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## **Delaware Children's Department Partners with Communities To Help Children Succeed**

### **Special Focus on Violence in Communities**

The Delaware Children's Department is enhancing its annual Prevention and Early Intervention conference in response to the needs of its communities and conference participants. Sessions provide best practices in prevention, but also organizational management including partnership building, grant writing and measuring quality. In response to feedback from participants, the conference will still take place over two days, but not back to back. The two days are a month apart: April 27 and May 24. Highlights include a special pre-conference evening with Reverend Eugene F. Rivers, III, co-founder of the Boston Ten Point Coalition to be held Tuesday, April 26. Those interested registering for the conference can call 302-892-4500.

#### **Tuesday, April 26**

**7:00 PM**

#### **Delaware Technical and Community College, 333 Shipley Street, Wilmington**

Registrants for the Conference are invited to a special evening in Wilmington with the Reverend Eugene F. Rivers, III, co-founder of the Ten Point Coalition that was so successful in reducing youth violence that it is known as the Boston Miracle. While there is no additional charge for this event, capacity is limited, so please call 302-892- 4500 to reserve a general admission seat. Event sponsored by the Delaware Children's Department and the Coalition to Build a Safer Community.

#### **Wednesday, April 27**

**8:00 AM - 4:45 PM Sheraton Hotel, Dover**

Highlights include:

- Beverly Watts Davis, Director, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) will present effective strategies for blending prevention and treatment services.
- Reverend Eugene F. Rivers, III, will speak about the History and Mission of the Ten Point Coalition: the internationally recognized model for prevention of youth and gang violence.
- Secretary Cari DeSantis will present The Village Awards to those working on the front lines of prevention efforts (12 noon).

#### **Tuesday, May 24**

**8:00 AM - 4:45 PM Sheraton Hotel, Dover**

Speaker: James Garbarino, author, will speak about his New York Times Best Seller "Lost Boys: Why Our Sons Turn Violent and How We Can Save Them."