



DERRICK BROOKS CHARITIES YOUTH PROGRAMS

You and your child have agreed to participate in the Derrick Brooks Charities Youth Programs classes. These classes have been designed to assist your child in building self-esteem, resisting negative peer pressure, resolving conflicts, managing anger, making better decisions, setting goals, steering clear of antisocial behavior such as crime, drugs, gangs, and take responsibility for his/her actions.

Orientation for new students is held every Monday at 5:00 p.m. All Monday classes will be held from **5:30 – 7:30 PM** at the George Edgecomb Courthouse located at 800 East Twiggs until September 11, 2017. ***Beginning September 18, Monday classes will be held at the Lee Davis Community Resource Center, 3402 North 22nd Street.*** The **Teen Summit** and **Parent Support Group** are held at the Children's Board located at 1002 East Palm Avenue in Ybor City until September 12, 2017. Please refer to the schedule that was provided to you. Anyone more than 5 minutes late or wearing shorts will not be allowed to participate. Please see the attached schedule for each class location and time.

Classes will run on schedule, with the exception to holidays or natural disasters such as storms, hurricanes, etc. Your child must attend weekly to successfully complete the program. Credit will be given to those who attend and fully participate in each session. Parental participation is ***strongly encouraged*** and you are welcome to attend any of the sessions especially the **Parent Support Group** held alongside the **Teen Summit on Aug 8; Sep 12; Oct 10; Nov 14; and Dec 12.** If you drop your child off, he/she must be picked up no later than 5 minutes after each class. Any parent(s) who needs to speak with the class facilitator must do so before class starts or wait until class has ended. **NO INTERRUPTIONS.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please call **(813) 241-1415.**

RULES FOR YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN TO FOLLOW:

1. Be on time. Credit will not be given to anyone who is more than 5 minutes late.
2. **Everyone must participate.** Credit will not be given to anyone wearing shorts or not actively involved in each session which includes reading and writing assignments. No sleeping or heads down is allowed in class.
3. Written proof of attendance must be requested five (5) business days in advance.
4. **Sign all rosters and keep a daily written record of your attendance by bringing your GUIDELINES sheet to every class to be signed by the instructor.** Failure to do so will result in loss of credit for the class.
5. **Always bring a pen or pencil.**
6. No food/drink is allowed. Cell phones must be muted or turned off. No Texting!
7. A two-page essay of lessons learned must be submitted at the end of the program to receive a ***Certificate of Completion.*** A letter from the parent(s) should accompany the essay detailing the child's improvement, or stating why there is a need for additional assistance.
8. Follow the dress code listed in the GUIDELINES (**No shorts of any kind**, tank tops, halter tops, visible underwear, bonnets, hats/caps, sunglasses, etc.)