

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Aiken County School District

City of Aiken Parks, Recreation and
Tourism Department

Aiken Center for Alcohol and Other
Drug Services

Aiken County Department of Juvenile
Justice

Aiken County Drug Court

Youth Central

SC Department of Health and
Environmental Control

Concerned Parents & Youth

The S.A.F.E. Team meets monthly during the school year. If you are interested in learning more or want to join our efforts, call 803-641-2421.

DID YOU KNOW...

- that in 2006, 26% of mothers giving birth in Aiken County had less than a high school education?
- 23.4% of 8th graders who were enrolled in Aiken County Schools in 2004 were no longer enrolled in 2008, at what would have been their senior year? (www.kidscount.org)
- that of the births in Aiken County in 2006, 4.7% were to mothers under the age of 18? (www.kidscount.org)
- that in 2006-2007, 8% of South Carolina youth, ages 12-17, admit to binge alcohol drinking? (www.kidscount.org)
- that in 2006-2007, 37% of South Carolina youth, ages 12-17, admit to using tobacco products? (www.kidscount.org)
- that in 2006-2007, 5% of South Carolina youth, ages 12-17, admit to using Marijuana? (www.kidscount.org)
- that in 2006-2007, 4% of South Carolina youth, ages 12-17, admit to using illicit drugs other than marijuana? (www.kidscount.org)

S. A. F. E.

Substance Abuse Free Environment

Team of Aiken County



*Committed to telling
the youth of
Aiken County, S. C.
The "hard facts" and
truth about drugs,
tobacco and alcohol.*

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The S. A. F. E.

(Substance Abuse Free Environment)

Team of Aiken County

was organized in 1987 by a coalition of community leaders.

Our Purpose

To promote healthy lifestyles and opportunities for a successful life, prevent and reduce violence, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use for our children in the Aiken County community.



Our Vision

Through a countywide network of individuals, organizations, and youth we will work to support, provide, and advance educational and recreational opportunities to help all school aged children in Aiken County to reach their fullest potential without the dangerous effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

The S.A.F.E. Team has offered or assisted with several activities that provide educational and recreational opportunities for all school age children in Aiken County. These activities have included:



The Youth Focus Fair

provides Aiken County youth and their families the opportunity to learn more of the different programs that are available to them in Aiken County. Educational workshops are also held and include information on volunteering, gang prevention, voter registration, computer and Internet safety and health fitness and nutrition.

TUF (Teens Under Fire)

is a local program that is designed to help teens (ages 12-18) who are at high risk of becoming involved in drugs and alcohol or other risky behaviors. From slideshows of drug and alcohol-related injuries to guest speakers and a tour of the ER and morgue, teens get a first-hand look at the serious, and sometimes deadly, consequences of bad decisions. TUF meets monthly during the school year.

The Creative Arts & Talent Festival

is held every spring and provides a venue for Aiken County students to show off their talents in art, dance, poetry, singing and more.



Community Service Day

Local at-risk youth came together to make a neighborhood playground safer for children by spreading mulch around equipment.



If you are interested in participating in any S.A.F.E. Team program or want to become a part of our team, call 803-641-2421.