

Event details for this year's program:

Friday, August 4, 2017 from 8:00am – 4:00pm
Host: Danville Community College

What is Real Life of Southside Virginia?

- A one-day simulation of the “real world” that concretely addresses education and employment decisions youth make in combination with lifestyle choices.
- Target Audience: Youth in the region who are 14-21 years old that are considered at-risk and in need of independent living skills training.

Goals:

- Provide information on how to make responsible financial decisions necessary for adult life, including creating educational and career plans, learning the basics of getting and keeping a job and locating appropriate housing.
- Youth will have the opportunity to explore and learn about their future dreams/goals and ideas.
- Program content includes: Seminars on Interviewing, banking & budgeting, and life necessities.
- A Real Life “fair” that allows participants to experience “real world” situations based on their chosen occupation and salary. The challenge will be to develop a budget based on everyday needs and wants while also responding to situational crises.
- Opportunity for discussion, re-evaluating decisions and processing information learned.

This year’s speakers for the event are the Honorable Judge Timothy Allen, Nicholas Sturdifen, President of LifePush, LLC and Mike Ellyson, Director of Recovery Refuge.

Dawn Loving, [434.432.7868](tel:434.432.7868), of the 22nd District Court Service Unit in Chatham had recently presented a program at our Club explaining the offerings of the **Real Life of Southside Virginia** for teenagers.