



Mission: "To build character that lasts in children and families through positive alternatives to crime, violence, dependency, and delinquency, by offering a holistic approach to their academic, physical, social, economic, and spiritual development."

Positive Youth Development

Family Strengthening

Workforce Development

Health & Wellness

Community Uplift & Partnerships

# Building Connections Building Character

#UPDFCCYouthTownHall



Pictured (L-R): Tamara I. Gray, David Spivey (Program Manager), Michael Nozile (CEO/President of GA), Steve Williams, Tania Andrea, and Officer Pierre Jean-Gilles

May 3, 2019—The Urban Partnership Drug Free Community Coalition (UPDFCC) hosted a Youth Community Townhall. GA's pillar of service highlighted in this event is Community Upliftment and Partnerships. UPDFCC is a community coalition with a priority of reducing underage drinking and marijuana use. Panelist informed about underage drinking in youth were invited to sit on the panel to answer questions and have discussions with youth concerning serious underage drinking and substance use. The invited panelist included; Tamara I. Gray – Assistant Public Defender; Steve Williams – Case and Court Services Coordinator at Here's Help; Officer Pierre Jean-Gilles – Miami Police Department; and Tania Andre – Founding President of The Mavuno Project.



Panelist were asked questions by the Youth Frontliner's and audience members consisting of both youth and adults. The Youth Frontliner's are a group of youth dedicated to promoting the goals of UPDFCC to at risk youth. Below is a brief recap highlighting important discussion points. View the full article on [www. MyGA.org](http://www.MyGA.org).

Topics discussed included alcohol at house parties and the responsibility of parents; how drug offenses can immediately taint your record; the deadly effects of marijuana; and solutions to help reduce alcohol and substance use.

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### Our Mission Continues...

May 29: Service Partnership Meeting

May 31: Senior Graduation Ceremony

Visit [www.myGA.org](http://www.myGA.org) for GA's complete calendar of events

### Sponsor Spotlight

Gang Alternative, Inc. would like to thank **Panera Bread** and **Olive Garden** for their continued sponsorship and support to our programs!



### SUPPORT OUR PURPOSE

We would like to send as many GA kids to the annual YEX Summer Camp, an overnight opportunity for them to step away from the distractions of the world and be challenged by the truth of God's word. Support their participation at YEX. Help our GA kids to *build character that lasts* by worshipping through giving!

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Vision: "A global community-based organization connecting youth and adults to holistic services and tools to develop their full potential and good character to become self sufficient stewards."