

FEATURED SPEAKERS AND VOICES:

Welcoming remarks by Gary L. Yates, President and CEO,
The California Wellness Foundation

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger*

Attorney General Bill Lockyer

Senate President Pro Tempore John Burton*

Senator Dede Alpert, Chair, Appropriations Committee

Senator James Brulte*, Minority Leader

Senator Sheila Kuehl, Chair, Select Committee on School Safety

Senator Bruce McPherson, Chair, Public Safety Committee

Senator Deborah Ortiz, Chair, Health and Human Services Committee

Senator Don Perata*, Majority Leader

Senator Gloria Romero*, Chair, Select Committee on California
Correctional System

Senator Jack Scott*, Chair, Budget Subcommittee on Education

Assemblymember Mark Leno, Chair, Public Safety Committee

Assemblymember Darrel Steinberg*, Chair, Budget Committee

Speaker of the Assembly Fabian Núñez*

Secretary Kim Belshe*, California Health and Human Services Agency

Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak*, California Business,
Transportation and Housing Agency

Sheriff Leroy Baca, Los Angeles County

Sheriff Lou Blanas*, Sacramento County

Chief Albert Najera, City of Sacramento Police

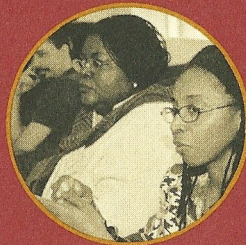
Father Gregory J. Boyle, Homeboy Industries

Dr. Deborah B. Prothrow-Stith, Harvard School
of Public Health

Gilbert Salinas, Youth ALIVE!

Belinda Smith-Walker, Girls & Gangs

*Invited



* See location information on the back of this invitation *



The California Wellness Foundation

Grantmaking for a Healthier California

A statewide dialogue on youth violence prevention

KEEPING YOUTH **SAFE**

Strategies That Work To Prevent Violence



June 3, 2004

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Gun violence takes the lives of almost a thousand young people

PLEASE JOIN US JUNE 3, 2004

Keeping Youth Safe: Strategies That Work To Prevent Violence – A statewide dialogue on youth violence prevention

This event will link California state and local policymakers with law enforcement, health professionals, advocates and youth in an important dialogue that will be broadcast throughout the state. Following the live broadcast, communities from San Diego to Redding will hold local meetings to discuss where we go from here. The goal is to develop recommendations that encourage government agencies to continue investing in programs and policies that prevent violence against young people.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND:

California faces a daunting state budget deficit. At the same time, after a decade of declining crime rates, violence is on the rise again in some of our communities. More than 6,000 young people are hospitalized each year for some form of violent injury. Violence prevention programs have never been as important as they are now to the health of our communities. These programs have saved thousands of lives. And they save money – up to \$3 for every \$1 invested.

WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA:

- Policy options to keep youth safe: panel discussion with state and local policymakers
- Results from the 2004 statewide voter poll
- Profiles of programs that work
- In their own words: youth and advocates on youth safety in California
- Discussion of policies and programs that work

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Policymakers and elected officials. Californians are asking their elected leaders to do more to prevent violence. Voter support for prevention dollars is strong. In 2003, nearly eight in 10 California voters said state spending on violence prevention and youth safety was as important to them as spending for law enforcement.

Youth leaders and youth advocates. Community involvement is an essential component of youth safety, especially when public resources are limited. This event will provide you with an opportunity to collaborate, network and learn which prevention programs work best.

Law enforcement. Learning about programs that prevent violence enables you to allocate public safety resources where they can be most effective.

Health professionals. As health professionals have long recognized, violence against young people is a public health epidemic that requires a community-wide response.

Educators. Learning is compromised when youth do not feel safe. Research shows that high-quality afterschool programs for teens increase academic achievement and reduce dropout rates.

EVERY PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE:

- Keeping Youth Safe Toolkits, including fact sheets on policy options and programs that work
- Results from the 2004 statewide voter poll

