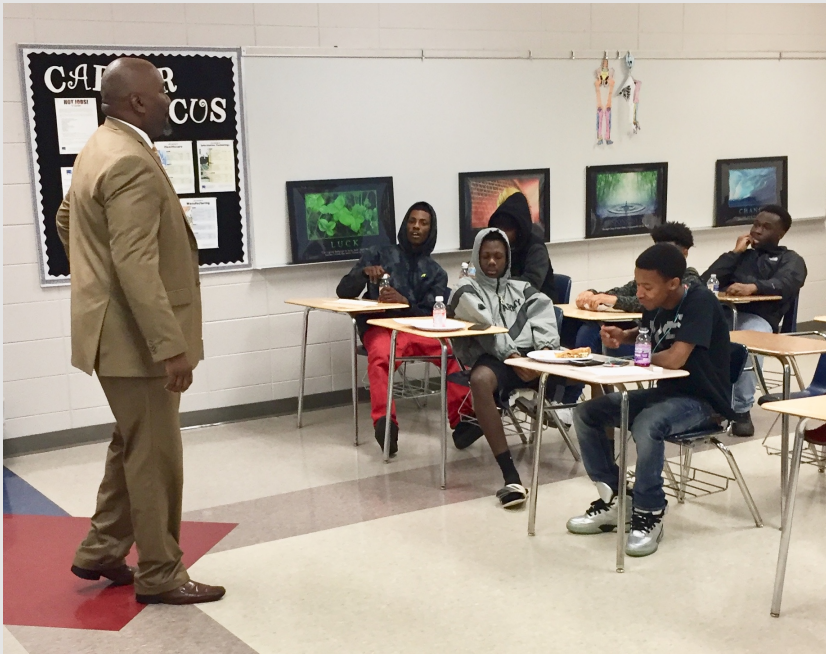


Odds 'n Ends



During September, The YouthStop™ offered workshops designed to help students get familiar with Sam Etheredge, The YS social worker. The sessions, “Who is Mr. Sam” were designed to help participants feel comfortable in sharing information, views, and problems in a group setting with Etheredge as the moderator. To follow-up, each participant was given a Myers-Briggs personality assessment and results were discussed individually and, more generally, in the group setting. Myers-Briggs is used to help participants understand the strengths and challenges of various personality types. Workshops were offered at locations in Cherokee, Spartanburg, and Union counties.

Participants continued a wide variety of work-based learning activities, including paid work experiences. In addition, work readiness sessions were held regularly. The program, which is delivered over a two-week period, is designed to teach soft skills and is required for each participant prior to entering a paid work experience. The curriculum includes demonstrating initiative and flexibility, dressing for the workplace, exhibiting an appropriate attitude, maintaining good oral and written communication, practicing conflict resolution, and using effective job search strategies.

Participants began sign up for driver’s education and will begin classes this fall. Driver’s education is offered to help participants to eliminate barriers associated with transportation.

Staff Development

Michelle W. Hawkins attended the SC Works Spartanburg Partner Meeting on September 21. The group heard a presentation from ABLE SC, an organization devoted to creating “greater access and opportunities for independence through empowering individuals with disabilities and promoting community inclusion.”(www.able-sc.org) A group from the U.S. Census Bureau also shared information about employment opportunities for the 2020 census.

Sam Etheredge represented The YouthStop™ at the SC Works Upstate MOU/IFA Quarterly Meeting on September 27, 2018. The group discussed strategies for good business communication services. Handouts were provided to familiarize partners with services available at local SC Works offices.

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