

STARTING EARLY ON A CAREER AND LIFE



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Here is a new wrinkle on summer camp for the kids: Prepare them for the economic necessities of life and work, and let them have fun doing it.

That's what the Economic Mobility Camp of the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center did the first full week of August. Sixteen youngsters and twelve adults, including summer associates, participated in the camp, the third of BGACDC's camps funded by a Community Connectors grant. It had four parts.

Home Ownership: Annias Tate, a mortgage loan officer, discussed with the youngsters the importance of starting to save and budget very early to be able to buy a home and to have money one day for a comfortable retirement.

Financial Planning: Dana Worstell, the opportunity center manager of Southern Bancorp, talked about getting ready for the challenges of working and living by starting early to save—by opening savings and checking accounts and using credit and debit cards wisely.

A Business Career: Ruth Brown said youngsters needed to learn the difference between a want and a need, and how to address each. If you need to rent a property for a business and one rents for \$2,000 but needs fixing up and the other rents for \$5,000 but has all the ready equipment, how do you go about deciding which one to take? It's not simple.

48 Careers You Never Heard Of: Diamacious Sims of BGACDC worked with the children about preparing for a career. The children picked from among a large selection of careers and made a product or a plan for that career. For example, one youngster who picked fashion designing made two dresses and a skirt. Four young women set up a nail and hair salon and did nails, makeup and hair. Three boys prepared for a shoe business. Two set up a doctor and nurse office.



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