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**Media Advisory:**

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**“Incorporating Mental Health Checkups into Adolescent Visits” CME Training Brings Together Primary Care Providers June 30 in Nevada**

**GENOA, Nev.** – Senator Harry Reid’s office and the TeenScreen National Center for Mental Health Checkups at Columbia University will host a training session for Northern Nevada pediatric primary care providers to educate them about mental health screening for adolescents. The continuing medical education (CME) program is titled “Incorporating Mental Checkups into Adolescent Visits.”

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**WHERE:** Genoa Lakes Golf Club and Resort, 1 Genoa Lakes Drive

**SPEAKERS:** **Lisa Durette, M.D., C.A.P.**, medical director at Spring Mountain Treatment Center  
**James McGhee, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P.**, a pediatrician at Sienna Pediatrics in Henderson, Nev. who currently incorporates mental health checkups into his practice  
**Leslie McGuire, M.S.W.**, deputy executive director at the TeenScreen National Center for Mental Health Checkups  
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**SPONSORS:** Senator Harry Reid, Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention, Douglas County Suicide Prevention Network, Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, and the TeenScreen National Center for Mental Health Checkups

**WHAT:** The training will educate health care providers about how to:

- Address the problems of mental illness and suicide in adolescents through a simple screening
- Accurately triage patients with positive screening results
- Assess adolescent patients for psychiatric disorders such as depression, anxiety, psychosis and substance abuse.

**BACKGROUND:** Earlier this year, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommended annual depression screening by primary care providers for all 12–18 year olds; a separate report published by the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council also called for evidence-based screening of adolescents and highlights primary care settings as a key location for screening.

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### **TeenScreen in Nevada**

The TeenScreen National Center for Mental Health Checkups is currently collaborating on the Nevada Behavioral Health Checkup Program, which is working with the state's Medicaid office to explore effective models of incorporating teen mental health checkups into wellness and other health care visits state-wide. For more information about TeenScreen Primary Care visit [www.teenscreen.org](http://www.teenscreen.org), call 1-866-TEENSCREEN (1-866-833-6727), or email [MentalHealthCheckups@childpsych.columbia.edu](mailto:MentalHealthCheckups@childpsych.columbia.edu).

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**The TeenScreen National Center for Mental Health Checkups at Columbia University** is a non-profit, privately funded mental health initiative. The mission of the National Center is to expand and improve early detection of mental illness by mainstreaming mental health checkups as a routine procedure in adolescent health care, schools, and other youth-serving settings. The National Center offers youth mental health checkups through two major national efforts, TeenScreen Primary Care and TeenScreen Schools and Communities. Voluntary screening is provided in more than 500 sites in 43 states through the National Center's efforts. The National Center is an affiliate of the Columbia University Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.  
[www.teenscreen.org](http://www.teenscreen.org)

**Senator Harry Reid** is Nevada's senior senator and majority leader of the U.S. Senate.  
<http://reid.senate.gov/>

**The Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention's** mission is to reduce the rates of suicide and suicidal acts in Nevada through statewide collaborative efforts to develop, implement and evaluate a state strategy that advances the goals and objectives of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention. <http://dhhs.nv.gov/SuicidePrevention.htm>

**The Douglas County Suicide Prevention Network's** mission is to reduce the rates of suicide and suicidal acts in Nevada through statewide collaborative efforts to develop, implement and evaluate a state strategy that advances the goals and objectives of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention. [http://www.sprc.org/stateinformation/PDF/stateplans/plan\\_nv.pdf](http://www.sprc.org/stateinformation/PDF/stateplans/plan_nv.pdf)

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