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YOUTH C.A.R.E.S. to Attend the National Youth Leadership Initiative Experience

YOUTH C.A.R.E.S., the teen committee of the Concho Valley C.A.R.E.S. (Community, Action, Resources, Empowerment, and Success) Coalition, will be attending the National Youth Leadership Initiative (NYLI) Experience, which is taking place at the 10th Annual Mid-Year Training Institute, hosted by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), in Garden Grove, CA from July 25-28, 2011.

The NYLI Experience helps coalitions build their youth committees so they can effectively address local substance abuse problems. One way they will do so is by taking what they learn and using it to continue their *I'm So Over, Above, & Beyond Using Drugs! (OAB)* social marketing campaign. In addition, this training builds the relationship between the youth and adult members of the coalition. The following C.A.R.E.S. Coalition members are attending the training:

- **Deanna Watkins** – YOUTH CARES Facilitator and Lake View High School Educator
- **Paulette Schell** – CARES Coalition Member and ADACCV Prevention Coordinator
- **Katie Findlay (18)** – Recent Central High School graduate
- **Nathaniel Haynes (15)** – Central High School student
- **Miranda Rivas (15)** – Lake View High School student
- **Brandi Sablan (18)** – Recent Lake View High School graduate

This trip is funded by the Drug Free Communities Grant, funds raised by YOUTH C.A.R.E.S., and through the generosity of coalition members' donations.

In 2007, CV CARES formed with the mission of creating an environment that encourages the elimination of substance abuse so children and families can thrive. Now a coalition of the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley, a nonprofit 501(c)3, CV CARES boasts a collaboration of over 40 agencies and individuals from 12 sectors of our community. YOUTH CARES formed in 2009 to empower local youth to become actively involved within the community in an effort to carry out our mission.

For more information, please contact E. Angelina Osornio, the Drug-Free Communities Coordinator, at 325-224-3481 or you may also visit our website www.cvcares.org.

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