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	George Coleman, Youth Mapper	“If adults are making all the decisions, how could it help us, cause they don’t know what we think. They don’t know what we want unless we tell them or we show them what we need.”
NARRATOR		<p>The teens go through two days of training, led by staff from AED.</p> <p>[nat sound]</p> <p>Through a variety of exercises and activities, they learn how to communicate effectively, work in teams, use their heads to get through difficult situations.</p>
NARRATOR	Graphic of U.S. map with cities that have done CYM	Richmond is one of 100 cities nationwide that have completed the youth mapping process.
NARRATOR		And being part of this process has led to some interesting discoveries.
	Nicole Simmons, Youth Mapper	“A lot of places offer scholarships that I never even thought of. Like someplace you probably would have just drove past.”

<p>NARRATOR</p>		<p>Besides learning more about their city, the mappers are learning a lot about themselves while boosting their self-esteem.</p>
	<p>Jonathan Monroe, Youth Mapper</p>	<p>“I was surprised at the fact that I didn’t mess up most of the time or I didn’t stutter all the time, because I’ve been nervous this whole time. So it’s pretty much a blessing to speak loud and present myself in a well-respected manner.”</p>
<p>NARRATOR</p>		<p>Learning how to interact with a wide range of people and developing skills like data gathering and analysis will help these mappers gain success as they enter the world of work.</p>
	<p>[Nat sound – debrief session]</p>	<p>“George says that what he has learned is that there’s not a lot of opportunities for youth under 18. How do you feel about that?”</p>

<p>NARRATOR</p>		<p>Each day the mappers have a chance to talk about the challenges they've faced during an afternoon debriefing. The session is also a time to boost morale and remind them that they work they're doing could influence city leaders to make changes.</p>
	<p>[nat sound debriefing]</p>	<p>"Now we have a reason to go to them. Now we have something that we can say. Look you guys you need to pay attention. But more importantly they still need to hear it from you all."</p>
<p>NARRATOR</p>		<p>AED's Community Youth Mapping project has not only helped teens better relate to adults, but, by sparking greater communication between them, it's also shattering negative stereotypes of inner-city youth.</p>

	Jonathan Monroe	“It’s showing them first of all that we’re not just snotty nosed teenagers, that we actually care about our community and how we prosper in that community or whatever and that we don’t have to be bad all the time, we can be good and do something constructive with our lives.”
NARRATOR		Ray Hanson owns a downtown deli and grocery. He applauds the program for what it accomplishes today AND what it promises for the future.
	Ray Hanson, Business Owner	“Once a person becomes a part of the community, working in the community, it gives them a sense of being and also gives them hope and, it’s just, there’s no end.”
	Elonda Stokes, Liaison/Richmond Youth Council	“We’ve got quite a few people who’ve made calls to my office stating that I want to be more involved with youth. How can I get involved? How can I come in? How can I offer jobs? We want to do more for the community.”

<p>NARRATOR</p>		<p>And so do these kids, who never dreamed a summer job would lead to a new way of looking at themselves and a vision for the future of their city.</p>
	<p>George Coleman Youth Mapper</p>	<p>“I’m most proud that we did the whole of Richmond, the whole Richmond. And Richmond is big. It’s bigger than I thought it was.”</p>
<p>NARRATOR</p>		<p>For more information about Community Youth Mapping and to learn more about AED visit www.aed.org</p>