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~ Programming Opportunity~

In an effort to foster positive interactions between youth and law enforcement the New Orleans Health Department, in collaboration with New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) and NOLA FOR LIFE, would like **to offer your students an opportunity to participate in a *Youth↔Police Dialogue* Miniseries.**

The *Youth↔Police Dialogue* Miniseries is a 7 session program that offers high school students an opportunity to engage directly with law enforcement officers, through facilitated conversations, to develop healthy relationships.

Held on the school site, over the course of seven weeks, each of the **7 sessions are 90minutes long** and will be facilitated by a trained *Youth↔Police Dialogue* facilitator(s). During the dialogue session, participants will engage in meaningful dialogues and activities centered on relationship and trust building.

The Goals of the ***Youth↔Police Dialogue* Miniseries** are to:

- ✓ Improve relations between young people and law enforcement
- ✓ Empower youth
- ✓ Identify and analyze factors that shape behavior
- ✓ Develop concrete policy recommendations that aims to improve relationships

Students and participating law enforcement officers will focus on the following topics in order to achieve the goals:

- ✓ Know Your Rights
- ✓ History of Law Enforcement
- ✓ Understanding Adolescent Development
- ✓ NOPD Tool Belt
- ✓ Cognitive Dissonance
- ✓ Moving Beyond Stereotypes: Implicit and Explicit Bias
- ✓ What Are We Going to Do On Monday?

If you are interested in hosting a *Youth↔Police Dialogue* Miniseries at your school or for more information please contact Damekia Morgan @ 504-658-2587 or e-mail dmorgan@nola.gov on or before October 14, 2016.