# **TEAMWORK**

The Juvenile Community Diversion Program has the support and resources of multiple agencies. The Cuyahoga County Juvenile Justice Center, Maple Heights School Superintendent, Maple Heights' Police Chief, and Maple Heights Law Department are working together to offer a dynamic and innovative opportunity for first time juvenile offenders to prevent their criminal offense from entering the criminal justice system.

This program is designed as an aggressive mentorship program to equip juveniles with skills and positive experiences through Leadership Workshops and Community Betterment Projects.

## Message from Mayor Annette Blackwell:

"Today's youth are tomorrow's politicians, doctors, and leaders...their success is directly linked to a better city!"

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Mayor Annette Blackwell proudly presents
Maple Heights Juvenile
Community Diversion
Program



A place where children deserve a second chance...



"I have noticed a difference in my son. Our communication level is even better than before. I am particularly pleased with the session on choosing life skills. Thank you for offering this program to the children of Maple Heights, Ohio and may you continue to have success in the future."

Mr. Nathaniel Primous III

## LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Leadership Workshops provide an assortment of highly structured programming activities, including education and/or hands-on vocational training and skill development. The workshop topics include Résumé Building, Employment Interviews Do's & Don'ts, Public Speaking training, College Application Procedures, and Career Planning. These workshops are staffed with volunteers and attorneys from the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Cleveland Black Prosecutor's Association, and residents of Maple Heights.

#### **PURPOSE AND GOALS**

"We would rather equip a child with the necessary skills to make wise decisions for the rest of their life opposed to scaring them temporarily out of making poor ones."

Maple Heights' Law Department



# COMMUNITY BETTERMENT PROJECTS

Community Betterment Projects are prearranged work project collaborations with local businesses, non-profit organizations and government agencies. Juveniles will assist local partnered

companies with their daily duties and tasks. These projects are intended to develop interpersonal working skills within juveniles, expose juveniles to positive working environments, and introduce juveniles to healthy team building experiences. [Picture shown bottom left is a community betterment project at the local farmers' market where juveniles assist farmers and customers, primarily senior citizens, with their transactions and carrying their purchased produce to their respective vehicles.]



### CHARACTER BUILDING WORKSHOPS:

WHEN: 8:00 AM on designated Saturday

mornings

WHERE: City Hall - 5353 Lee Road, 44137

WHY: Terms of Diversion Program

HOW: Hard work, teamwork, and fun

WHO: Enrolled Diversion Juveniles