

Anti-Bullying Message Will Be Shared with Mathews-Dickey Summer Campers - Jul 30, 2014

Centene Corporation and Home State Health Plan Help Students Combat Bullying

On Thursday, July 31st at 12:30 p.m., over 100 elementary-aged students attending the Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club Summer Camp will participate in an Anti-Bullying Rally presented by Centene Corporation and its subsidiary, Home State Health Plan.

This event is part of Centene, Cenpatco and Children's National Health System's national initiative to prevent bullying among school-aged children. The **"No Bullying Zone"** event will feature award-winning children's author Michelle Bain **reading a new anti-bullying book** called *Splotch the Madpole*, which was co-authored with Centene, Cenpatco and anti-bullying expert Dr. Joseph Wright of Children's National Health System.

The event will also feature a performance by St. Louis recording artist Jamie "King James" Dennis as well as **an anti-bullying "graffiti wall"** where children will write positive messages about themselves and their friends. This national initiative was launched during National Anti-bullying Awareness Month in October 2013 and aims to educate students, teachers and parents on how to prevent, identify and appropriately intervene when bullying threatens school-aged children.

At the event, the following individuals will be available for interviews: Dr. Bernard Shore, Chief Medical Director for Home State Health Plan; Martin Luther Mathews, President, CEO & Co-Founder of Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club; and author Michelle Bain.

WHAT: "No Bullying Zone" Event featuring book reading, musical performance and anti-graffiti wall signing

WHO: Martin Luther Mathews, President, CEO & Co-Founder of Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club; Dr. Bernard Shore, Chief Medical Director Home State Health Plan; author Michelle Bain and recording artist Jamie "King James" Dennis.

WHEN: Thursday, July 31st
Assembly: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club
4245 N. Kingshighway Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63115

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About Home State Health Plan

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About Mathews-Dickey

Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club is a 501 (c)(3) United Way member agency that provides educational enrichment, cultural arts & health, sports & recreation and summer day camp programming for thousands of St. Louis area young men and women, ages 5 to 18.

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