

Acworth Police Department Public Information Release

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On Thursday October 30, 2014 between the hours of 6:00 and 7:30 p.m., Barber Middle School located at 4222 Cantrell Rd. Acworth, Ga. 30101will host a Family Learning Night Drug Awareness Summit.

The event will feature a panel discussion that includes representatives from the Acworth Police Department, Cobb County Juvenile Court, drug intervention professionals, Tim Andrews, and Paul and Cathy Letalien. The summit is a part of Barber's Operation Protect, which is a conglomerate partnership between the school, law enforcement, and concerned community members, with a focus on educating students and families about the importance of healthier lifestyle choices.

The Letalien's will speak about their experiences and the loss of their son last year to a drug overdose. The Letalien's have embraced opportunities to speak to families about their tragedy and how any family can fall prey to the opiate epidemic. The Letalien's founded the Jeremy Leo Letalien Scholarship Fund and work closely with Kennesaw State University and now Barber Middle School and the City of Acworth.

The Acworth Police Department encourages parents and students to attend the Barber Family Learning Night Drug Awareness Summit Thursday evening.

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