



## Fulton County Juvenile Court Presents

10th Annual

Youth & Law Summit:

### Effects of Trauma on Childhood Development and Urban Communities

April 28, 2018

The Fulton County Juvenile Court under the leadership of Chief Judge Juliette Scales is please to host the 10th Annual Youth and Law Summit. The summit will be held on Saturday, April 28 at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, 1422 West Peachtree Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30309, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The summit is free and open to the public. This year's summit will focus on the very important topic of the *Effects of Trauma on Childhood Development and Urban Communities*.

The summit will offer a day of thought-provoking discussion and interactive workshops on understanding and overcoming trauma in urban youth and communities. Parents and youth are invited to explore and strategize concrete solutions to a public health crisis that effects a growing number of Atlanta youth and families.

This year, the Fulton County Juvenile Court is pleased to partner with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to lead the day of workshops for parents and teens. Melissa Merrick, PhD, and Beverly Fortson, PhD will lead interactive workshops that focus on the effects of trauma and PTSD on urban youth. Dr. Merrick and Dr. Fortson are behavioral scientists in the CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Violence Prevention.

This summit will create an opportunity to share ideas and aim to provide concrete tools and solutions for overcoming trauma. Parents and teens will also learn ways to recognize health-related illnesses that develop as a result of traumatic events that occur in their lives.

In addition to partnering with the CDC for this year's Youth and Law Summit, the Fulton County Juvenile Court is also partnering with Child First, Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, Gate City Bar Foundation, Inc. and King and Spalding African American Associates Affinity Group.