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2009 Governor's Summit will discuss ways to end disproportionate minority involvement in child welfare and juvenile justice systems

PORTLAND, OREGON — Governor Ted Kulongoski's office will host a statewide summit Nov. 16, 2009, in Portland to look at ways of ending over-representation of minority youth in the state's child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

The summit will bring together community leaders, juvenile justice and child welfare officials, victim advocates, law enforcement officers, and many other partners who are involved in the continuum of services for youth in Oregon.

“This summit is about identifying ways to reduce the disproportionate representation of minority youth who end up in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. All of us – members of our law enforcement communities, educators, health care providers, business leaders and community members – must be part of this effort, and this annual summit provides the opportunity to come together,” the Governor said. “The goal we share is that every child in Oregon has the same chance at living a good life for themselves, their families and their communities.”

Speakers at the summit, which is taking place at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion, will include Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court Paul De Muniz and Chief Family Law Judge for Multnomah County Circuit Court Nan Waller. Other speakers include Shay Bilchik with the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown Public Policy Institute and Jennifer Bellamy with the American Civil Liberties Union Legislative Counsel.

More information about the summit can be found at
http://www.oregon.gov/OYA/dmcs Summit/2009/summit_flyer.pdf.

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