

# Focus on Multiple Hiv-Related Issues

# President Clinton Participates In The "Marching Toward Justice" Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

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**PORTLAND-** Four state agencies are co-sponsoring a March 15 conference in Portland, aimed at addressing HIV, Mental Health and chemical Dependency issues. National and local experts will be featured, and continuing education credits are available to physicians, counselors, psychologists, social workers, addictions counselors and case managers.

"Service providers today must address the multiple issues of HIV, substance abuse and mental illness. To better address these needs we are collaborating at state and local levels and are working with consumers and other community partners. Our goal is to ensure adequate HIV prevention and care programs for persons at risk for HIV and those living with HIV/AIDS," said Tom Eversole, HIV-STD-TB program manager at the Oregon Health Division.

The conference features a series of plenaries including HIV and serious mental illness, HIV and substance, implications for community mental health services, and an update on the treatment of HIV and mental illness.

Breakout sessions will address a variety of topics including: case management, dual diagnosis, fostering adherence, leading support groups, cultural aspects of HIV care, ethical issues, forensics/corrections issues, harm reduction, recovery issues for persons living with HIV, as well as interactions of psychotropic and retroviral medications.

The conference is collaboration between the Oregon Health Division, the Mental Health and Development Disabilities Division, the Office of drug and Alcohol Addiction Programs, and the Office of consumer Technical Assistance.

Anyone wanting more information or registration materials should contact Jim Hopper at the Health Division at 503-731-4029.

# New director for Indian child welfare issues

The State Office for Services to children and Families has named Mary McNeVins as the new Indian Welfare Act manager. McNeVins comes to SCF from Warm Springs where she was director of the Child Protective Services Department for the Confederated Tribes. She brings to her new role more than 13 years of experience in child protective services, specializing in Indian child welfare issue.

"As a child protective professionals, the decision we make impact the lives of our children and families we serve," said McNeVins. "There is a strengthen Indian children and their families."

SCF meets quarterly with Indian tribes of Oregon to assess their child welfare needs and to work on areas of common interest. Oregon has nine federally recognized Indian tribes within its boundaries, with a population of about 40,000. About 400 Indian children are in state substitute care at any given time. Oregon has operated an ICWA program since it was passed in 1978. ICWA is a federal statute that governs the placement of Indian children while in voluntary or involuntary out-of-home placement.

McNeVins started the job Feb. 1. Her office is located in the Humane Resources Building in Salem.

Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, Washington D.C.

President Clinton will join Cecilia Marshall, widow of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the exhibit, "Marching Toward Justice: The History of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution."

The audience included civil rights heroine Rosa Parks, Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Togo West, Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder and Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Bill Lann Lee. U.S. Supreme Court officials, members of Congress, and distinguished members of the legal and academic communities, were also in attendance.

In recognition of Black History Month, the Marshall Building will display the exhibit, "Marching Toward Justice," through February 29. The display features photographs, manuscripts and other material, chronicling the history of the struggle for equal justice. The three-part exhibit is sectioned in three parts: the first section chronicles the role of abolitionists in the fight for equality for all Americans; the second section outlines the 60 year period when abolitionists fought the states to implement the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment; and the third section



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Pictured, from left to right: President William J. Clinton, Judge Damon Keith, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, Cecilia Marshall, widow of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Dr. Irvin D. Reid, President, Wayne State University, Dr. H. Patrick Swygert, President, Howard University.

chronicles the legal campaign launched by African-American lawyers, such as Thurgood Marshall and Charles H. Houston, to use the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to guarantee equal rights for African-Americans dur-

ing the 1930s, 40s, and 50s.

The exhibit was created by the Damon J. Keith Law Collection of African-American Legal History at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. At the urging of Judge

Damon Keith, a Senior Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building is the first stop on the "Marching Toward Justice" 1999 national tour.

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- Buy durable, well-built products
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