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Riverside Youth Court Spring Juror Training

Riverside, CA—The Riverside Youth Court is accepting applications for its September 18, 2010, training session. The session runs from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and will be held at the Grove Community Church located at 19900 Community Drive, Riverside, CA.

The Riverside Youth Court is an innovative approach to juvenile justice and acts as an early intervention for first-time offenders/respondents of misdemeanor crimes. Actual criminal cases are heard in a real courtroom. Youth volunteers participating in the program serve as jurors and court clerks. A Riverside County Judge presides over each case, but the volunteer youth jury determines the disposition. The Riverside Youth Court is designed to educate youth about the juvenile justice system through direct participation. Youth Court addresses a respondent's responsibility for his/her behavior and holds the juvenile accountable to his/her community and peers. Involvement in Youth Court, either as a respondent or as a volunteer, increases the participant's respect for the judicial process. Youth volunteers will receive community service hours for all jury sessions they attend.

To be eligible to participate all volunteers have to be a student in good standing and between the ages of 12–17.

The class size is limited to 100 people; seats will be given to the first candidates to complete their reservation online at www.rpdonline.org/YouthCourt

Reservations must be submitted by September 3, 2010.

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