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Youth Summit for HIV Prevention is June 20th

Program provides a networking opportunity for peer leaders & caregivers

BALTIMORE, MD (June 18, 2007) -- *Making Healthy Connections For Today's Youth* is the theme for an HIV prevention youth summit on June 20th from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Radisson Cross Keys in Baltimore, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) today announced.

The goal of the summit is to help peer educators, interested youth, caregivers, and program staff develop skills and strategies to improve prevention programs and outcomes across Maryland.

“This conference is an opportunity for participants to network and learn about best practices in HIV prevention programs that target youth,” said Heather Hauck, director of the DHMH AIDS Administration. “Those in attendance will learn motivational and development skills to implement behavioral interventions.”

Peer leaders will receive awards for exhibiting extraordinary leadership and creativity in their work with HIV/AIDS prevention. All youth participants will receive an incentive that they can use when conducting HIV prevention work in the community.

Free HIV counseling and testing services will be available and educational workshops will be held. Exhibits of materials appropriate for youth and services focused on youth will be on display.

Summit sponsors are the DHMH AIDS Administration, the Maryland State Department of Education, Baltimore City Health Department and The After School Institute. The Radisson Cross Keys is located at 5100 Falls Road in Baltimore.

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