



## **JEFF DESS**

Jeff Dess is the coordinator of the Prevention Intervention Center for Cobb County Schools. Additionally, he is an author and inspirational speaker for young people and adults alike. He has been effectively working with kids, teens, and adults for over 30 years.

Before coming to the Prevention Intervention Center in 1990, Jeff worked with adolescents in residential and psychiatric settings for several years. He received his Master of Arts degree in Guidance and Counseling from Northeastern University in Chicago. Other certifications/titles that he has obtained include: Registered Neutral with the State of Georgia, B.C.S.C.R (Board Certified in School Crisis Response) from the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, and a QPR trainer in suicide prevention. Jeff does numerous workshops for parents, students, and educators.

Topics include:

- Bullying Behavior, Cyber-Bullying and Violence Prevention
- Conflict Resolution and Peer Mediation
- Music and the Media
- Inspirational talks
- Diversity
- Stress
- Suicide and Depression
- Healthy Relationships
- Peer Programs and Youth Development
- Drug Prevention
- Climate Strategies
- Internet Safety/Social Media
- Youth and adult leadership

Additionally, organizations, parents, educators, and kids can request that Jeff present on specific topics of interest. He is available for workshops and consulting throughout the year.

In 2001, Jeff Dess was awarded the prestigious honor of "Community Counselor of the Year." Furthermore, The Prevention Intervention Center, the program that Jeff has been involved with for over 25 years, won the "National Prevention Program of the Year" in 2002. On Sept 27 2011, Jeff was awarded the Honorary Founder Award in Recognition of Outstanding Service to Children and Youth for the state of Georgia. Donna Kosicki, President of State PTA, Lori Sweet, Director of the 9th District PTA, Irene Barton and other PTA Presidents and Co-Presidents throughout the 9th District, were in attendance.

Jeff has written numerous articles related to children and adolescent issues. He has spoken at local and national conferences and has also appeared on local and national television, including Good Day Atlanta.

Jeff has authored the book, ***Turn Up The Music - Prevention Strategies To Help Parents Through The Rap, Rock, Pop, And Metal Years.*** He has also co-produced a Bullying DVD with Dr. Tammy White called Teasing, Bullying, and Bystander Strategies: What everyone needs to know. This DVD is a great resource for anyone who needs assistance in the area of bullying behavior, or anyone who just wants to become more informed on the issues of teasing, bullying, and bystander strategies.