



BOOKS DONATED TO HELP PARENTS
Sought-after book available in Hennepin County libraries

December 14, 2009 - People on the Hennepin County Library's waiting list for *How to Raise a Drug-Free Kid* will not have to wait as long to read the book. Bloomington Public Health, on behalf of Tri-City Partners coalition, donated 29 of the sought-after books to the County library system in December 2009. Additional books were donated by North Memorial Partnership for Change coalition to total 37 in all.

A September community forum held at Edina High School generated interest in the book. Three hundred were given at no cost to those attending. The book's author, Joseph A. Califano Jr., shared over twenty years worth of research supporting the important role of parents in keeping kids drug-free. One of the parents attending the forum said, "The fact if a person waits until 21 (to use alcohol) he/she is likely to never have a problem (of addiction or abuse) . . . I didn't realize that there were statistics supporting that!"

Tri-City Partners coalition works to reduce substance use and build protective factors in Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield youth. It is supported by Bloomington Public Health. Membership is open to those living or working in the communities of Bloomington, Edina, and Richfield. New members are always welcome. More information at www.tricitypartners.org.

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