

Community Prosecution Programs

Financial Crimes Against Seniors – This presentation is one of our most popular. When speaking at community events, the average person would like to know, how do I keep my finances secure? We partner with numerous other agencies throughout the District, and one of the agencies we work closely with is the DC Office of Insurance, Securities and Banking. This agency will explain to the citizens by the time they reach their golden years, they are most likely to have a nice nest egg, they may even own their home and/or have excellent credit all of which the con-man will try to tap into. This office will also educate them on various types of scams such as, advance fee loans scams, telephone scams, home lending and foreclosure rescue scams, and how to get rich fast scams. They will explain to them, how to file a complaint and other services that are available for the consumer. The United States Attorney's Office will speak on the prosecution side of these scams, the role of our Victim Witness Unit, and how not to become a victim and to contact other resources for help.

Crimes Against Seniors and Other Vulnerable Adults – This seminar empowers seniors to have the knowledge and resources to prevent, report, and reduce crime against them. The seminar is presented by the U.S. Attorney's Office Victim Witness Program Specialist, and the Office of the Inspector General, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the District of Columbia and AARP – Senior Medicare Patrol. This seminar includes a short video which shows how to recognize senior abuse, the forms of abuse, facts about physical, psychological, financial, and neglect. This will lead up to the first steps towards seeking help and obtaining the appropriate assistance. The other key component of the seminar is a presentation designed to provide an understanding of Medicare and Medicaid for seniors. The information covered describes the effects of fraud, schemes and scams.

Domestic Violence – Domestic Violence is common in our society. It occurs in all races and class groups and regardless of age, religion, or education. It occurs in almost half the homes in the United States. Our office will speak on the prosecution side of Domestic Violence. We will also provide you with the warning signs, and the types of domestic violence. Our Victim Witness Unit will provide services and resources that are available if you became a victim of domestic violence. This seminar is meant to empower the public with the knowledge to be able to walk away, whether it is in your home, work or church.

Knowledge is Power – This seminar is geared toward the high school students to learn about domestic violence, its consequences, and that dating violence will not be tolerated. It has been known that domestic violence occurs in our young people as well. There are 50 warning signs that every high school student should know. Our office provides information and gives presentations to high schools throughout the district.

Safety Seminar – “How do I keep myself and our residences safe” This was a question that has been asked over and over. Our Office partnered with MPD, to host Safety Seminars at Government Office Buildings, Private Sector, Condos, Apartments, Churches, Single Family Homes and Libraries in the community. This seminar is important, especially with all the new communities that are growing within the district. Safety Seminar include: “How Not To Become A Victim Of Crime.” We provide safety brochures, lessons learned scenarios, and real life crime events. MPD speaks on crime trends, and how to report a crime, information about their PSA meetings, and safety tips. Our office provides the court report, specific to each community, and the community resource guide.

Witness for the Prosecution – This seminar is designed for high school students. Presentations stress to students the importance of participation in the criminal justice process. Students learn what a prosecutor does, and the mission of the U.S. Attorney's Office, and how they can help make their communities safer by acting as witnesses. Students that participate in this presentation will leave well informed and be more knowledgeable about the judicial system and the role youth can play.

Youth Motivation Program – This program was designed to expose youth to the inner workings of the criminal justice system. The program includes a visit to the courthouse where the students: 1) watch a court hearing; 2) meet with the judge; 3) hear a presentation by a homicide detective – which includes viewing crime scene photographs; and 4) tour the central cell block facility. The students visit the U.S. Attorney's Office which includes presentations by USAO personnel and two video presentations: Stop the Violence and the Valedictorian Speech. The program is best for 10-15 students.

Internet Safety/Cyber Bulling – Internet Safety Seminars are for all grade levels. Our office shows a video of lessons learned scenarios of teens and tweens using the internet carelessly and getting into trouble. We will provide you with safety rules for using the internet to keep the students safe from predators on the internet, and how to avoid participating in and being a victim of cyber bulling. Our office will talk about the number of cases that we prosecute for cyber bulling and the different types of crimes that committed just by simply what you say on line.

Faith-Based Initiatives and Town Hall Meeting - This initiative brings both the faith-based community and the entire community together as one. This gives our office the opportunity to discuss how the criminal justice system works, and how we can work together to solve crime issues that plague our community. We will discuss the importance of coming forward as witness to testify in a case. We provide resources to both the victim and the witness, and give an overall picture of the criminal justice system.

Project Lead – Project L.E.A.D. - (Legal Enrichment and Decision-Making) is an interactive learning and mentoring program for fifth grade students in the District of Columbia. L.E.A.D focuses on empowering students with the values, knowledge, and skills necessary to make good choices in life. The program is possible because of the dedication and commitment of our AUSA and support staff volunteers. We spend one hour with fifth grade students every other week. That time is devoted to important topics such as self-esteem, peer pressure, conflict resolution, and decision making. The program includes a full curriculum of teaching about the legal and social consequences of substance abuse, gang participation, hate crimes, truancy, and delinquency. All activities take place during the school classroom hours.

Leadership Discussion – Each district will host a leadership discussion with the U.S. Attorney. This brings the leaders together to discuss ways that we can work together for public safety within our communities. We would discuss the quality of life issues in the city, crime trends, and challenges facing our neighborhoods. This gives each one of us an opportunity to pull our resources together, and work smarter to better our communities.

Property Manager's Meetings – The District of Columbia is growing rapidly with new condos, apartment buildings, lofts, single family homes, and businesses. The Property Manager's Meetings give an opportunity for those charged with the administration and supervision duties of housing and businesses throughout D.C. Property Manager Meetings occur in each of the 7 Police Districts, and are designed to give managers an opportunity to share best practices, meet their District police and U.S. Attorney representatives, and the tools needed to manage their locations, and keep their residents safe.

Infant Fatality Prevention - The U.S. Attorney's Office Community Outreach Section has launched a series of presentations that address "Infant Fatality Prevention." These presentations were developed to protect the youngest members of society from trauma, accidents, and death. Bed sharing deaths have occurred in the District of Columbia. These presentations will identify how to make smart and safe choices while caregiving and how to create a safe sleep environment for infants.

Career Exploration in Law: Leadership Academy - A newly established Career Exploration in Law post started in 2012 at the U.S. Attorney's Office through its first Leadership Academy. The group consists of students who have graduated from the Drug Education for Youth program and have continued to build leadership skills and engage in service roles in the community. The youth are ages 11-16 and have the opportunity to learn about careers in law from special guest speakers, participation in events, and field trips. The Leadership Academy is also engaged in outreach to the community. The youth created their own tenets for being leaders: Leadership, Education, Advancement, Determination, Excellence, and Responsibility.

The Movie "On Second Thought" - The choices you make will determine your future - This is a true story about 3 teenage lovers caught in a love triangle. Jamal is an inspiring high school athlete with dreams of becoming a professional basketball player. Jamal is already a young father while in high school, and his life becomes more difficult when his new girlfriend advises him that he has a 2nd child. The mother of his first child then decides to take him to court for child support, which would ruin his dreams to attend college and become a professional basketball player. Faced with the incredible odds and child support, for not only one child but two, Jamal and his new girlfriend resorted to planning and committing murder to relieve him of his responsibilities to support his first child. "What would you do"?

SCAMS Targeting Seniors Presentation - In our daily lives there is always a scheme in the making. Our seniors are our most likely targets. They tend to be easy going and ready to make a friend. The shady character knows this about our senior population and they begin to prey on them for that reason. USAO will introduce to your group, various types of SCAMS that happen every day, not only to our seniors but also to regular working people. These characters will make you think you can become rich overnight by persuading you to deposit into their accounts your money. DO NOT LISTEN to them! Listen to what we have to tell you about everyday SCAMS.

Law Day Presentation - This is a collaboration of local law enforcement agencies from the Washington DC area. The law enforcement agencies provide the students with a brief overview of their duties, and how they protect the citizens of DC. They also provide ways to keep safe and what to do if you became a victim of crime and how to report it. The participants include the K-9 Unit, S.W.A.T. and the Mounted Unit. Each agency provides an informational table for the students and teachers learn more about their agency.

Gun Safety - The Gun Safety Presentation provides information and training on the dangers of guns. We engage the students on what to do if they see a gun and how to tell a trusted adult. The more we hear about the laws changing on gun control this program makes it more important to inform our children about gun safety, and what the dangers are when used. The program also covers on what to do if someone brings a gun to school.

Know Your Rights - This presentation and training was developed by members of the USAO staff on how to address encounters with law enforcement. This presentation covers a wide range of things you should know before, during, and after. It also gives the 10 key points to remember during a street encounter with the police. It will cover 3 areas "Stop and Frisk" and "Terry vs. Ohio" stop and search by person and traffic stops. The training helps them with the understanding to know What To Do or Not To Do, if you have an encounter with law enforcement.

My Child Would Never Do That – The training is geared toward children from the ages of 6 through 11 years old. This training provides information on what to do if you have encountered a stranger and information on child abduction. The information and techniques is given on how to avoid a dangerous encounter with a stranger and how to report the incident to law enforcement.

Jury Is A Duty – This presentation will enlighten you on some of the myths that you have heard, and will help you better understand how the judicial system works when serving as a juror. This presentation will also give you the historical significance of jury service in America.

Synthetic Marijuana (K2/Spice) - Synthetic cannabinoids sometimes called synthetic marijuana, fake weed, K2, or Spice are extremely dangerous and can cause death. Synthetic chemicals are used to mimic the effects of THC, the operative chemical in cannabis. These chemicals are unregulated, and using them can cause dangerous side effects. This presentation is geared toward educating you on the dangers and the effects of using this dangerous drug.