A Call for Entries: Annual Art Contest Raises Awareness about the Responsibilities of Parenthood

Deadline for entries is Friday, April 4, 2014

TRENTON – The New Jersey Department of Human Services’ Division of Family Development is accepting entries for its Annual Teen Media Contest, an initiative that reinforces the Department’s mission to instill an understanding of parental responsibility in teens. The statewide art contest is open to all New Jersey middle and high school age students.

This year, students are asked to depict what makes their parent(s) unique and how that characteristic or attribute has influenced their view of parenthood. Students are encouraged to consider the diversity of families when thinking about what makes theirs unique.

“We are excited to recognize the role that parent(s) play in fostering a sense of individuality and uniqueness in their children,” said Jennifer Velez, Commissioner of the Department of Human Services. “This year’s contest will demonstrate how children think about their own families and the ways in which parents serve an integral role in their children’s emotional lives. We look forward to seeing the submissions.”

All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 4, 2014. Staff from the Division of Family Development and its Office of Child Support Services will judge the contest. Winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds and certificates of achievement during an awards ceremony in May.

Each year, the winners’ submissions also are included in the Office of Child Support’s calendar.
Register your school by logging on to www.NJTeenMedia.org or by contacting Michael Brennan at 973-799-0200 or michael.brennan@winningstrat.com.

For more information about child support services, call 1-877-NJKIDS1 or visit www.njchildsupport.org.

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