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Youth 4 Change Conference
"Look at Me Now"

NEWS ADVISORY

The Hartford Office for Youth Services (HOYS) collaborates with Capitol Community College to sponsor the 4th Annual "Youth 4 Change" Conference. The event will be held on Friday, June 3, 2011 from 3pm - 8 pm on the 11th floor of Capitol Community College. The Conference was created by youth for youth to provide skill building opportunities for middle and high school students to identify issues affecting their community, highlight the work young people are leading, and gain new skills that are immediately useful to develop strategies to create positive change in their communities.

The Youth 4 Change Conference will give participants a unique opportunity to choose from one of ten workshops designed and led by youth that address the issues of binge drinking, teen dating violence, marginalized teens taking a stand, and how to prepare for life after high school. Conference participants will leave with an increased awareness of youth-led community change efforts in Hartford and gain resources that will assist them to develop a vision and action plan for their own future.

Enid Rey, Director of HOYS says, "The creativity exhibited by Hartford's youth is undeniable. Youth are constantly seeing the community's most pressing issues through a unique lens. This conference will provide great opportunities for youth to build new tools to address social issues and expand their networks. It promises to be a high energy – high action event."

The conference is open to members of the media. Please contact Chiedza Rodriguez at (860) 757-9883 to reserve a spot.