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Division of Pretrial Detention and Services to Host Second Annual Youth Empowerment and Awareness Summit on February 19

Incarcerated Teens Will Be Offered Services and Hear From Distinguished Guests

TOWSON, MD (February 13, 2009)---On any given day, the Baltimore City Detention Center houses more than 100 teenage boys and girls who are facing serious adult criminal charges. On Thursday, February 19 from 9-12, many of those youth will be offered the opportunity to understand that their lives can still hold promise, as the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services (DPDS) hosts the second annual Youth Empowerment and Awareness Summit.

Sponsored by DPDS and the Family League of Baltimore, the event will feature small group discussions involving community leaders and prominent youth services officials. The program will include leaders in the Baltimore criminal justice arena, including Police Chief Fred Bealefeld, Deputy Mayor Salima Marriott, Department of Juvenile Services Secretary Donald DeVore, and U.S. Attorney Rod Rosenstein. The keynote speaker will be veteran Baltimore educator Dr. Andrey Bundley.

Other special guests include the executive director of the Family League of Baltimore, and leaders from the Public Defender's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Maryland Attorney General's Office, the State Department of Education, and a host of vendors and nonprofits which offer valuable treatment and other services to youth. A complete list of invited guests is below.

The Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, led by Commissioner Howard Ray, is a unit of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. DPDS operates the Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center and the Men's and Women's Detention Centers. Youth awaiting trial on serious adult charges are in school daily at the Eager Street Academy, a public school operated by the city and state.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT LIST OF INVITED GUESTS

Lt. Col. Richard Hite	Baltimore City Police Department
Deputy Mayor Salima Marriott	Mayor's Office
Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein	United State's Attorney's Office
Secretary Donald W. DeVore	Maryland Department of Juvenile Services
Arthur Wynn, Director	Office of the Attorney General
Janie McCulloh, Acting Executive Director	The Family League of Baltimore City, Inc.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER	
Dr. Andrey Bundley, Director	BCPS Alternative Options Program
WORKSHOP PRESENTERS	
Samantha Mellerson & Maceo Hallmon	Disproportionate Minority Contact Advisory Staff
Greg Carpenter	Jericho Re-Entry
Robert Murphy	Maryland State Department of Education
VENDORS	
Timothy Johnson	Yo! Baltimore
Dr. Clara Carter	Maryland Mentoring Partnership
Darnell Baylor	Treatment Resources for Youth
Dr. Gwen Taliaferro	All Walks of Life
LaReneque Bartholomew	Family Therapy Services

Tony Wilson	Rose Street Community Center
OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS	
Larry Dawson	Family League of Baltimore City
Nadine Pulliam	Family League of Baltimore City
Tina Borner	Department of Juvenile Services
Robyn Moore	Family League of Baltimore City
Leanetta Jessie	Department of Juvenile Services
Marvelyn Fowler	Institute of Family Centered Services
Monique Dixon	Open Society Institute
Delmas Wood	Department of Juvenile Services
David Addison	Public Defender's Office
Rob Anderson	Public Defender's Office
James Green	Baltimore Education Network

Mischa Toland	The Family League of Baltimore City
Marsha Briley	Division of Parole and Probation
Walter Lomax	Mandela X Project
Greg Carpenter	Jericho Re-Entry Project
Ranell Toland	The Toland Fund
6 other officers	Baltimore City Police Department

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