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The DC Alliance of Youth Advocates (DCAYA)

With the support of

Councilmember Harry Thomas, Jr. (Ward 5) and

Councilmember at-Large Michael Brown

Invite you to the

First Annual Youth Advocacy Day

Briefing

WHEN: March 24, 2009, 9:15 AM - 9:50 AM

WHERE: John A. Wilson - Room #412

***SPEAKERS:**

☞ Beth Perry, Executive Director of St. Mary's Center

(Out of School Time Programming)

☞ Andrea Powell, Executive Director of FAIR Fund (Youth Homelessness)

☞ Veronica Nolan, Executive Director of Urban Alliance Foundation

(Youth Employment)

• Youth speakers from the following organizations: FAIR Fund, Latin-American Youth Center (LAYC), St. Mary's Center, Men Can Stop Rape

BACKGROUND:

More than 200 youth and adults are expected to convene at the Wilson building to meet with Councilmembers and their staffs throughout the day to highlight the need for investments in youth, particularly efforts to enhance out-of-school time programs and employment opportunities for young people and initiatives to combat youth homelessness.

This briefing is an opportunity for you to take part in and learn more about the DCAYA's platform and agenda for the day.

Following the briefing, youth and adult advocates will hold a **Rally Press Conference** on the front steps of the Wilson Building before moving to meetings with Council members, staff and the Deputy Mayors, where youth will urge Councilmembers and government officials to maintain critical youth programs and services during upcoming budget deliberations.

*The DC Alliance of Youth Advocates (DCAYA), founded in 2004 and staffed in 2006, is a citywide coalition of more than 100 youth-engaged organizations, youth, and concerned residents that work together to ensure policies, programs, and practices within the District of Columbia that promote and propel youth into productive and healthy adulthood. For more information, visit our website at <http://dc-aya.org>. *Line up subject to change.*

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