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**DRUG FREE EVENT – HIP HOP EXTRAVAGANZA**

Genesee County, Michigan – The GAAP Coalition (Genesee Alcohol and Addiction Prevention) is holding a “Hip-Hop Extravaganza” on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – 2 PM at the Flint/Beecher Salvation Army building located at 1475 Coldwater Road

This event focuses on an open mic and talent contest where participants will express how substance abuse has affected their life and/or community through artwork, dance, skits, songs and spoken word. Other events will include sessions for African Drum, Spoken Word, Hip Hop Dance, information for parents and concerned adults, special guest speakers, and pizza, pop and door prizes.

Special guest Lesley Kay has taught dance for over 20 years. She is the head choreographer on Walt Disney Picture’s “Oz the Great and Powerful.” Lesley is the director of The Detroit Dolls, former member of the Detroit Lions’ On Field Promotions Team, and currently choreographs their nationally televised Thanksgiving Day Halftime Show. She is a former member of the Detroit Piston’s Dance Team, instructor at the prestigious Juliana’s Academy of Dance and has choreographed commercials in L.A. and Las Vegas.

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“This event gives the youth in our community an opportunity to share with others how substance abuse has affected their lives, and also gives an outlet for expression on topics that are sometimes hard to talk about. It also gives them an opportunity to learn from accomplished artists for their own personal development,” said Danis Russell, CEO of Genesee Health System.

Genesee Health System spearheads the GAAP Coalition and other members include concerned citizens and agencies whose goal is to encourage an alcohol and drug-free lifestyle for teens and adolescents. Questions can be directed to Lisa Coleman, Manager of Prevention Services at Genesee Health System at 810.496.5544 or [lcoleman@genhs.org](mailto:lcoleman@genhs.org). Registration forms can be found on GHS’ website [www.genhs.org](http://www.genhs.org)

Genesee Health System provides services and supports to Genesee County residents who are adults and children with developmental disabilities, adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, and adults and children with substance use disorders; with a focus is on the health of the whole person. For more information, call Customer Services at (810) 257-3705.

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