



MEDIA ADVISORY

August 5, 2011

Health district to host Nurse-Family Partnership graduation

WHO: First-time mothers and their children will be recognized for their completion of the Nurse-Family Partnership Program at a graduation ceremony hosted by the Southern Nevada Health District.

WHAT: The Nurse-Family Partnership is a nationwide, evidence-based community health program that assists women who are pregnant with their first child. The main goals of the program are to:

- Improve pregnancy outcomes by helping women improve their health-related behaviors, including reducing use of cigarettes, alcohol and illegal drugs.
- Improve child health and development by helping parents provide more responsible and competent care for their children.
- Improve families' economic self-sufficiency by helping parents develop a vision for their own future, plan future pregnancies, continue their education and find work.

The program recently completed its second year and continues to receive high assessments from the national NFP office. The national program has been recognized by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy, the RAND Corporation, The Brookings Institute, Partnership for America's Economic Success, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency, and the Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy.

Speakers include: Dr. Lawrence Sands, Chief Health Officer of the Southern Nevada Health District; Joan Barrett, Nurse Family Partnership Consultant; Claudia Vigil, Nurse Family Partnership client

Health district staff and program clients will be available for media interviews.

When: 1 p.m.
Tuesday, August 9, 2011

Where: **The Auditorium at the Southern Nevada Health District**
625 Shadow Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89106