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African American Family Healing Center Launches New Violence Prevention Program

Groundbreaking new project of the Haight Ashbury Free Clinics unveiled at event in Western Addition

Today, October 25th, community leaders, health care providers and elected officials joined the Haight Ashbury Free Clinics at a neighborhood reception to launch a new violence prevention program – the African American Family Healing Center. This groundbreaking new citywide program based in the Western Addition addresses the primary contributors to violence including stress, anger, substance and alcohol abuse and mental health issues to prevent or reduce violence in our community before it happens.

"The strong show of support from community leaders, health care providers and local elected officials demonstrates the broad support for this new program of the Haight Ashbury Free Clinics as well as the strength of the African American Family Healing Center's new violence prevention program," stated John Eckstrom, CEO, Haight Ashbury Free Clinics.

Community leaders and San Francisco health care providers were joined at the event by local elected officials and their representatives including; Barbara Kaufman, office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger; Tina Rubio, office of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi; Lamonte Davis, office of Senator Jackie Speier; Julian Davis, office of Assemblyman Mark Leno; Tonya Reese, office of Board of Equalization Member Betty Yee; and Eric Mar, President, San Francisco Unified School District.

The African American Family Healing Center is a groundbreaking new citywide program based in the Western Addition that addresses the primary contributors to violence including stress, anger, substance and alcohol abuse and mental health issues to prevent or reduce violence in our community before it happens.

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