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EVENTS ADVISORY

EVENTS TO BE HELD IN DURANGO THIS WEEK WILL HIGHLIGHT CHILDREN'S ISSUES IN LA PLATA AND MONTEZUMA COUNTIES

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON WILL FOCUS ON CRITICAL TRENDS, INCLUDING CHILD POVERTY RATE

This week, the Colorado Children's Campaign will be hosting events in Durango to provide information to community leaders and child advocates about the status of children in Colorado and, more specifically, in La Plata and Montezuma counties.

Community leaders, elected officials and child advocates will attend a luncheon on **Thursday, October 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Durango Recreation Center** that will focus on data released in the *2008 KidsCount in Colorado!* report, including the significant increase in the number of children living in poverty in Colorado since 2000. *KidsCount in Colorado* is an annual report that provides county-by-county data on the well-being of children in the state. It is produced by the Colorado Children's Campaign, a statewide, nonpartisan advocacy organization.

In addition, there will be a child advocacy training on **Wednesday, October 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Durango School District 9R Administration Building** for community members interested in learning about how to more effectively advocate for policies and programs that will improve the lives of children in the community.

"This is an opportunity for community members and officials to learn more about how children are doing in their community and what they can do to make a difference in child outcomes," said Megan Ferland, President of the Colorado Children's Campaign. "We have partnered with citizens in Durango for more than 10 years to improve the lives of kids, and always look forward to being in such an active community."

WHAT: COMMUNITY LUNCHEON TO FOCUS ON CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING
WHEN: 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008
WHO: COMMUNITY LEADERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, CHILD ADVOCATES
SPONSORED BY THE COLORADO CHILDREN'S CAMPAIGN
WHERE: DURANGO COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER
2700 Main Avenue

The child advocacy training will be held on Wednesday evening, October 29, at the Durango School District 9R Administration Building, 201 E. 12th Street.