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## American Youth Policy Forum

*Invites you to its upcoming Lunchtime Forum and Discussion*

### **Tribal Youth Program: Empowering Youth in Indian Country**

AYPF and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) at the U.S. Department of Justice will host a forum that showcases a forthcoming report on the Tribal Youth Program. Supported by OJJDP, the Tribal Youth Program (TYP) provides funds to Native American tribes to support and enhance tribal efforts to prevent delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system for American Indian and Alaska Native youth ages 10-17. Since 1999, OJJDP has awarded 378 grants to 207 federally-recognized tribes to help them develop and implement culturally sensitive programs in the following five categories: prevention services to impact risk factors for delinquency, interventions for court-involved tribal youth, improvements to the tribal juvenile justice system, alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs, and mental health program services. The grants are used by the tribes to provide a wide range of services to youth, usually in the afterschool hours, that allow young people to be in safe environments, expand their knowledge of the history and culture of their tribes, and support their academic success through experiential learning.

The forum will accompany the release of an AYPF and OJJDP publication entitled ***Strengthening Indian Country Through Tribal Youth Programs***, which examines how TYPs are succeeding in improving the lives of youth and strengthening families through detailed case-studies of five TYPs. AYPF will be honored to have leaders from each of the participating tribes in attendance as distinguished guests at this special event.

#### **PRESENTERS:**

**Laura Ansera**, Tribal Youth Program Coordinator, Office of Policy Development, OJJDP;

**David Fullerton**, Social Services Manager, Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde (OR);

**A youth representative**, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (OR);

**Patrick Dunckhorst**, Program Manager, Demonstration Programs, OJJDP.

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**DATE: Friday, October 23, 2009**

**TIME: 11:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Capitol Hill, Room TBA**

**RSVP: Please reply to this invitation by 12:00 p.m., October 16, 2009**

Sending an email RSVP by the deadline confirms your attendance at this event. Please expect your email confirmation 2-3 days prior to the event that will list the room location.

*Box lunches are provided on a first-come, first-served basis, to those registered.*

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**For a full event description with presenter bios visit the link below:**

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