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El Dorado Hills Community Vision Inc. Receives Grant for Youth Voices Diversity Project

El Dorado Hills Community Vision Inc. has received a \$10,000 Program Improvement grant from Sierra Health Foundation in Sacramento. The nonprofit is one of 11 grant recipients in the region chosen for funding to increase youth participation in quality programs through Sierra Health's REACH youth program.

Through a project called "Youth Voices: Diversity, Anti-teasing and Healthy Teens," youth in El Dorado Hills will conduct live presentations in Sacramento-region schools and communities in an effort to make a difference in the way students treat each other. Youth will write scripts, film their presentations and submit the video to schools and community organizations with a request to conduct live performances.

Hal Nelson, President of El Dorado Hills Community Vision, Inc., stated, "We are pleased to accept this grant on behalf of our teens to address issues in our community that young people feel are important. We are grateful for the support we receive from the Sierra Health Foundation REACH Program."

El Dorado Hills Community Vision Inc. received the grant on behalf of the Vision Coalition of El Dorado Hills, which formed in 2003 to help prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth, adults and their families so that young people thrive socially, emotionally, physically and academically in a safe and drug-free environment. The Vision Coalition is one of seven REACH Community Action coalitions in the capital region funded by Sierra Health. The coalition also receives federal funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Through REACH, Sierra Health is committed to helping California Capital Region youth succeed by increasing participation in quality programs and activities, providing opportunities for youth to develop leadership and decision making skills, and helping communities take positive action for youth.

Sierra Health awards Program Improvement grants three times per year. Applications for the next grant cycle are due Jan. 15, 2008. See www.reachyouthprogram.org for more information on REACH. For more information about the Vision Coalition of El Dorado Hills, visit www.edhvisioncoalition.org or call (916) 933-1771.

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