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Subject: Invitation: Ready for Life Nevada Dropout Prevention Summit

All Shared Youth Team members are invited to participate:

Ready for Life
Nevada Dropout Prevention Summit
November 12, 2008
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Greetings!

For every 100 Nevada young people that begin high school, only 62 graduate on time. 27 of those immediately enroll in higher education, 18 are still enrolled the following year, and only 10 complete a degree in four years. This is a major concern for all Nevadans, with significant personal, economic, social, and community implications. Please join us to collaboratively develop a statewide action plan to improve Nevada's graduation rate and help ensure our youth are "ready for life!"

Seating is limited and registration is required.
REGISTER by October 24.
Ready for Life Nevada Dropout Prevention Summit
Wednesday, November 12, 2008

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Nevada Partners, Inc.
710 W. Lake Mead
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030

Continental breakfast and check in at 8:30 a.m., with the program beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast and lunch served by The Culinary Training Academy.
Featured Speakers
Edward DeJesus, Youth Development and Research Fund

Jennifer Dounay, Education Commission of the States

Dr. Sam Drew, National Dropout Prevention Center/Network

Mary McNaught, Civic Enterprises

Chrystal Morris, America's Promise Alliance

State and Local Elected Officials

Emcee: Kendall Tenney, KVBC Channel 3
Ready for Life Nevada Dropout Prevention
Summit Deliverables to improve Nevada's success at engaging and graduating "ready for life" students and re-engaging those who prematurely left school:
State-level leadership network of public officials and private sector leaders
Statewide action plan including relevant policy components and integrated coordination among public and private sectors to ensure:
All youth are educated and ready to learn
All youth are experienced and ready for careers
All youth are connected to adults, peers, and services
All youth are confident and ready for life
A connected, operational infrastructure supports youth success
PLEASE REGISTER NOW

Space is limited and registration is required. Your participation is important to addressing Nevada's dropout crisis. Please register no later than October 24, 2008. A limited number of travel stipends are available for those traveling from outside Clark County.

For questions regarding the summit or travel stipends, contact Nevada Public Education Foundation's Director of Community Initiatives, Chanda Cook, ccook@nvpef.org.
About Nevada Public Education Foundation:

Known primarily for its Ready for Life movement, Nevada Public Education Foundation is a statewide organization that works toward systemic change by convening community and state efforts to ensure

Nevada's youth are "ready for life."

As an intermediary non-profit, Nevada Public Education Foundation:
Connects schools, communities, government agencies, workplace
partners, non-profits and youth organizations to improve outcomes for
youth.

Convenes local, regional, and statewide organizations doing similar
work to leverage resources and partnerships.

Seeks to consistently measure and improve programs and services.

Organizes public and private support to sustain the work and ensure
young people receive the education and resources they need to become
productive, contributing members of society.

Established in 1991, Nevada Public Education Foundation is a non-
profit public charity (IRS #94-3164867).

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