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DHS sponsors community economic development summit

Philadelphia, PA-- The Department of Human Services (DHS), Community-Based Prevention Services (CBPS), Community Engagement Division's Equal Partners In Change (EPIC) will sponsor a community economic development summit entitled "Partnering for Change" on Friday, May 6, 2011 at the Salvation Army Kroc Center located at 4200 Wissahickon Avenue in Philadelphia, from 9am-noon. A special Plenary Session will follow from 1-3:30pm.

The summit will bring together government officials, leadership from community-based organizations, provider agencies, local businesses, educational institutions and community stakeholders to discuss economic development opportunities and ways they can build effective partnerships to achieve local economic success and create strong and safe communities for children and their families. Participants will also take part in one of 10 community stations where they will discuss strategies for addressing neighborhood-specific concerns.

The summit will feature remarks by Mayor Michael Nutter; DHS Commissioner Anne Marie Ambrose; EPIC William Penn Coordinator Ari Merretazon; and others. Thera Martin Connelly-Milling, Director of Community Affairs at WURD will facilitate the plenary session. A continental breakfast will be available from 9:00 - 9:45am.

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The Philadelphia Department of Human Services is the City agency charged with protecting children from abuse, neglect, and delinquency; ensuring their safety and permanency in nurturing home environments; and strengthening and preserving families by enhancing community-based prevention services. In partnership with community organizations, DHS provides services to strengthen the overall well being of Philadelphia children, youth, and families using a customer focused approach that is responsive to evolving community needs.