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Shawn Gardner is a thought provoking speaker able to empower youth to think about their future. Shawn navigated his life as a youth through challenges that led most young people to drugs, incarceration, or death. It his personal testimony that allows him to reach all youth from the youth that have more resources than others and youth that adults consider a challenge to engage.

The lived experience as a young black male growing up in the housing projects of Louisville, KY, growing up without a mother, and positive male guidance led to bad decisions. The bad decisions include getting expelled from all the schools he went to, becoming a juvenile delinquent, and being a high school dropout. This is used to resonate with the challenges of youth in similar situations. However, it is his experience working with youth as adult that allows him to reach all youth.

Shawn Gardner, through his inspirational story pushes youth to:

Think about the importance of decision making.

How to use verbal de-escalation strategies to diffuse tense situations

The importance of goal setting

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