



## Georgia PTA & Ridgeview Institute

.....Active Parenting Encourages Family Connections

### **“Current Teen Trends” with Ashley Baker, B.S., CAC**

### **Learn about current trends and chemical substances**

**September 16, 2009 \* 10:00 – 11:30 am**

### **Ridgeview Institute, Professional North Building Auditorium**

This presentation will review the genetic and environmental factors that put adolescents at risk to use drugs and alcohol, and will help parents learn to identify warning signs of drug use in their teens. The presenter will address current drug use trends and explain terminology used by today's drug abusing youth. Effective substance abuse treatment for adolescents is multi-dimensional, requiring supportive families and school environments, as well as knowledgeable clinical professionals and involvement in the recovering community. This workshop will explore these interventions, various treatment options, and available support and resources for family members.

Ashley Baker, BS, CAC, is the addiction counselor for the Youth Services Program at Ridgeview Institute in Smyrna, GA. Ashley has worked with dually diagnosed adolescents at Ridgeview since 2005 and became a Certified Addiction Counselor in 2007. She has experience working in residential addiction treatment settings with both young adult and adult populations. Recently, Ashley has worked to expand the Youth Services dual diagnosis program at Ridgeview. This included the development and implementation of a recovery residence for patients with substance use disorders. Ashley can be reached at 770.434.4568 ext 4540 or [abaker@ridgeviewinstitute.com](mailto:abaker@ridgeviewinstitute.com)

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