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Shelby County to Receive Additional Funds to Combat Children's Exposure to Violence

Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr. will announce specifics this week about the second phase of a community initiative to help reduce children's exposure to violence in their homes, schools and other places in the community.

The mayor will host a news conference on November 2nd, 2011, at the Urban Child Institute, 600, Jefferson Avenue, at 3 p.m.

"This will be an important community initiative. Specific work will be done by several local agencies to identify the causes of violence to help ensure children and their families get needed assistance," said Mayor Luttrell.

Mayor Luttrell will be joined at the news conference by Memphis Mayor A C Wharton, Shelby County District Attorney General Amy Weirich, Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Bill Gibbons, representatives from Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Memphis Police Department and Edward L. Stanton, III, U.S. Attorney General for the Western District of Tennessee.

"Any violence involving our youth is unacceptable. This vital initiative sponsored by the Department of Justice will provide a more strategic approach to combat youth violence," said Stanton.

Funds from the \$2 million federal grant will be administered by the county for the next two years. The county initially received \$160,000 from the federal government for phase one of the project which was used for strategic planning.

The program will continue through September 2013 and progress will be tracked monthly at the Memphis Crime Commission's Operation Safe Community meetings.

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