

Centene Corporation and Home State Health Host Anti-Bullying Event at Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis in Ferguson Middle School - Jul 6, 2015

ST. LOUIS, July 6, 2015 -- On Tuesday, July 7, Centene Corporation and Home State Health will host an anti-bullying event at the new Boys & Girls Club in Ferguson Middle School.

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

The event continues the celebration for the June 8 opening of the Boys & Girls Club in Ferguson Middle School. Centene, Home State Health and Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis designed this event to enrich the lives of young people in Ferguson with strong character messages. The children participate in the book reading to cultivate an interactive educational experience, *and the children will take an anti-bullying pledge at the conclusion of the event.*

**WHAT:** "No Bullying Zone" Event featuring interactive book reading and anti-bullying pledge.

**WHO:** Children's author Michelle Bain and Ferguson Middle School Boys Club summer campers

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 7 at 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** Ferguson Middle School  
701 January Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63135

#### **About Centene Corporation**

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#### **About Home State Health Plan**

Home State Health Plan™ (Home State) is a Managed Care Organization (MCO) contracted to provide services to MO HealthNet Managed Care beneficiaries in Missouri. Home State is a subsidiary of Centene Corporation (Centene), in partnership with Missouri Primary Care Association (MPCA) and participating Community Health Centers. Information regarding Home State is available via the Internet at [www.homestatehealth.com](http://www.homestatehealth.com).

#### **About the Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis**

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis (BGCSTL) is to inspire and enable youth ages 6 to 18 to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. For nearly 50 years, BGCSTL has been providing a safe place for children to learn and grow. The Clubs now serve St. Louis youth at six locations (Adams Park Club, Ferguson Middle School Club, Herbert Hoover Club, O'Fallon Park Club, Hazelwood Southeast Middle School Club and Twillman Elementary School Club) and within several other schools (including Normandy High School and Roosevelt High School) and through our Mentor St. Louis Program, in the St. Louis region. We are also a proud member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

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