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**AADAP and KYCC to Present Findings on Koreatown  
and South Bay Youth, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use**

LOS ANGELES, CA, May 12, 2011 - The Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP) and the Koreatown Youth and Community Center (KYCC) have recently concluded a survey of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among Koreatown and Korean American youth. This study, part of an ongoing series conducted by both agencies to understand youth alcohol and drug use in the Koreatown and South Bay Korean American community, will be presented by community youth.

AADAP and KYCC program participants will be sharing findings on the role of parents and how they influence their children's risk for alcohol and drug use. Through this collaborative study, some surprising and upsetting trends have emerged – it is easy for youth to obtain alcohol and drugs and parents can inadvertently promote alcohol use.

In addition, Lauren Lee, an AADAP residential drug counselor, will be sharing her knowledge and experience in working with parents and families with substance abuse issues. Lauren will discuss the important role which parenting plays in prevention, how parents may tacitly encourage drinking and smoking, and the role of family dynamics and relationships in drug use.

AADAP and KYCC hope that through this partnership, families will learn and take concrete steps to help prevent their children from engaging in risky behaviors around alcohol and drugs.

**About AADAP**

Since its inception in 1972, AADAP, Inc. has served as the cornerstone of comprehensive prevention, inpatient and outpatient treatment of substance abuse services to residents of Los Angeles County. AADAP actively provides related services that include HIV/AIDS, mental health, gang intervention and problem gambling through education, advocacy and intervention programs.

**About KYCC**

KYCC was established in 1975 for recently immigrated, at-risk youth. Since then, it has grown enormously, with children and family services, economic development, environmental, and childcare units. The mission of KYCC is to serve the evolving needs of the Korean American population in the greater Los Angeles Area as well as the multi-ethnic Koreatown community. Today, KYCC serves over 11,000 people each year, most of whom are first-generation immigrants from Latin America and Asia.

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