

The Atlanta **Power Over Prejudice (POP) Summit** is modeled after a program started in Houston, Texas in 1991. The program was brought to Atlanta through the combined leadership of Kathy Klatt of The Junior League of Atlanta, and Louise Freedman of the Atlanta Chapter of Jewish Women International. These two women's organizations were concerned with the increasing levels of violence and prejudice among young people and its long-term impact on critical metropolitan issues. In 1997, they organized a diverse group of individuals, organizations, agencies, and schools to launch the first Summit, then known as the **Prejudice Awareness Summit**.

In 2000, those organizers established the **Anti-Prejudice Consortium (APC)**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that now manages the **Power Over Prejudice Summit** and the **In-School Follow-Up Program**. APC provides strategic planning, volunteers, and year-round programming. APC's Board of Directors, Staff, and Volunteers are people who are passionate about diversity, eliminating prejudice, and promoting tolerance. They are concerned people from diverse segments of the community.

Since 1997, APC has:

- Hosted more than 6,200 middle school students and 465 school counselors at its annual **Power Over Prejudice Summit**.
- Trained over 425 volunteers from business, government and non-profit sectors of the community.
- Partnered with school systems in Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett Counties, Atlanta and Decatur schools, as well as a number of private and religious schools.

In 2008, APC welcomes Henry County middle schools to the POP Summit. This year, POP Summit registration filled to capacity within one month of school openings. Clearly APC's programming is in great demand. And clearly, we are having a great effect on the middle school students we serve.