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YOUTH CONFERENCE WILL FEATURE LOCAL AND NATIONAL EXPERTS

HONOLULU – Register now for the “Get the 411 on Youth” conference on October 30 and 31, 2008 at the Hawaii Convention Center to learn about issues that affect youth today and strategies to prevent young people from engaging in risky behavior. The conference will showcase national and local programs that address attitudinal changes and behaviors.

The conference will feature workshops on drug use trends; child prostitution; mixed martial arts and violence; Internet juvenile sex offenders; social networking sites and cyberbullying; sex assault; underage drinking; fetal alcohol syndrome disabilities; teen suicide; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth and violence; social norms marketing; and Asian/Pacific Islanders and violence.

Four nationally-recognized experts will speak at the conference:

- Sharon Cooper, M.D., is a forensic pediatrician and an instructor and board member of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. As a pediatrician for more than three decades, she is the lead author of a comprehensive text on child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children.
- Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky provides expertise regarding sex offender management and treatment to the Colorado State Legislature. He has presented both locally and nationally on the subjects of sex offender management, treatment, and policy, based on a twenty-year work history that includes work in sex offender treatment and supervision.
- Jay Otto is the manager of the West Park Hospital Prevention and Wellness Office in Cody, Wyoming, and consults with The Montana

Institute. His principal focus is on reducing substance abuse among youth, with an emphasis on underage alcohol use.

- FBI Special Agent Lynelle Torikai has investigated child pornography and other crimes against children for more than eight years. Special Agent Torikai was the Honolulu Division case agent in the Blue Diamond child prostitution investigation involving minors taken from Hawaii to the mainland for the purpose of prostitution.

Additionally, local professionals who work with youth will share their expertise in their respective fields.

On October 30, more than twenty exhibitors will provide a wealth of resources to conference participants. On October 31, a special youth panel will discuss their perspectives on issues that affect their lives and offer advice on talking and working with young people and preventing risky behavior. Lunch presentations will feature Augie T. and Youth Speaks Hawaii.

To register, visit www.hawaii.gov/ag/cpja/main/ccp or call Valerie Mariano at (808) 586-1444. The registration fee is \$100.

The conference is sponsored by Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii, Criminal Justice Interdisciplinary Team, Department of the Attorney General Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division, Department of Education Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program, Department of Health Maternal and Child Health Branch, Hawaii Partnership to Prevent Underage Drinking, Honolulu Police Department, Missing Child Center Hawaii, Office of Youth Services, Sassy/G Magazine, and Sex Abuse Treatment Center.

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