDA

Please do not hesitate to contact Judge Stacey K. Hydrick, or her assistant, Ms. Tess Darisaw, should you have any additional questions or comments, or, should you require any additional information!

Applicants who are accepted will be notified via email by April 15th!