



Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault

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### **MOCSA to Host Third Annual Youth Leadership Summit on April 3 & 5** *Local 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders focus on Bullying and Sexual Violence Prevention*

KANSAS CITY, MO – The Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA) is hosting the third annual Green Dot Youth Leadership Summit. The summit been expanded to two days this year to accommodate more than 200 local students. Seventh and eighth graders from across the metropolitan area will come together at the Southeast Community Center (4201 E 63rd St, Kansas City, MO 64130) on April 3 & 5, 2019 to learn strategies for influencing their peers to prevent bullying and sexual violence in their school communities.

Green Dot violence prevention program is focused on culture change. Students attending this summit have participated in bystander engagement programming at their schools and have learned the skills to recognize bullying and sexual violence, intervene effectively, and influence their peers to prevent bullying and sexual violence. "Green Dot teaches me how to be a problem solver without having physical contact and verbally dissolve a problem," says Central Middle School 8th grader. High School students involved in preventing dating and sexual violence in their school community will be on hand to mentor the middle school students and help them build a violence-free vision for their future.

**About MOCSA:** MOCSA is dedicated to improving the lives of those impacted by sexual abuse and assault and preventing sexual abuse in the community. For more information about MOCSA visit [www.mocsa.org](http://www.mocsa.org) and follow on social media @MOCSAk.

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