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ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNCH, YOUTH LEADERS MEET IN VIRGINIA FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION SUMMIT

by Michael Hopps



Attorney General Lynch delivers plenary speech at Youth Violence Prevention Summit.

In one of her first public appearances since becoming the highest law officer in the country, Attorney General Loretta Lynch told the Fourth National Summit on Preventing Youth Violence in Arlington, Va., May 12, that violence prevention **"requires more than a prosecution strategy, but rather an approach that sees all sides"** of the issue.

In fact, the 3-day Summit, "Reducing Violence/Building Community: From Promise to Practice," drew 440 people from more than 60 communities nationwide to the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, where attendees examined violence prevention from 360 degrees.

PANELISTS DISCUSS TRAUMA, HEALING, AND HOPE

by Marla Fogelman

Although more than three centuries have passed since the ancient Greeks coined the word trauma, meaning "wound," talking openly about trauma in the realm of youth violence—particularly in regard to children's exposure to violence—is relatively recent.

Addressing the effects of the physical and psychological wounds of violence on children and communities is not only a public and societal health responsibility, but also a critical charge that panelists delved into with both pain and passion at the final plenary of the 2015 Summit on Preventing Youth Violence, "From Trauma and Adversity to Healing and Hope."

Led by moderator Catherine Pierce, OJJDP's senior policy advisor, the panel of public health and trauma experts discussed topics ranging from historical trauma to racial justice to resilience, as well as programs and strategies that can help children, youths, and communities heal.

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2015 YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION SUMMIT: MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

See [more coverage](#) of the May 11–13 National Summit on Preventing Youth Violence, including the agenda, participant list, and complete package of conference materials. To view C-SPAN's coverage of the event, [click here](#).

NEWS & VIEWS

Reports

Fostering Successful Adults

A recent review of the foster care system and how it can help facilitate young people's transition to adulthood describes the developmental assets youth need for success. Three types of programs—[education](#), [financial literacy and asset-building](#), and [employment](#)—are highlighted as they relate to youth in or transitioning out of

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

FindYouthInfo Devotes New Space to Youth Prevention

Youth.gov (formerly FindYouthInfo) has a new look and a section dedicated entirely to **violence prevention**. With information on widespread issues—such as increasing engagement and multisector collaboration—reports, upcoming events, and archived National Forum articles, the newly redesigned site is a great resource for everyone working to prevent youth violence.

Funding Opportunities

Juvenile Reentry Measurement Standards

OJJDP is seeking proposals for its **Initiative to Develop Juvenile Reentry Measurement Standards**. This effort will create standards for measuring services and outcomes in juvenile reentry, for aligning measurement practices across jurisdictions, and for improving the assessment of how juvenile reentry services affect public safety and youth outcomes. Applications are due June 10, 2015.

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Training Opportunities

White House Tribal Youth Gathering

President Obama launched the Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative as a comprehensive, culturally sensitive approach to improve the lives of Native youth. As part of this effort, the White House will hold its first **Tribal Youth Gathering** on July 9, 2015, in Washington, D.C. The conference seeks to connect American Indian and Alaska Native youth with senior Administration officials and the White House Council.

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News

Richmond Youth Forum Addresses Violence in Early Stages

The May 2015 **Youth Violence Prevention Consortium** in Richmond, Va., convened leaders in health, juvenile justice, public safety, substance abuse treatment, and trauma medicine to dig deep into public health strategies for youth violence prevention. The meeting was part of an effort to create a communitywide approach to preventing violence—work being carried out with a 4-year training and technical assistance grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Officials spoke about violent episodes in schools, kids feeling unsafe, and worries that Richmond's entrenched poverty is a breeding ground for social discontent and unrest.

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Other Resources

Preparing for Educational and Professional Success The High School Equivalency: Resource Guide for the Workforce System and **College and Career Readiness: Resource Guide for the Workforce System** are two new resources produced by the Employment and Training Administration. These guides describe current options for high school equivalency and college and career readiness standards. Two archived **Webcasts** provide an overview of the documents and section-by-section summary.

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