



# ROADMAP

## ***To Junior High School Success***

Navigating through Peer Pressure, the Social Scene & Making Positive Choices

Focus group: Incoming and Current Junior High School Students

**Presenter:**



**Michael Cuestas**

Michael Cuestas has established himself as part of the next generation of relevant Youth Speakers with a message that will have your audience laughing, crying, and even singing.

Michael grew up in poverty without knowing his father. He has lived in a homeless shelter, a center for victims of domestic violence, and even a tent. Michael was able to overcome these struggles and he encourages students to not accept average, but go for greatness.

He connects with preteens and teens at a level that is rarely seen amongst today's youth speakers via his personal stories, entertaining humor, and compelling message.

*Have you ever heard the phrase, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Well, bad things don't just happen to good people they happen to everyone. But life isn't about the bad things that happen to us, it's about how we respond and react to them. Our response is going to determine the path our life takes. When life knocks us down we have two choices: GIVE UP or GET UP?*

*Michael will inspire your students by telling his personal story of overcoming poverty, growing up without a father, and homelessness. His story will move your students to know that they are greater than their choices, their mistakes, and their past.*

❖ *This presentation will discuss facing peer pressure, navigating the social scene, and making positive choices to promote better success within the middle and high school setting. Funny, inspirational, and relatable are key factors in how Michael Cuestas engages with the students.*



*Free Workshop for Parent and Child  
sponsored by the LPPS Family Resource Center*

**Seating is limited! Reserve your spot today!**

**Please include the following information in your email:**

**Your name, your child's grade, school he/she attends, contact phone number**

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**Date:** April 27, 2017

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Westside Junior High School  
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