



# The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia Community Outreach Annual Report

October 1, 2013 – December 31, 2014



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia (USAO-NDGA) engages in community outreach to maintain open communication with the public we serve. Through effective collaboration with residents, community groups, local governments, non-governmental organizations, educators, and



vulnerable populations, we work to build safer and stronger communities. In addition to prosecuting those who violate the law, we are also committed to understanding community needs and leading crime prevention and ex-offender reentry initiatives.

During FY2012–2013, the U.S. Attorney's Office engaged approximately 15,242 community members and 101 partners through various outreach initiatives. This report highlights the prevention, enforcement, and reentry initiatives that engaged approximately 16,169 community members and 194 partners from October 1, 2013 to December 31, 2014. The increasing number of citizens impacted by the USAO Community Outreach program is represented throughout the report, demonstrating our efforts to promote safer communities through strategic partnerships for the approximately 6.5 million residents of this district.

## PREVENTION

*Goal: Expand violence prevention by partnering with community stakeholders to reach at-risk populations.*

### USAO - NDGA Signature Programs

- Community Speaks ATL: Following President Obama's call to hold regional meetings focused on building trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve in the wake of the unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, Attorney General Eric Holder, Jr. travelled to Atlanta on December 1, 2014, to participate in the first of these roundtable discussions, hosted by U.S. Attorney Sally Yates and Reverend Raphael Warnock of the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church. A small group of law enforcement officials, elected officials, community leaders, student leaders, and faith leaders participated in a roundtable discussion before joining the larger community dialogue, dubbed "Community Speaks ATL." During the forum, Attorney General Holder and U.S. Attorney Yates delivered remarks, followed by an intergenerational panel of community leaders which included elementary, high school and college students, Reverend Bernice King, and civil rights leader Dr. C.T. Vivian. **(100 youth/1900 adults)**



- U.S. Attorney's Youth Advisory Council:

In response to community concerns expressed by students who participated in the U.S. Attorney's Office "Rep Your City 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest" held in the Spring of 2013; U.S. Attorney Sally Yates formed a Youth Advisory Council. The Council was created to advise the U.S. Attorney and other community leaders on a variety of community concerns, empower students through civic engagement, and encourage them to become future community leaders and problem solvers. U.S. Attorney Yates initially met with students at two of the five participating middle schools to gauge interest in the Council, discuss summer plans, community safety, and their anticipated transition to high school. Additionally, the U.S. Attorney discussed expected participation outcomes, and engaged students concerning specific improvements desired for their communities. Also, students expressed their desire to speak directly with community leaders and elected officials. During the 2013-2014 school year, U.S. Attorney Yates held two additional Youth Advisory Council meetings at two of the high schools in which the majority of essay contest participants matriculated: Booker T. Washington High School and The New Schools at Carver. At the Washington meeting, Atlanta Police Chief George Turner shared an inspirational message about overcoming the challenges of his childhood and his unlikely career path to becoming the Chief of Police. Atlanta City Council President Ceasar Mitchell participated in the second meeting and shared information about City Council responsibilities that impact the student's neighborhoods. Council President Mitchell also encouraged students to get involved in neighborhood planning initiatives. Chief Turner and Council President Mitchell encouraged students to articulate their safety and neighborhood improvement concerns. This initiative gave students an opportunity to voice their concerns and develop potential solutions for the change they wish to see in their communities. (21 youth)



- Booker T. Washington High School Street Law & Mock Trial Program: The USAO partnered with Atlanta's John Marshall Law School to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Street Law Mock Trial at the United States Federal Courthouse in April 2014. The Honorable U.S. District Judge Timothy C. Batten, Sr. presided over the mock trial. Students from Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta argued the case of State of Georgia versus Daniel Capulet: Mr. Capulet was indicted for Murder, Felony Murder, and Aggravated Assault, for the May 14, 2011, shooting of Philip Newton. After great legal arguments and robust jury deliberations, the jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict and Judge Batten directed counsel to retry the case again next year.



AUSAs and paralegals from the USAO and John Marshall law students taught substantive courses on contracts, torts, intellectual property, constitutional law, dispute resolution, criminal law, civil rights, U.S. court systems and civil disobedience during the Spring semester "Street Law" program at Washington High School. After completing the substantive legal courses, the high school students were instructed on trial techniques in preparation for a mock trial. The mock trial is the highlight of the Street Law program. *(15 youth/15 adults)*

The USAO-NDGA, in partnership with Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, was awarded Booker T. Washington High School's 2013-2014 Partner of the Year for the Street Law & Mock Trial program. *(150 youth/30 adults)*



- Booker T. Washington High School 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Federal Law Enforcement Symposium: The USAO and partnering agencies Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), U.S. Secret Service (USSS), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), hosted an annual





law enforcement symposium at Booker T. Washington High School during the Fall 2013 semester. The symposium was designed to inform students about career opportunities within each agency and to encourage them to consider careers in federal law enforcement. Breakout sessions were held with each agency to allow representatives to speak candidly with students about their job duties, stress the importance of making good decisions educationally, socially and professionally, and implore students not to fall victim to peer pressure, bullying, and gang affiliation. *(100 youth/20 adults)*



- Youth Legal and Law Enforcement Symposiums: The USAO hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Legal and Law Enforcement Symposium in July 2014. The goals of the symposium were to provide students with a basic understanding of the criminal justice system, foster relationships between law enforcement and the community, and inform students of career opportunities in law enforcement. The symposium included an overview of federal criminal and civil prosecutions from First Assistant U.S. Attorney John Horn, and presentations from Special Agents from the DEA, FBI, ATF, ICE, and the Secret Service. A pizza party was held



during lunch. Following lunch the students, chaperones, and special guests visited the courtrooms of United States District Court Judge Steve C. Jones and United States

Magistrate Judge Gerrilyn G. Brill. The judges informed the attendees of their duties and responsibilities, described the federal court system, shared interesting case details, and offered words of encouragement. The students in attendance ranged from middle school to high school. Participating organizations included: Operation P.E.A.C.E., Atlanta Bar Association Summer Law Intern Program, Urban Youth Empowerment Program, Future Forward Emerging Scholars, and the Fulton County Junior DA Program. *(79 youth/19 adults)*



The USAO also hosted another youth legal symposium in collaboration with 100 Black Men of Atlanta. Federal law enforcement partners from the DOJ, IRS, DEA, FBI, ATF, HSI, and the USSS shared information about their college and career paths, agency responsibilities, and requirements for federal employment with their respective agencies. Special agents also discussed the exciting challenges of investigating fraud, human trafficking, narcotics and gang cases, and encouraged youth to consider law enforcement careers. Also, U.S. Attorney Sally Yates, U.S. Magistrate Judge Linda Walker, and U.S. District Judge Steve Jones met with the students to describe their respective job duties and responsibilities, and provide encouraging remarks. *(55 youth/19 adults)*



- Real Talk about the Law: Spearheaded by the National Black Prosecutor's Association (NBPA), the USAO collaborated with its local affiliate, the Greater Atlanta Black Prosecutors' Association (GABPA) to host Real Talk panel discussions at Booker T. Washington High School, Grady High School, and Mays High School. Collectively, Real Talk was implemented in 12 schools throughout Metro Atlanta and reached more than 4,000 students. The program began in 2014 to commemorate the death of Trayvon Martin, and was specifically designed to target high school aged African American males, to facilitate positive interactions with law enforcement, broaden their knowledge of the criminal justice system, and increase exposure to positive role models. Young men were provided with information about common criminal scenarios and realistic consequences, Georgia laws regarding the "seven deadly sins," gang resistance, and the USAO "Know Your Rights Safety Wallet Card." In addition to the USAO and GABPA, partnering agencies included: Drug Enforcement Administration, DeKalb County DA's Office, Office of DeKalb County Solicitor-General, DeKalb County Police Department, Fulton County DA's Office, Fulton County Sheriff's Office, City of Atlanta, Office of the City Solicitor, Atlanta Police Department, Clayton County Solicitor's Office, DeKalb County Schools, Fulton County Schools, Atlanta Public Schools, Clayton County Schools, and Urban League of Greater Atlanta. A formerly incarcerated person was also featured as a guest speaker at each of the Real Talk discussions to deter youth from considering delinquent activity and criminal affiliations. *(590 youth/20 adults)*



- Straight Talk Student Forum at Villa Rica High School: The USAO began the Straight Talk initiative at Osborne High School in 2013, under the direction of Community Outreach Specialist Dr. Danielle Sweat Whyly, in partnership with Communities in Schools (CIS) of Georgia. Straight Talk is designed to engage at-risk high school students in monthly open forum style discussions on a variety of violence prevention topics specific to their community. Students are identified by school administrators, teachers and CIS Site Coordinators based on factors such as poor school attendance, multiple disciplinary infractions, failing grades, grade level retention, and/or gang-affiliation. Villa Rica High School was the second school to implement the program and topics discussed included: Bullying, Cyber-Bullying and Internet Safety, Decision-Making and Problem-Solving, Life Skills for Success, and Leadership. *(415 youth)*



- Voices of Youth / Straight Talk Symposium at McNair Middle School: The USAO Straight Talk Student Forum, which is an initiative designed to engage at-risk youth in positive discussion concerning education, leadership, and decision-making; collaborated with Communities in Schools of Atlanta and the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office to implement a similar program titled "Voices of Youth." Staff from the USAO joined staff from the DA's Office and partnering organizations, to engage at-risk 8<sup>th</sup> graders in open dialogue about challenging topics. The one hour monthly symposiums were also designed to break down some of the barriers between youth and law enforcement. Fall 2014 semester topics included: Internet Safety & Inappropriate Use of Social Media and Crimes Against Children; Gang Resistance; Bullying; and Teen Violence & Anger Management. McNair Middle School was the third school to implement the Straight Talk program in the Northern District of Georgia. *(25 youth/5 adults)*
- Community Outreach Awards: The USAO hosted the inaugural U.S. Attorney's Office Community Outreach Awards ceremony in December 2014. The awards ceremony recognized individuals within our office and community partners who have been exceptionally supportive of community outreach programs over the past two years. In addition to individual awards, the entire USAO was recognized for their overall involvement in community outreach. Nearly 70% of USAO staff participated in, or supported outreach initiatives during the period of October

2013 through December 2014. Also, of note, the Treble Makers Concert Choir from Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy were special guest performers for the awards program. *(28 youth/105 adults)*



Community Leaders, Partners & Law Enforcement Awardees Included:

Cesar Mitchell, Atlanta City Council President  
 Joan Garner, Fulton County Commissioner  
 George Turner, Atlanta Police Department Chief  
 Brian McGee, Fulton County Sheriff's Office Captain  
 Bob Jackson, Re-Entry Coalition, Inc. Executive Director  
 Linda Dove, Gwinnett County Human Relations Commission Vice Chair  
 Demarcus Peters, English Avenue Neighborhood Association President  
 Eric Girault, Guest Speaker  
 Colleen Higgins, Guest Speaker  
 Atlanta's John Marshall Law School  
 Chick-fil-A Foundation  
 Communities in Schools of Georgia  
 Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy  
 Davis Bozeman Law Firm  
 Everybody Wins! Atlanta  
 The Stewart Foundation  
 One Vision Productions, LLC  
 Greater Atlanta Black Prosecutors Association  
 Urban League of Greater Atlanta  
 Rafiq Ahmad, ATF Supervisory Special Agent  
 Chuvalo Truesdell, DEA Special Agent  
 Ashley Johnson, FBI Supervisory Special Agent  
 Mina Riley, ICE Special Agent  
 Jason Godfrey, ICE Special Agent  
 Charles Baxter, Secret Service Special Agent



USAO Community Involvement Awardees Included:

Alisha Fleming  
Bret Williams  
Brock Brockington  
Christie Jones  
Debra Matthews  
Denise Jones  
DeShanta Cox  
Didi Nelson  
Geri Curry-Davis  
Glenn Baker  
Jacqui Etienne  
Jamie Beck  
Jeff Brown  
Jessica Morris  
Laurel Boatright  
Marti Goldring  
Nathan Kitchens  
Nekia Hackworth  
Ramala Stansbury  
Richard Moultrie  
Rosalyn Ritchie  
Shannon Richardson  
Shanya Dingle  
Slu Wallace  
Tonzja Cherry  
Yvette Comer





## Youth Empowerment

- Junior Achievement's Chick-fil-A Foundation Discovery Center: During the 2013-2014 school year, more than 32,000 students in metro Atlanta were provided the opportunity to participate in hands-on experiential learning at Junior Achievement (JA) Finance Park and JA BizTown within the Discovery Center. The JA Finance Park and JA BizTown are designed as interactive marketplaces, representative of the local business community. Represented businesses include financial services, media, telecommunications, utilities, manufacturing and more. The Finance Park simulation gives students the rare opportunity to assume the role of an adult and make financial decisions, manage a household budget, utilize banking services, and make investments. The BizTown simulation allows students to take on the role of employee, taxpayer and consumer with unique job assignments in an assigned business. Since all Atlanta Public Schools, DeKalb County Schools, Fulton County Schools and Marietta City Schools have integrated Junior Achievement's financial literacy and work readiness education into their core curriculum for middle school students, the Discovery Center utilizes at least 40 parent, community and business volunteers to operate JA Finance Park and JA BizTown on a daily basis. Twelve USAO staff volunteered for the program throughout the school year. The table below details the students impacted by USAO volunteerism during this reporting period. **(923 youth)**



<b>No. of Students</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Location</b>
67	Mainstreet Charter Academy	6 <sup>th</sup>	College Park	Fulton County
100	Druid Hills Middle School	6 <sup>th</sup>	Decatur	DeKalb County
120	Austin Road Middle School	6 <sup>th</sup>	Stockbridge	Henry County
140	Camp Creek Middle School	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	College Park	Fulton County
	Peachtree Academy	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	Conyers	Rockdale County
	The Intown Academy	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	Atlanta	City of Atlanta
	Risers Academy for Young Men	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	Savannah	Chatham County
220	Henderson Middle School	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Atlanta	DeKalb County
150	River Trail Middle School	7 <sup>th</sup>	Johns Creek	Fulton County
126	Holcomb Bridge Middle School	7 <sup>th</sup>	Alpharetta	Fulton County

- Everybody Wins! Atlanta “Power Lunch” Program: Power Lunch is a unique literacy and mentoring initiative of Everybody Wins!, a national nonprofit literacy organization devoted to promoting literacy among elementary school students. The program model is straightforward and effective. Volunteer mentors read to students who are performing below grade level, during their lunch hour, in an effort to improve the students’ reading skills and foster a love of reading. USAO-NDGA staff members volunteered to serve as Power Lunch Reading Mentors at two Atlanta Public Schools, Bethune Elementary School and Hope-Hill Elementary School, during the 2013-2014 school year. In total, 14 employees contributed 161 hours of service. **(22 youth/10 adults)**

In addition to weekly reading, staff members participated in on-site Power Lunch Orientation and Year-End Celebration for Everybody Wins! Atlanta. During the end of the year event, the USAO was recognized as a new partner and acknowledged for the 1200+ books that the son of a staff member (who is not a reading mentor) collected and donated to Power Lunch program. Along with the books, the staff member’s son and several other Boy Scout troop members built and donated two book carts for the program. **(524 youth/35 adults)**



- Responsibility, Respect, and Restraint Anti-Bullying Assembly at Bethune Elementary School: The USAO hosted an anti-bullying assembly for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in Fall 2014. The anti-bullying summit was held for all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students to combat excessive reports of fighting due to bullying. Five USAO staff facilitated breakout sessions on Being a Bully; Being Bullied; Being a Bystander; and Empathy Building. Following the assembly, students were asked to complete a survey. Seventy-seven percent of the students completed the survey and 100% reported

that they had seen bullying at school; a majority had been bullied at school; and some felt bullied by teachers. *(79 youth/8 adults)*

- Mayor's Summer Reading Club (MSRC): The USAO joined with Atlanta's Mayor, Kasim Reed, and other local partners, to implement summer reading activities as part of the Summer Reading Club. The MSRC is a public-private partnership designed to improve vocabulary and literacy skills. The MSRC is for children ages birth to eight and their families. The goals of the reading club are to engage the community in encouraging children to continue reading and learning during the summer, to encourage families to instill literacy as a core value in the home, and increase family awareness of the importance of reading with their children every day. The reading club designates a city-wide book choice for infants, a book for children ages 2-4, and a book for children ages 5-8. The books are given to reading club participants and their families at no cost. Twenty-eight (28) staff members from the USAO participated in the MSRC. From July 14-18, 2014, USAO staff traveled to The Villages at Carver Family YMCA (Slater Elementary School) and read the book "Nothing Ever Happens on 90th Street" to groups of 5 to 8 year old boys and girls. In total, more than 100 students experienced USAO staff in costumes, speak in fake "English" accents, and act out characters from Roni Schotter's book. *(100 youth/7 adults)*

- Real Men Read Day at Columbia Elementary School: Several USAO staff participated in "Real Men Read" at Columbia Elementary School in Decatur, Georgia. The event was designed to inspire students to become lifelong readers, foster a love of reading, highlight the importance of reading, and provide positive male role models for students. The volunteers read to classrooms of



students in 30 minute sessions. Following the book readings students were questioned about the theme and messages of each book. Additionally, volunteers engaged students concerning educational and occupational goals and encouraged students to do their best in all academic subjects, refrain from violence and bullying, and to respect their

teachers and fellow students. Approximately 300 men served as volunteer readers during the day-long event. *(80 youth/10 adults)*



- InGIRLS Leadership Symposium: InGIRLS (*Investing in Growing, Inventing, Reaching, Learning, Succeeding*) is a college readiness program for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. In partnership with InGIRLS and the Chick-fil-A Foundation, the USAO hosted approximately 200 eighth grade girls in January 2014, from Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy, John F. Kennedy Middle School, and Charles R. Drew Charter School for a leadership symposium. The symposium was designed to inspire young women to become leaders, seek higher education, and explore non-traditional career fields. The symposium featured 29 women in leadership positions from the public and private sectors, who facilitated breakout sessions and roundtable discussions on a host of topics ranging from the importance of initiative and influence to individuality and intuition. Keynote speakers included U.S. Attorney Sally Yates, a U.S. District Court Judge and the EPA Chief of Staff. Following lunch, the students created vision boards which displayed future aspirations. In addition to the Leadership Symposium, InGIRLS delivers year-long programming with monthly classroom sessions and a college immersion day. *(200 youth/30 adults)*



- InGIRLS In-Class Mentoring Program: In partnership with InGIRLS, a classroom discussion on Reaching for Your Goals was facilitated by a USAO staff member for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls at Price Middle School. Topics of discussion included transitioning to high school, peer pressure, role modeling, leadership, human trafficking and child exploitation. *(20 youth/2 adults)*
- Booker T. Washington High School Project for a Day: Atlanta Partners for Education (APFE) sponsors an annual initiative entitled "Project for a Day," in partnership with Atlanta Public Schools. Project for a Day provides opportunities for business and community leaders to spend a day in an Atlanta Public School working with students on an experiential learning project that focuses on educational attainment, training, and skills needed to be competitive in a global economy. The USAO has served as a partner for education at Booker T. Washington High School for the past two years. During Fall 2013, USAO staff facilitated two Junior Achievement Career Success workshops, "Get Hired: Strong Soft Skills" and "Know Your Work Priorities." These workshops taught soft skills and interviewing techniques. The Fall 2014 project engaged students in a guided career-readiness activity entitled "My Potential Life." My Potential Life exposed students to life choices after high school and focused on the

competencies of critical thinking, choices and consequences, and survival skills in the real world. *(70 youth/13 adults)*

- Woodward Academy Girl UP Luncheon and General Assembly on Sex Trafficking: The USAO participated in a general assembly for 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders concerning sex trafficking. Staff from the USAO provided information about the prevalence of crimes against children, the use of social media in child exploitation, and case information about human trafficking prosecutions. A recent trafficking victim served as the guest speaker and shared information about her case which ended in the successful prosecution of the person who caused her to be a sex trafficking victim. Girl UP is an international youth-focused initiative that is designed to raise awareness and funds for United Nations programs that target adolescent girls around the world, and has a local chapter of girls at Woodward Academy. *(300 youth/15 adults)*
- “Don’t Touch the Fire” Youth Symposium: Assistant U.S. Attorney and Community Outreach Coordinator Loranzo Fleming participated in the Don’t Touch the Fire Youth Symposium, sponsored by the Fulton County Commission and the Fulton County Housing and Human Services Department. The symposium theme, “Talk, Think and Take Action!” focused on helping at-risk high school students overcome challenges and social barriers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in order to live a productive life. Formerly incarcerated individuals, business leaders, and elected officials presented a variety of insightful workshops about Georgia criminal law and consequences, preparing for college and career, understanding civil rights, and emerging industries in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). *(250 youth/100 adults)*
- Covenant House Georgia “Prepare and Share a Meal” Program: The USAO became a Prepare and Share a Meal partner with the Covenant House of Georgia in Fall 2014. The Covenant House provides sanctuary for Atlanta’s homeless youth. Many of the youth who reside at the Covenant House Crisis Shelter have run away from abusive or neglectful homes, some have been rejected by their families due to teenage pregnancy or for revealing their sexual orientation, some have “aged out” of foster care, others have escaped the city’s notorious sex trafficking trade, and others grew up in homeless or poverty-stricken families who couldn’t afford to care for them once they turned 18. The Covenant House provides its residents with food, clothing, shelter, counseling, job search assistance, and life skills training. Feeding up to 40 youths each day is a major financial expenditure and the Covenant House relies heavily upon the meal donation program “Prepare and Share a Meal” for assistance. During 2014, approximately twenty-five staff from the USAO participated in the Prepare and

Share a Meal program. In addition to providing healthy and nutritious meals, USAO staff interacted with youths during dinner and discussed a myriad of topics including: career paths, educational opportunities, hobbies, decision making, military service, and the duties and responsibilities of the USAO. The USAO has agreed to participate in the meal donation program on a quarterly basis and more than 40 staff members have already signed up to volunteer. Additionally, USAO staff members donated boxes of much needed undergarments to the Covenant House, which provides every resident with new undergarments, socks and pajamas upon arrival. *(150 youth/10 adults)*



- Annual HYPE Conference: In partnership with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, the USAO has participated in the youth conference for the past two years. Held in October each year, HYPE is an acronym for "Helping Our Youth Prosper and Evolve" and features breakout sessions for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth, parents, and caregivers. Conference workshops focused on gang involvement, bullying, education, the judicial system, health and wellness, and parenting. USAO staff provided information to attendees about the USAO, crimes against children, internet safety, community partnerships and gang awareness for parents. In 2014, Assistant U.S. Attorney and Community Outreach Coordinator Loranzo Fleming served as a panelist during the session titled, "Education Not Incarceration." *(250 youth/150 adults)*
- DeKalb Alliance on Youth: In 2014 the USAO partnered with the DeKalb County Office of Youth Services and became a member of the Alliance on Youth. The DeKalb Alliance on Youth was launched in order to bring community, educational, business, faith-based, governmental and non-profit entities together to address the local challenges and needs of DeKalb County's youth. Since becoming an Alliance partner, the USAO has participated in bi-monthly



meetings focused on partnership opportunities, Alliance marketing strategies, events and programs, and resource development in DeKalb County. **(60 adults)**

- **My Brother's Keeper Initiatives:** The USAO participated in *My Brother's Keeper (MBK)* initiatives during 2014. President Obama's MBK initiative challenges local



stakeholders and community residents to help eliminate opportunity gaps, barriers, and challenges facing youth, including boys and young men of color, in order to ensure that all young people are positioned to succeed. The

Community Outreach team participated in an MBK program luncheon and listening session for faith, business, and community leaders at the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, and a DeKalb County MBK Community Challenge town hall meeting. **(170 adults)**

- **Chick-fil-A Foundation Power Camp:** Power Camp is an annual need-based day camp that serves 150 youth ages 8 to 12. Many of the kids who participated in the camp are from impoverished and blighted communities, which are within the designated geographical boundaries of the USAO Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). Each day campers participate in different sports such as lacrosse, soccer, and tennis, and character development activities. Collectively, seventeen USAO staff, interns and student volunteers provided lunch assistance during the summer camp. **(150 youth/20 adults)**



- **2014 YoBoulevard! Back-to-School Block Party:** The USAO participated in the 2014 Year of Boulevard Back-to-School Block Party and Community Cookout. The goal of the annual block party and cookout is to promote community awareness and involvement. In its third year, the event brought together more than 75 city, county, state, federal and nonprofit agencies that provide services and resources for children, families and senior residents of the Boulevard corridor. The USAO, the United States Secret Service (USSS), and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services were amongst several governmental agencies who participated in the block party. The agencies distributed information about programs and services and answered questions of the attendees. Also, the USSS "Operation Safe Kids" Forensic Unit participated in the event. Operation Safe Kids used leading technology to produce a biographical document containing a

child's photograph along with digitized, inkless fingerprints and other vital identification information. Parents received the document that can later be reproduced immediately for mass distribution to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. This system saves valuable time when there is no time to spare, in matters involving missing and exploited children. At least 1,600 Boulevard corridor residents attended the event; 600 of which were students who received free backpacks and school supplies. *(50 youth/200 adults)*

- Student Achievement Month (SAM) Awards: The USAO attended the SAM Awards. Loranzo Fleming served as a judge for the written expression and public speaking contest for the 2013-2014 school term State Competition. Each year, Communities in Schools (CIS) of Georgia honors at-risk students throughout the state, who are often overlooked and otherwise expected to underachieve. The students participate in a variety of competitions and are rewarded with computers, school supplies, and an all-expense paid trip to the awards ceremony held in Atlanta, GA. *(50 youth/70 adults)*



- L.O.V.E. Coalition, Inc.: The USAO presented a job readiness workshop for the L.O.V.E. Coalition, Inc., which stands for Lifting Our Voices for Equality (LOVE) Coalition. The Coalition is committed to ensuring the success of LGBTQ youth and young adults by providing them with the necessary tools to help them achieve their goals and dreams. USAO staff provided information about community outreach programs, federal resources relative to the LGBTQ community, and human resource development pointers on job preparation, interviewing skills, networking and appropriate work attire. *(10 youth/5 adults)*

- Boys & Girls Clubs National Mentoring Program: The USAO joined Assistant Attorney General Karol Mason and leaders from Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta to announce a \$22.2 million grant award from the Office of Justice Programs for the Boys & Girls Clubs National Mentoring Program. A press conference was held at the Warren Boys & Girls Club in East Atlanta. *(25 youth/20 adults)*



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Burgers and Backpacks” Back-to-School Block Party: In partnership with English Avenue Neighborhood Association, Greater Vine City Opportunities Program, Inc., and Vertical Church, the USAO collected several boxes of notebooks, calculators, crayons, pens, pencils, and other school supplies and donated them to the back-to-school event. *(200 youth)*
- Holiday Toy Drive: The USAO partnered with the Greater Vine City Opportunities Program, English Avenue Neighborhood Association, and Bellwood Boys and Girls Club to host a holiday toy drive for disadvantaged youth in the English Avenue and Vine City communities. Staff members from the USAO donated seven boxes of toys for children served by these organizations. *(70 youth/50 adults)*
- Atlanta Public Schools District 2 Meet & Greet and Town Hall: The USAO attended the Washington Cluster Meet & Greet and met the new APS Superintendent, Dr. Meria Carstarphen, and administrators within the school cluster. The USAO has implemented programs in all of the schools within the Washington Cluster: Bethune Elementary School, Brown Middle School, and Washington High School. Community residents, students, and school staff were all in attendance to network with stakeholders and encourage continued partnership. *(85 adults)*
- Atlanta Public Schools College and Career Motivation Week: Staff from the USAO participated in college and career readiness programs at South Atlanta High School, Douglass High School, and The New Schools at Carver. Students in 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades discussed career goals and postsecondary education. Staff members provided insight about how to overcome obstacles and shared information about the mission and purpose of the Department of Justice. *(325 youth/15 adults)*





- Career Day at North Clayton High School: The USAO participated in career day at North Clayton High School and shared information about the variety of career fields within the Department of Justice. Staff also discussed college majors, internships, and the importance of networking. *(380 youth/9 adults)*
- Career Day at Carver Early College High School: Staff from the USAO engaged 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in discussions about college and career choices, decision making skills, internet safety, and crime prevention. *(83 youth/4 adults)*
- Career Development at Meadowcreek High School: The USAO was invited to discuss leadership, the power of networking, and positive decision-making with 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Additional topics of discussion were college and test preparation and career readiness. *(50 youth/5 adults)*
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Stewart Foundation Career Day at Towers High School: The USAO participated in the annual Stewart Foundation Career Day, which is a complete school take-over. More than 200 professionals from entertainment, medical, sales, law enforcement, and service industries were represented. Staff members discussed their job responsibilities at the USAO and provided useful tips concerning educational and occupational choices. *(120 youth/45 adults)*
- The Stewart Foundation's Career Day at Miller Grove Middle School: Staff members participated in career day and spoke to 7<sup>th</sup> grade students about avoiding criminal activity and associations, and other behaviors that create barriers to success. Staff members also discussed the mission and purpose of the USAO, and shared information about their job duties and career choices. *(64 youth/5 adults)*
- College and Career Motivation Week at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School: Four USAO staff visited several classrooms to speak with students about achieving career goals and the importance of academic success. *(215 youth/10 adults)*
- Career Day at Stephenson Middle School: Staff members from the USAO visited 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to inform students about the mission and purpose of the USAO, discuss college and career goals, internet safety, human trafficking and other crime prevention tips. *(181 youth/10 adults)*

- Career Day at Kennedy Middle School: Staff members engaged 8<sup>th</sup> graders about careers within the legal profession, decision-making, and transitioning to high school. Students were very open about hopes for high school, plans for college, and career choices. *(60 youth/10 adults)*
- Gwinnett County Public Schools' Career Connections Exhibition: In an effort to better prepare 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for a smoother transition from school to career, the exhibition featured approximately 165 companies from law and public safety, construction, health science, hospitality, marketing, and a host of other professions. Approximately 3,500 students from eight Gwinnett County middle schools attended the exhibition. Staff members from the USAO shared information about preparing for a legal career, common career challenges, and educational and occupational requirements. *(100 youth/20 adults)*
- College and Career Motivation Week at Thomasville Heights Elementary School: Staff members discussed their job duties with students in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades, and highlighted the mission, purpose, and responsibilities of the Department of Justice and the USAO. Staff members engaged the students in discussions concerning the myriad of career opportunities available within the Department. The students shared their career goals and life aspirations with USAO staff. *(140 youth/5 adults)*
- Career Day at Bethune Elementary School: The USAO participated in career day and encouraged 5<sup>th</sup> graders to pursue their dreams, and stay focused and academically engaged throughout middle and high schools. Internet safety, peer pressure, decision-making skills and the importance of education were key messages delivered to the students. *(100 youth/5 adults)*
- Career Day at R.N. Fickett Elementary School: Several USAO staff engaged 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in discussions about the mission of the U.S. Attorney's Office, career aspirations, internet safety, and crime prevention. *(90 youth/10 adults)*



- Career Day at L.P. Miles Intermediate Elementary School: USAO staff members spoke to 5<sup>th</sup> graders about college and career choices, decision making skills, internet safety, and crime prevention. *(85 youth/10 adults)*
- Career Day at Hope-Hill Elementary School: Staff from the USAO served as career motivators for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Crime prevention messages about internet safety and anti-bullying were emphasized to the enthusiastic learners. Also, the USAO donated five FlashMasters to Hope-Hill Elementary School for basic math skills development. FlashMaster learning devices are a digital alternative to flashcards that help students learn basic math skills. *(60 youth/5 adults)*

### Collegiate Outreach

- Atlanta's John Marshall Law School (AJMLS): The USAO has partnered with AJMLS for the past two years to teach Street Law at Booker T. Washington High School and host a mock trial at the U.S. Courthouse. The Street Law program also served as mentorship opportunities for law students to learn directly from practicing attorneys. Additionally, the USAO partnered with AJMLS to host the "Home for Good" Reentry Forum for ex-offenders. The reentry forum is designed to connect ex-offenders with service providers and potential employers. **(50 adults)**



- Clayton State University Human Trafficking 101 - Back to the Basics: The USAO facilitated a human trafficking awareness workshop for members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. **(75 adults)**
- Strayer University Outreach: Assistant U.S. Attorney and Community Outreach Coordinator Loranzo Fleming was a guest presenter during the Fall and Spring semesters to discuss the mission and purpose of the USAO, DOJ, and career opportunities in federal law enforcement. **(66 adults)**
- Emory Public Interest Committee (EPIC) at Emory University Law School: Six USAO staff participated in a panel discussion about public interest law, career choices, the mission of DOJ, functions of the USAO, and federal criminal and civil prosecutions. **(55 adults)**
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Task Force: USAO staff attended an HBCU Task Force meeting to learn more about opportunities to provide federal internships to minority students through the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. **(18 adults)**



## Community Engagement

- The Civil Rights Act @ 50 - Looking Back, Moving Forward: In partnership with The King Center, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, Department of Labor Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Justice Community Relations Services, Health & Human Services Office for Civil Rights, and the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity (GCEO), the USAO cohosted a community forum that brought together prominent civil right leaders and government officials to observe the rich history and legacy of the Civil Rights Act. Noted speakers included First Assistant U.S. Attorney John Horn, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, Ambassador Andrew Young, Civil Rights Leaders Dr. C.T. Vivian and Dr. Bernice A. King, and other prominent leaders. *(200 adults)*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “We Care” Brunch: Assistant U.S. Attorney and Community Outreach Coordinator Loranzo Fleming served as the keynote speaker for The House of Hope Atlanta, Veterans Forces of Hope annual celebration of veterans. In addition to the keynote address, USAO staff distributed information about the office’s mission, community outreach initiatives, and identity theft resources for military families. *(350 adults)*
- 2014 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Ceremony: National Crime Victims’ Rights Week (NCVRW), a public awareness campaign advocating the rights of victims across the country, has been recognized since 1981. Each year, communities participate in programs, ceremonies, and events that raise awareness about victimization, victims empowerment, and crime prevention strategies. The 2014 theme – *30 Years: Restoring the Balance of Justice* – celebrated 30 years of the Victims of Crime Act. The USAO participated in the Crime Victims Advocacy Council 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Victims’ Memorial Service and the 2014 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Ceremony in Forsyth, GA. The USAO staff provided information about federal victim witness services and distributed crime prevention brochures in an effort to increase public awareness about the USAO among attendees. *(215 adults)*
- 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Equal Opportunity Day Dinner (2013): The Urban League of Greater Atlanta honored U.S. Attorney Sally Yates with the Champion of Justice Award for her stewardship of the U.S. Attorney’s Office and her commitment to community outreach. *(200 adults)*

- 31<sup>st</sup> Annual National Night Out (NNO): NNO is an annual community event which occurs the first Tuesday in August and is designated to promote crime prevention activities, police and community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie. The USAO has participated in the event for the past several years.



In 2014, the USAO-NDGA engaged children and adults from Adair Park, Capitol Homes, Mechanicsville, Pittsburgh, Peoplestown, and Summerhill communities, by distributing information about Community Outreach, Victim-Witness Programs, internet safety, human trafficking, child exploitation, and identity theft. Residents also enjoyed games and won prizes, donated by USAO staff. Additionally, staff members were able to network with community organizations, and state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies participating in the event. Nationally, more than 37.8 million people and 16,124 communities participate in NNO throughout the country. *(150 youth/100 adults)*



- Maggie Russell Towers Adopt-a-Senior Holiday Program: USAO staff donated four boxes of travel sized soap, shampoo, lotion and other personal hygiene items to senior citizen residents of Maggie Russell Towers, and collected two additional boxes of toiletries from a community partner, the Greater Atlanta Black Prosecutors Association. The items were collected for the facility's annual program designed to bring residents cheer during the holidays. USAO staff also participated in the program, caroling and celebrating the festive season with

seniors and guests. Gift bags that contained items donated from the USAO were provided to each attendee at the conclusion of the program. Residents thanked the Department of Justice for making donations and participating in the program. *(10 youth/150 adults)*



- Hispanic/Latino Community Roundtable:** In partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Ser Familia, Inc., and LaAmistad, Inc., the USAO and other federal government agencies participated in a roundtable forum designed to address concerns of the Latino community. The USAO-NDGA shared information about Community Outreach Programs, Victim-Witness Programs, internet safety, human trafficking, child exploitation, and identity theft. The goal of the Community Roundtable was to build relationships between the federal government and the Hispanic/Latino community, and share information about federal resources and programs. *(150 adults)*



- Intergovernmental Hispanic Roundtable Discussion:** The USAO participated in a roundtable discussion with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and thirty other local, state and federal agency representatives. Agencies were asked to provide an organizational overview, identify existing tools and resources, and address questions about collaborative opportunities that increase awareness within immigrant communities. *(30 adults)*



- “Know Your Rights” Community Forum: USAO staff participated in a panel discussion for a community forum hosted by the DOJ Community Relations Service. The forum aimed to help community members learn about their rights and services provided by various federal agencies. *(50 adults)*
- Neighborhood Association Meetings: USAO staff regularly attended neighborhood association meetings in the English Avenue community. Information was shared concerning gun safety and violence prevention. Attending neighborhood meetings provided insight about community concerns, notably public safety, blighted properties, and drug trafficking activities. The USAO also connected with service providers in the community, as a result of attending neighborhood meetings. *(96 adults)*
- Westside Problem Property Working Group: The USAO participated in the Problem Property Workgroup, with the Atlanta Police Department Code Enforcement Unit, City of Atlanta Solicitor’s Office, Invest Atlanta, the Land Bank Authority, Habitat for Humanity, Quest Community Development Organization, and several other stakeholders vested in making a difference in Atlanta’s Westside communities. Each entity shares current initiatives and potential opportunities for collaboration and coordination, in efforts to restore blighted properties and revitalize Westside communities. *(25 adults)*



## ENFORCEMENT

*Goal: Strengthen enforcement efforts by addressing public safety concerns and developing community trust.*

### Public Safety Initiatives

- Synthetic Drug Summit:** In collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Administration, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and Georgia World Congress Center Department of Public Safety, the USAO hosted a one-day synthetic drug summit titled Synthetic Drugs - Real Consequences, at the Georgia World Congress Center. Community stakeholders, including members from the public policy arena, healthcare, schools and universities, retailers, social services, and law enforcement attended the summit. Guest speakers included U.S. Attorney Sally Yates and representatives from DEA, Georgia Crime Laboratory, GBI, and Georgia Poison Center. The presenters provided information about the dangers, warning signs and symptoms associated with abuse of synthetic drugs, as well as the prevalence of abuse and addiction in Georgia. **(200 adults)**



- Protecting At-Risk Adults in Care Facilities:** The USAO was invited to join the Atlanta Regional Commission's Elder Rights Team Committee to discuss ways in which the USAO can increase outreach to seniors in collaboration with committee members. As a result of participating on the committee quarterly, the USAO partnered with the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services and Georgia Bureau of Investigations to host a one-day seminar entitled Protecting At-Risk Adults in Care Facilities. As a result, the USAO partnered with the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Aging, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and Atlanta Metropolitan State

College to host a one day seminar for law enforcement, prosecutors, and medical and social service providers throughout the Northern District of Georgia.

U.S. Attorney Sally Yates and GBI Director Vernon Keenan provided opening remarks, followed by presentations from the DHS Division of Aging, Healthcare Facility Regulation, Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General, and the Office of the Attorney General-Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of Georgia.



The USAO and HHS prosecution team discussed the difficulties in prosecuting healthcare fraud cases and shared the details of a recent lengthy “failure to care” case which resulted in a facility owner being sentenced to 20 years in federal prison for Medicare and Medicaid fraud in the operation of three nursing homes in Georgia. *(127 adults)*

- Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Task Force: Local, state, and federal partners met at the USAO to discuss implementation of the district’s PSN strategy. PSN is designed to create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in crime associated with gang and gun violence. The program’s effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies engaged in a unified approach led by the U.S. Attorney in each district. The USAO-NDGA PSN strategy includes collaborative efforts by each partnering agency, to implement gun and gang crime enforcement, intervention, prevention, and reentry initiatives within five neighborhoods on the west side of Atlanta: Pittsburgh, Mechanicsville, English Avenue, Vine City and Thomasville Heights. *(27 adults)*
- Law Enforcement and Transgender Community Relations Forum: USAO staff, including U.S. Attorney Sally Yates, attended a community relations workshop hosted by the DOJ Community Relations Service. Topics of discussion included relevant non-offensive terminology; misconceptions that impact the prevention of and response to hate crimes; strategies and resources for successful collaboration; and an excellent role play discussion on interacting with transgender individuals in the community. *(55 adults)*
- Emerging Cyber Threats Presentation: An Assistant U.S. Attorney served as the guest speaker for an FBI-Atlanta Citizens Academy Alumni Association Annual Meeting. Increasing law enforcement and civilian knowledge of national security



- issues such as emerging cyber threats is another prevention strategy that keeps communities vigilant about safeguarding personal information. *(25 adults)*
- USAO Criminal Civil Rights Training: The USAO Criminal Civil Rights Coordinator conducted a full day training on the FBI and USAO criminal civil rights program to Fulton County Sheriff command staff and invited guests. *(40 adults)*
  - USAO Criminal Civil Rights Meet & Greets: The USAO Criminal Civil Rights Coordinator participated in two Meet and Greets with Atlanta Police Department Chief, George Turner, and Newton County Sheriff, Ezell Brown. The USAO provided information about the FBI and USAO criminal civil rights program to both departments' executive staff to foster collaboration between local and federal law enforcement. *(30 adults)*
  - Human Trafficking Training for Juvenile Court Judges: An Assistant U.S. Attorney facilitated training on human trafficking to Juvenile Court Judges of Georgia, in Jekyll Island, Georgia. *(300 adults)*
  - Victim Witness Human Trafficking Training: The USAO Victim-Witness unit facilitated a training session on human trafficking for the District Attorney's Office in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit, in Gainesville, Georgia. *(300 adults)*
  - End Human Trafficking Now Symposium: The USAO facilitated a human trafficking workshop for the Rotary Club in Newnan, Georgia. *(250 adults)*
  - Gwinnett County Human Relations Commission "Beacon for Change" Series: The USAO partnered with the Gwinnett County Human Relations Commission to develop and implement a community forum series about human trafficking. The series was designed to increase community awareness about all aspects of the problem: identification and investigation by local law enforcement; aggressive prosecution of the perpetrator; health and human services provided to the victim; and community involvement. Four forums were held at various faith-based and neighborhood locations around the county. *(235 adults)*



- Child Sex Trafficking Seminar: The USAO facilitated a training for the Department of Homeland Security about child sex trafficking. **(200 adults)**
- Exploited & Trafficked Children and Youth Forum: The USAO conducted a human trafficking workshop, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Georgia Administration for Children and Families and the Atlanta Workforce Development Agency. **(100 adults)**
- Human Trafficking Panel: The USAO participated in panel discussions at the Buckhead/Cascade City Chapter of The Links, Inc., about the prevalence of human trafficking in Georgia. **(100 adults)**
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking Judiciary Breakfast: An Assistant U.S. Attorney was a guest speaker at a community breakfast, hosted by the Junior League of Atlanta, on the prevalence of sex trafficking in Atlanta. **(75 adults)**
- Rotary International, Atlanta Chapter Human Trafficking Talk: U.S. Attorney Sally Yates spoke to members of Rotary International about the prevalence of human trafficking in Atlanta. **(40 adults)**
- National Bar Association Human Trafficking Panel: An Assistant U.S. Attorney served as a panelist during a human trafficking presentation at the 89<sup>th</sup> National Bar Association Convention in Atlanta. **(10 adults)**
- 2014 King Holiday Observance: The USAO joined other local, state and federal stakeholders in planning a weeklong commemorative celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The State of Nonviolence: From Chaos to Community (A Dialogue on Human Trafficking) was a community forum held at the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, in which an AUSA served on a panel that focused on the local, national, and international perspectives of human trafficking. Panelists discussed problems, best practices, and possible solutions to decrease trafficking and raise awareness about human trafficking. **(150 adults)**



## REENTRY

*Goal: Support successful ex-offender reentry through targeted programs focusing on reintegration into communities.*

### Reentry Collaboratives

- New Beginnings Reentry Program: The New Beginnings Reentry Program is a collaborative of federal, state and local government agencies and community-based organizations committed to assisting formerly incarcerated persons successfully reenter society. Its mission is to help formerly incarcerated individuals become productive members of society when they leave



incarceration by giving them access to job training, soft skills development and educational opportunities to further their chances of successful reintegration. New Beginnings operates through the guidance of a steering committee led by the United States Attorney's Office that includes the Urban League of Greater Atlanta ("Urban League"), Morehouse

College School of Medicine, Davis-Bozeman Law Firm, Gate City Bar Association, United States Probation Office, Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Georgia Department of Corrections, Georgia Justice Project and the Atlanta Workforce Development Agency. USAO staff also donated business attire for New Beginnings program participants. To date, the USAO has made three large donations of both men's and women's clothing. (70 adults)

- Summit on Reentry: In partnership with the newly created Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry, the USAO hosted Chamber of Commerce leaders and the business community to discuss second chance employment opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals living in the Northern District of Georgia. The Summit featured two panel discussions. The first panel featured the U.S. Attorney, the Governor of Georgia, the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Reentry and the President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Atlanta. The second panel



included a formerly incarcerated business woman, the Regional Director for the Georgia Department of Labor, and a second chance employer who has partnered with the New Beginnings Program and the Urban League. Each speaker eloquently discussed the tremendous impact that the business community could have on breaking down some of the employment barriers faced by those trying to reenter society; the benefits offered to businesses that provide employment for this population; and the local, state and federal initiatives that have been launched to support successful reintegration into the community. *(130 adults)*



- Lunch & Learn “Pull of Gravity” Screening: The USAO hosted a Lunch & Learn for USAO staff and reentry stakeholders to view the reentry documentary “Pull of Gravity” produced by an independent filmmaker (who is also an ex-offender), and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The U.S. Attorney reiterated the Office’s focus on reentry initiatives and invited an ex-offender to speak about his personal experience with reentry. The USAO plans to continue screening the documentary with community partners throughout the district in an effort to continue reentry discussions, raise awareness, and generate solutions to the chronic barriers and collateral consequences faced by ex-offenders. *(60 adults)*

- Annual Home for Good Reentry Forum: The USAO participated in the annual reentry forum, sponsored by Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School. The forum included a viewing of snippets of the reentry documentaries “The House I Live In” and “Incarceration Generation.” U.S. Attorney Yates provided opening remarks about the significance of





- successful reentry and USAO involvement in reentry initiatives. Service providers served as panelists to share information about available community resources for “returning citizens” and family members of incarcerated individuals shared heart wrenching stories about how imprisonment has caused irreparable harm to the family. *(126 adults)*
- Bridging the Gap and Breaking Barriers Forum: Assistant U.S. Attorney and Community Outreach Coordinator Loranzo Fleming served as a guest speaker for the newly created DeKalb County Council of Recidivism and Re-entry. Hosted by the DeKalb Workforce Development Agency, the forum focused on identifying vital reentry resources to assist ex-offenders with reintegrating into society and finding sustainable employment. Many formerly incarcerated individuals attended the forum and resource fair, in addition to concerned community members, business leaders and elected officials. *(200 adults)*
  - Reentry Coalition of Carroll County: The Community Outreach Team partnered with the Re-Entry Coalition, Inc. to facilitate Carroll County Correctional Institution reentry classes and a Town Hall Meeting on Reentry. The Prisoner Reentry Program at Carroll County Prison allows inmates within one year of release to participate in a series of reentry classes designed to prepare them for release and successful reintegration. The USAO has collaborated with the Re-Entry Coalition to share tips on reducing recidivism, overcoming barriers in housing and employment, and the importance of a support system that includes family reunification and reconnecting with their children. The USAO has also shared information about DOJ’s Smart on Crime Initiative and Antiviolence Strategy; and community resources available to individuals returning to Metropolitan Atlanta upon release from incarceration. *(235 adults)*
  - Polk County Reentry Coalition: The USAO participated in a stakeholders meeting for the newly created Polk County Reentry Coalition. Local stakeholders collaborated to develop a reentry program to provide judicial, faith-based and community resources to formerly incarcerated people returning to their communities. The Community Outreach team spoke about USAO initiatives in prevention, enforcement and reentry, and the importance of collaborative partnerships to meet the needs of returning citizens. *(40 adults)*
  - Concerned Black Clergy of Metropolitan Atlanta and English Avenue/Vine City Ministerial Alliance: The U.S. Attorney met with members of the Concerned Black Clergy (CBC) and English Avenue/Vine City Ministerial Alliance to discuss outreach and reentry initiatives. The USAO informed the faith leaders about various prevention, enforcement and reentry programs and sought their

collaborative participation. U.S. Attorney Yates also attended a CBC Monday Morning Community Forum to share information about the office's outreach initiatives with general body members and community stakeholders. *(146 adults)*

- Annual Correctional Workers Week: Assistant U.S. Attorney and Community



Outreach Coordinator Loranzo Fleming served as the keynote speaker for the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta Annual Correctional Workers Week Memorial Program. Each year, the Federal Bureau of Prisons pays tribute to

correctional workers who were killed in the line of duty. This presentation was especially meaningful for our Community Outreach Coordinator, who lost one of his close friends and fellow correctional officer, D'Antonio Washington, to prison violence in the line of duty during his tenure at USP-Atlanta. The title of Fleming's presentation was Correctional Excellence: The Importance of Correctional Workers in the Criminal Justice System. Fleming praised the dedication of bureau employees, and challenged them to do more in the area of community outreach and engagement. *(80 adults)*



- Georgia Institute of Technology Reentry Panel: The USAO facilitated an ex-



offender reentry panel discussion at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia. Sociology Professor Kristin Gordon from the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts invited the USAO to participate in a reentry panel discussion for approximately 150 students. The sociology class was studying the U.S. criminal justice system and Professor Gordon wanted her students to hear from ex-offenders about the lingering effects of incarceration, and



impediments, and obstacles one faces post-incarceration. The USAO assembled a panel of formerly incarcerated individuals to share their personal experiences, and USAO staff shared information about the Department of Justice's Smart on Crime Initiative and Anti-Violence Strategy. Professor Gordon reported that the

panel discussion was a tremendous success. Specifically, she stated “It is amazing to see what 50 minutes can do in the lives of a person. One of my students has begun to work with a campus organization on outreach efforts to incarcerated individuals as a result of your talk. Other students came to me after the next class to talk about how their views had really changed as a result of the powerful personal stories that were shared.” (140 adults)

- “Pull of Gravity” Screening at Oglethorpe University: The USAO facilitated a screening of the reentry documentary “Pull of Gravity” at Oglethorpe University, in Atlanta, Georgia. The non-profit organization HeartBound Ministries co-sponsored the event with Oglethorpe University President Lawrence Schall. HeartBound Ministries is a non-profit outreach organization that supports programs designed to positively impact and change inmates' lives, foster successful transitions back into society, and reduce recidivism rates. President Schall provided the welcome and U.S. Attorney Sally Yates provided information concerning Department of Justice Reentry initiatives, recidivism rates, and the importance of raising awareness about reentry. Many in attendance commented that they were unaware of the large number of ex-offenders returning to the community on an annual basis. Additionally, many were pleasantly surprised and encouraged that the Department of Justice was taking an active role in raising awareness and promoting reentry programs. Assistant U.S. Attorney and Community Outreach Coordinator Loranzo Fleming encouraged attendees to support local reentry programs and to use their social capital to raise awareness about the issue of reentry. Community Outreach Specialist Dr. Danielle Sweat collected survey information and connected interested attendees with outreach organizations serving ex-offenders. (65 adults)



- Now or Never Summit: Saving Our Young African American and Latino Boys and Men: Assistant U.S. Attorney and Community Outreach Coordinator Loranzo Fleming served on a panel entitled *Criminal Justice Reform: Strategic Policies Needed to Produce Social Justice*. Community Voices: Healthcare for the Underserved, a division of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse

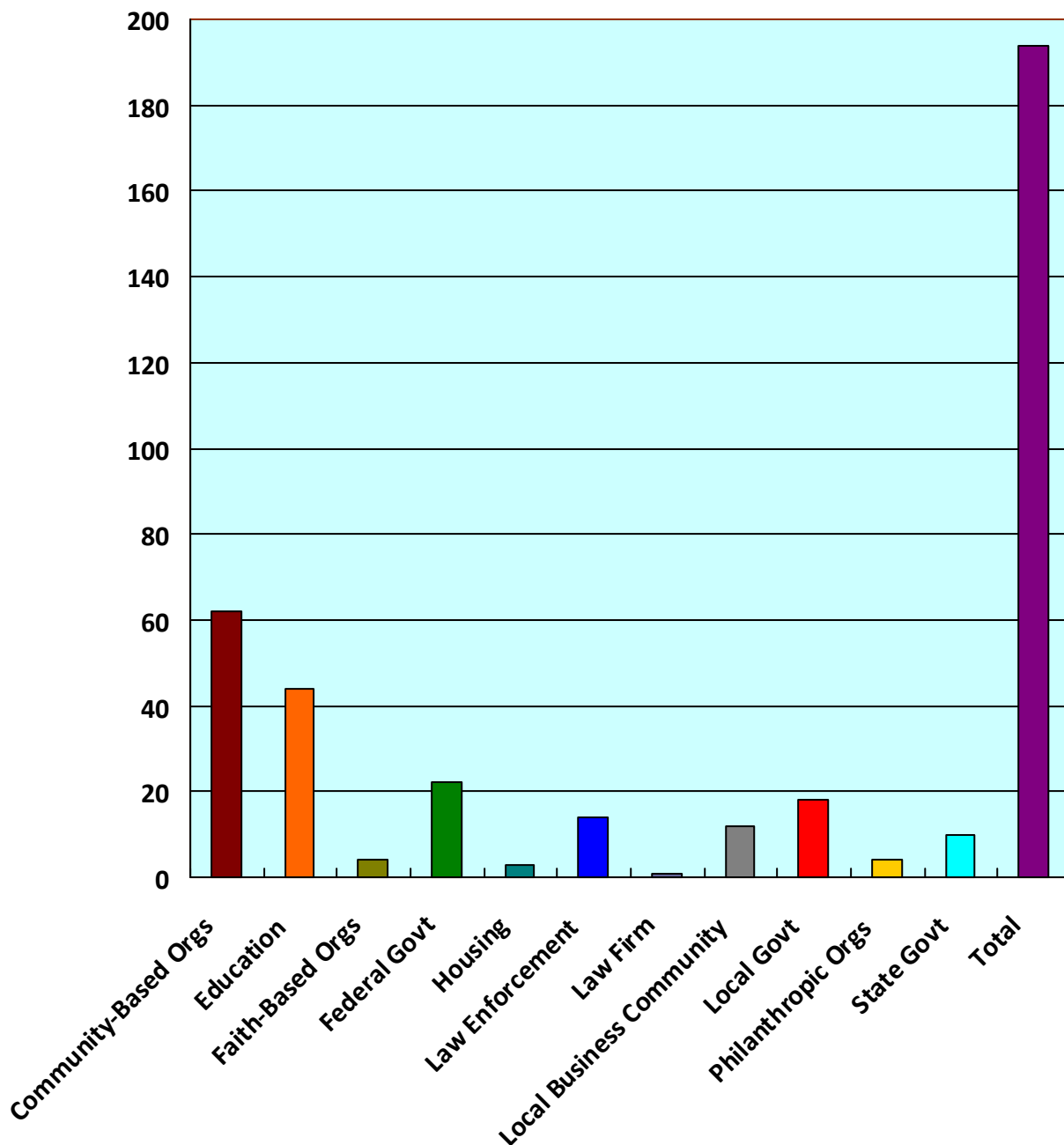
School of Medicine, hosted the Summit to engage criminal justice, education, business, health, faith-based and philanthropic stakeholders to address mass incarceration among young men of color. The USAO highlighted the Attorney General's Smart on Crime Initiative and Anti-Violence Strategy; the newly created cabinet-level Federal Interagency Reentry Council; specific reentry efforts of the USAO-NDGA; and the reformed sentencing guidelines pertaining to mandatory minimums for low-level, nonviolent drug offenders. *(55 adults)*

- Fulton County Smart Justice Advisory Council: The USAO participated on the Fulton County Smart Justice Advisory Council, spearheaded by Chairman of the Fulton County Commission, John Eaves. The Council was created to address the cause of high rates of incarceration and recidivism in Fulton County and through a coordinated effort, implement practical and sustainable evidence-based justice solutions. The Council was comprised of judges, attorneys, elected officials, law enforcement, community leaders and clergy. *(25 adults)*
- Training to Work Adult Reentry Partnership: The USAO partnered with the Urban League of Greater Atlanta to provide assistance, training, guidance and support for federal prisoners returning to Metropolitan Atlanta. The Urban League was awarded a Department of Labor Training to Work 2 (T2W2) – Adult Reentry Grant to provide job readiness training to prisoners near release and residing in community corrections facilities. *(15 adults)*
- Fulton County Veterans Court: Several USAO staff participated as volunteer mentors for the Fulton County Veterans Court. The Court pairs veteran "mentors" with veteran "clients" who are participating in the program, Fulton County's first, and the state's largest, Veterans Court. A large percentage of the clients are homeless, unemployed, suffering from chronic diseases due to socio-economic and environmental factors, and faced with limited resources and limited access to medical and substance abuse treatment. Many program participants have a lengthy criminal history and are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol, and 25% have been incarcerated. *(3 adults)*



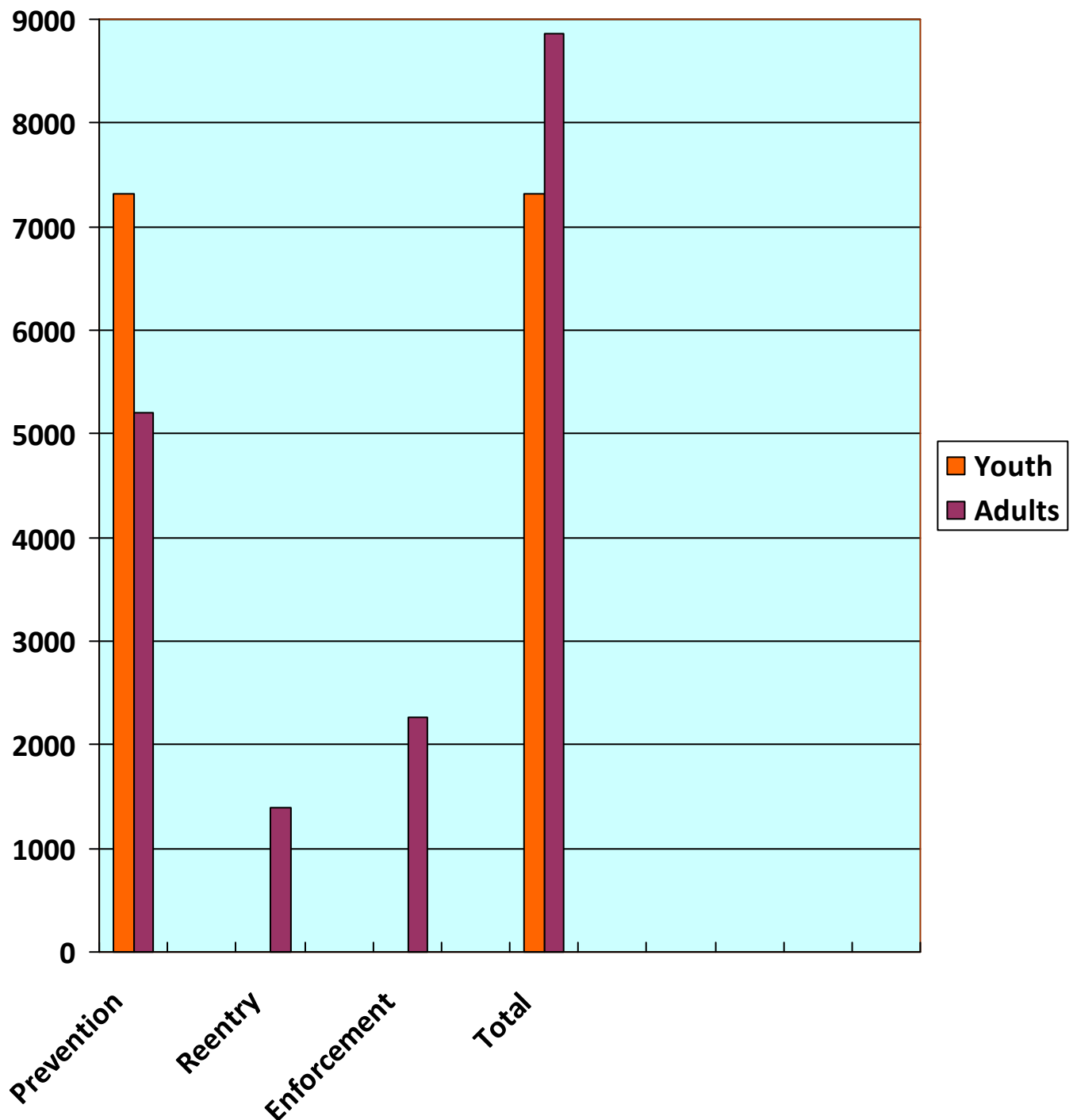
## PARTNERSHIPS

The USAO could not effectively engage in community outreach without the critical relationships formed and maintained throughout the Northern District of Georgia. For this reporting period, the Community Outreach Contact Management Database grew from nearly 300 contacts to 588 contacts. Additionally, the USAO partnered with approximately 194 local, state, and federal organizations and agencies, which is a 47.9% increase from the previous year. As shown below, partnerships included 62 community-based; 44 education; 4 faith-based; 22 federal government; 3 housing; 14 law enforcement; 1 law firm; 12 local businesses; 18 local government; 4 philanthropic; and 10 state government. Ultimately, partnerships more than doubled in each category, with the exception of four that remained the same or decreased by one (law firm partnerships).

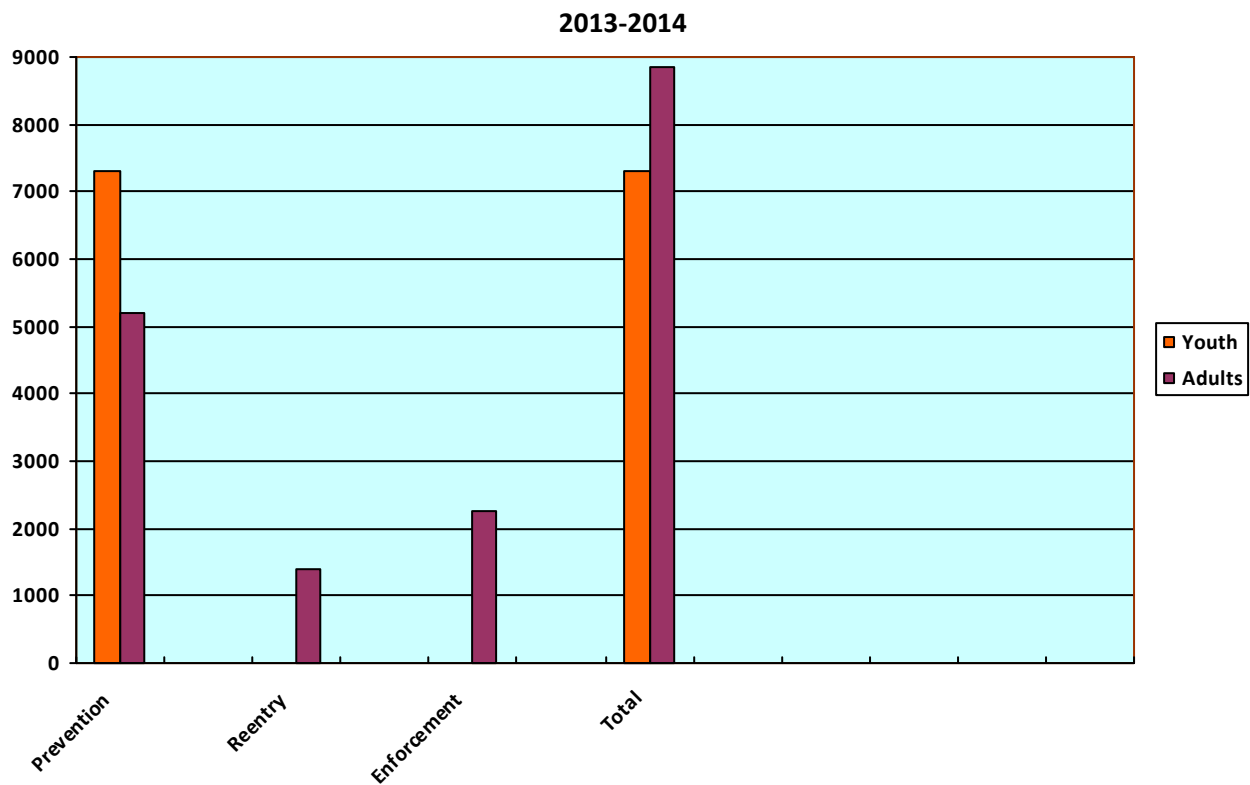
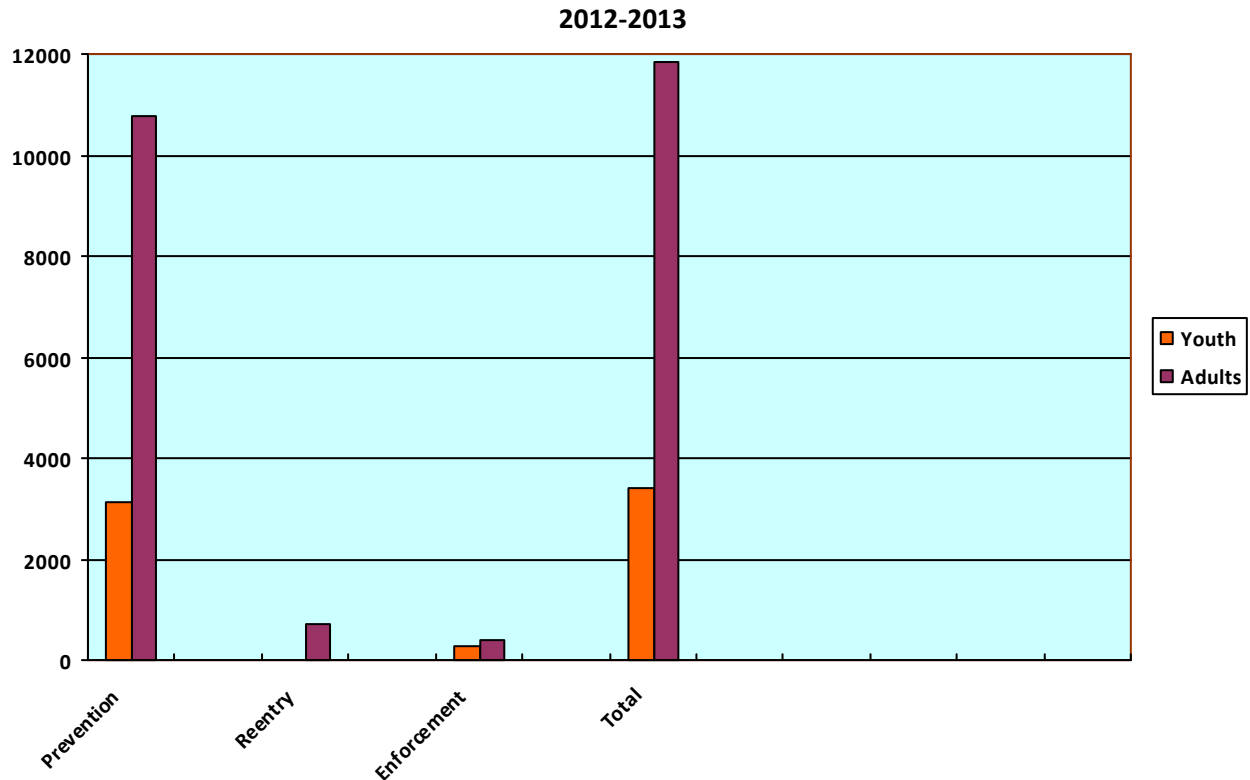


## OVERALL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

From October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014, the USAO engaged approximately 16,169 community members through outreach initiatives. As shown below, prevention initiatives provided the most youth engagement (7,314) and adult engagement (5,201). Enforcement initiatives facilitated contact with 2,264 adults, and reentry initiatives, facilitated contact with 1,390 adults. A total number of 7,314 youth were engaged and; 8,855 adults were engaged across initiatives.



Compared to the 2012-2013 reporting year, the USAO engaged approximately 927 more community members through outreach initiatives this reporting year. As indicated by the graphs below, youth engagement increased by 115% through prevention initiatives. Additionally, community engagement through reentry initiatives increased by 94% and adults engaged through enforcement initiatives more than quadrupled.



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