

# Takin' It to the Streets

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**Woodland United Methodist Church**  
444 N. Hawkins St. Akron, OH 44308

**Thursdays from 6:00pm – 7:30pm**

**August 5, 2010 You and the Law**

**August 12, 2010 Your Court, Your Community**

**August 19, 2010 Something for Everyone**

**August 26, 2010 The System**

**September 2, 2010 Hip Hop and the Media**

**September 9, 2010 Truancy and Youth/  
I Don't Do Drugs I Just  
Smoke Weed**

*Food and Beverages provided after each session*



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**An opportunity for youth, parents,  
and community leaders to engage in  
meaningful dialogue about issues  
that impact our neighborhoods.**

**Hosted By**  
**Summit County Juvenile Court and**  
**The DMC Planning Committee.**



*Turning lives around one child at a time.*

# What is DMC?

## DMC Stands for “Disproportionate Minority Contact”

The DMC Planning Committee is designed to take a thorough look at trends that indicate that there are too many African-American youth involved in Juvenile Court.

For Instance:

- Youth can be referred to Juvenile Court for curfew violations, unruly charges, misdemeanors, or more serious felony charges.
- More African-American youth are arrested and/or referred to Juvenile Court than any other racial/ethnic group in Akron.

## The DMC Planning Committee wants your input!

We encourage African-American youth and their families to attend the **Takin' it to the Streets** Series to learn, ask questions, and provide feedback about what's really going on in our communities.



## Fall Series

### The System

Learn how “The System” works. Understand how a youth moves through the juvenile justice system from time of initial police contact through court case disposition.

### You and the Law

Break down the wall of misunderstanding between youth and law enforcement. Learn how to deal with law enforcement officers and how the justice system directly affects this generation.

### Hip Hop and the Media

Discuss the positive and negative images and messages of urban culture to help youth improve decision-making.

### Your Court, Your Community

Discuss with Judge Linda Teodosio the alternatives to sentencing and her innovative ideas for the Summit County Juvenile Court.

### Truancy and Youth

Helps to inform parents and youth about State of Ohio mandates concerning truancy laws.

### I Don't Do Drugs, I Just Smoke Weed

Explains how youth view marijuana usage and also explains the physical and psychological impacts of using marijuana..

### Something for Everyone

Learn about helping programs and services available through Juvenile Court to help families and prevent youth from becoming involved in court proceedings.

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