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STUDENTS TO AIR CONCERNS AT 4TH ANNUAL LISTENING CONFERENCE

Oklahoma City high school students will have the chance to voice concerns about contemporary issues ranging from relationships and sex education to occupational planning at the 4th Annual Oklahoma City High School Youth Listening Conference.

The conference will be held this **Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 27-28, 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Oklahoma City Community College, 7777 S. May Ave. in Oklahoma City.** Media should park in Parking Lot D, Entry 6, and enter the conference center.

More than 200 students are expected to attend. Participating high schools include Southeast High School, Pathways, John Marshall High School, Capitol Hill High School, U.S. Grant High School, Northeast Academy, Classen School of Advanced Studies, Douglass High School, Santa Fe South High School, Bishop McGuinness High School and Star Spencer High School.

A panel comprised of elected officials, state agency representatives and others in a position to take action on specific issues will answer questions.

Registration will be from 9:20-9:45 a.m. both days, followed by a panel briefing from 9:45-10 a.m. Presentation of colors and welcome will be from 10-10:15 a.m., followed by introduction and rules, 10:15-10:35 a.m.

Youth presentations will be from 10:35-11:55 a.m., with action planning from noon to 12:55 p.m. The report of findings and closing will be 12:55-1:15 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Julie Geddes, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, 405-522-3835 or 405-388-8029.

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