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Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and The Keystone Center Host Policy Summit to Address Youth Violence

DENVER--Leaders from the business and nonprofit community, as well as educators, legislators and the general public are invited to attend the 2010 Youth Policy Summit May 14-16 at the Denver School of Science and Technology. At the event, 22 Denver high school students will present their findings on the impacts and frequency of youth violence, such as suicide, gang abuse, dating and relationship violence, and armed robbery, in their communities.

Summit sessions will be held on Friday, May 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; on Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Sunday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Denver School of Science and Technology, 2000 Valentia St. in Denver.

During the summit, students will participate in the policy development process as they hear divergent points of view and consult with a panel of experts representing nonprofit agencies to gain insight into real-world conflicts and challenges. Students this summer will present consensus-based policy recommendations generated at the summit to stakeholders and local leaders through a series of public forums. Additionally, these recommendations addressing youth violence will be shared with the governor, legislators, business and nonprofit sector leaders.

Students also will learn mediation and negotiating skills provided by Keystone Center facilitators.

Students in the Denver region were recruited for the program and represent the Safe City Youth Leadership Team, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Youth Partnership for Health, and the Denver School of Science and Technology's student mediation team.

Funding for the program is provided by a grant through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Injury, Suicide and Violence Prevention Unit at the Colorado Department of

Public health and Environment.

If interested in participating or for further details, contact Taylor Moore in Denver at the Department of Public Health and Environment at 303-692-2304 or taylor.moore@state.co.us or Annemarie Fussell in Keystone at 970-455-4231 or afussell@keystone.org. Additional information about the summit also is available on Keystone's website at <http://www.youthpolicysummit.org/>

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