

THE APPLIED THEATRE CENTER

TEEN IMPACT

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We inspire
positive change
through the power of interactive,
improvisational theatre and drama therapy

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The Applied Theatre Center's interactive **TEEN IMPACT** workshops and performances are dynamic, fast-paced **rehearsals for reality**. They directly address the most significant issues faced by teenagers in Greenville County today, and are **created by teens**, real-time, based on their own **lived experiences**. Harnessing the power of theatre, participants explore the **outcomes and solutions** they want to see in themselves, their communities, and their world.

TEEN IMPACT 3-step approach

- **listen** (There's an art to this, seriously.)
- **create space** for self-expression
- **empower** participants to discover and implement solutions to their problems

TEEN IMPACT can be found in ...

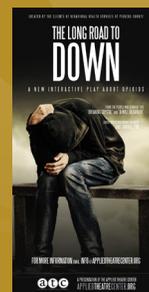
- Greenville County middle and high schools
- foster group homes
- Greenville County Juvenile Detention Facility
- Greenville County Schools classrooms for the disabled

TEEN IMPACT focus areas include ...

- self-harm and suicidality
- substance use disorders
- domestic minor sex trafficking
- at risk behaviors and violence
- living with the stigma of disabilities

TEEN IMPACT ongoing programs

- **Shakespeare in the Courts:** a 6-week program for teens on probation for juvenile offenses
- **Act It Out:** an empowering theatre group for teens who are differently abled
- **Jail Talk:** the Graphic Novel – a 12 week creation and publication of a book based on the lives of teens in juvenile detention
- **Traffic Signals:** an interactive (forum theatre) play about sex trafficking
- **Breaking Crystal:** an interactive play about the scourge of meth and fentanyl
- **Long Road to Down:** an interactive play about opioid use disorder
- **Walk the Line:** an interactive play challenging teens to face the epidemic of adolescent suicide and self harm



ATC Executive Director **Dale Savidge, PhD., RDT** is one of only two registered drama therapists in the state of South Carolina. He operates under the guidelines of the North American Drama Therapy Association, leading conferences and workshops both nationally and internationally.

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