

## HHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

April 9, 2014 Meeting

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#### ***Webcast: "Make the Connection: How Positive Youth Development Offers Promise for Teen Health & Teen Pregnancy Prevention."***

On May 7, 2014 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Adolescent Health is planning a webcast, "Make the Connection: How Positive Youth Development Offers Promise for Teen Health & Teen Pregnancy Prevention." The webcast is intended for individuals and organizations that work with teens, and especially those focused on teen pregnancy prevention. The goal of the webcast is to help attendees better understand the principles, research, and practice of positive youth development. The live hour-long webcast will begin at 2 p.m. from the auditorium of the Hubert H. Humphrey U.S. Department of Health and Human Services building at 200 Independence Avenue SW in Washington, D.C. More details to come once all the speakers are confirmed.

<http://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah/>

#### ***Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month***

The Office of Adolescent Health is pulling together at calendar of events and coordinating events for May 2014 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, a time set aside to bring awareness to the issue of teen pregnancy prevention. The calendar of events will be available soon.

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#### ***Convening of Two Juvenile Justice Policy Academies in 2014***

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), in partnership with the MacArthur Foundation, will convene two juvenile justice policy academies in 2014 that will focus on:

- Diverting youth with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders from the juvenile justice system;
- Incorporating screening and assessment practices throughout the juvenile justice system
- Recognizing and implement evidence-based practice, treatment and trauma-informed services
- Reducing the overrepresentation of youth of color with behavioral health issues in the juvenile justice system.

#### ***The State Juvenile Justice Policy Academy and Action Network***

The State Juvenile Justice Policy Academy and Action Network will be provided for four states. SAMHSA will convene the Policy Academy; the MacArthur Foundation will establish Action Networks for the participating states to continue the work started at the Policy Academy and support implementation of policies developed among the states. The focus will be on diversion at two key points: probation and school-based. This will be held in June 2014 in the Washington, D.C. area. The four states have been selected. Information about their selection will be released soon.

#### ***The Juvenile Justice Tribal Policy Academy***

The Juvenile Justice Tribal Policy Academy will focus on diversion strategies to address the needs of tribal youth with behavioral health issues who come into contact with the juvenile justice system. The MacArthur Foundation will convene a cross-site workgroup with representatives from each of the tribes to support cultural adaptation of the foundation's *Juvenile Diversion Guidebook*. Tribal applications have been submitted and the selection process is underway.