



Special Populations & Disability Services Newsletter

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Welcome to our monthly newsletter to highlight some of our community resources available to our Special Population Students, which also includes a spotlight about a Special Population Students success or positive story, and a weekly quote to get us through these hard times. Please share any pictures or quotes to include!

Special Population students include individuals with disabilities; individuals from economically disadvantaged families, including low-income youth and adults; individuals preparing for non-traditional fields; single parents, including single pregnant women; out-of-workforce individuals; English learners; homeless individuals; youth who are in, or have aged out of, the foster care system; and youth with a parent who are in the military.

Highlighted Resources for the month: GeorgiaLegalAid.org

The following information is from Georgia Legal Aid "*Breaking Free from Domestic Violence.*" Domestic Violence is a crime. Nobody has the right to hit you.

Domestic Violence is any felony, battery, assault, criminal damage to property, unlawful restraint or criminal trespass between past and present spouses, parents of the same child, parents and children, stepparents and stepchildren, foster parents and foster children, or other persons living or formerly living in the same household.

Steps to take:

- 1) Make a safety plan. Plan how to get out of your home safely. Give family or friends some clothes and money to hide for you.
- 2) Teach your children to call 911 and tell your neighbors if they hear anything call 911.
- 3) If an argument is unavoidable be in a room with an exit and no guns or knives around.
- 4) When violence occurs, call the police. If the abuser is arrested use your safety plan to get out of the house.
- 5) Go to a domestic violence shelter. Call the Statewide Crisis Line at 1-800-33HAVEN (1-800-334-2836) to find the nearest shelter. They can help you take legal action, set up a long term safety plan, provide temporary housing, and help you obtain other community assistance.

If you decide to leave-- REMEMBER-- Be careful when leaving. It is a dangerous time. Take action to protect yourself by doing things like screening your calls, changing the locks on your home, avoiding being alone, notifying schools and contacts, and varying your routine.

For more information about this topic go to the website: www.legalaid-ga.org.

In the Spotlight

Introducing Brittany Parke...



BRITANY PARKE
ASSOCIATES OF SCIENCE
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I asked Brittany why she chose her occupation. Her answer: "I joined the Criminal Justice Technology Program to help prepare me for a career with the Georgia State Patrol, however, the sky is the limit! I hope to become an agent of change for the face of law enforcement. I want to show everyone that police aren't the bad guys but actually the good ones. That there are those who put their life on the line to serve and protect their community because they genuinely care about the well-being of others and not just themselves."

Thanks, Brittany, and we know you will be that face of change!

Upcoming Events:

Come learn about the SkillsUSA Club!

The official meetings for the rest of the year are as follows:

October 27th: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
What is your Super Power? Presented by Annette Baker

November 17th: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Workplace Ethics presented by Michael Myers.

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