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WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF

OJP Acting Assistant Attorney General to Speak at Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, September 14 – Acting Assistant Attorney General Mary Lou Leary will deliver remarks at the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention on Friday, September 14, at 10 a.m. EDT. The meeting will be held at 810 7th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. For information on press logistics, please contact Starr Stepp at 202-307-0703 or Starr.Stepp@usdoj.gov.

BJS Finds Decline in Rates of HIV/AIDS Related Deaths in Prison – AIDS-related deaths among all state and federal prisoners dropped from 24 deaths per 100,000 inmates in 2001 to five per 100,000 in 2010, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics' recently released report, *HIV in Prisons, 2001-2010*. In 2010, 72 inmates in state prisons and seven in federal prisons died from AIDS-related causes. www.bjs.gov

OJJDP Bulletin Highlights Drinking Effects on Adolescents – The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recently released the bulletin “Effects and Consequences of Underage Drinking,” presenting findings on the potential neurological damage, social and emotional consequences, health and safety risks and academic problems the underage drinker may experience. OJJDP works with states to eliminate underage consumption of alcohol and created the new bulletin series to provide evidence-based guidance for communities developing prevention and treatment programs. This bulletin was adapted from *Underage Drinking: Intervention Principles and Practice Guidelines for Community Corrections*. <http://www.ojjdp.gov/pubs/237145.pdf>

Did you know ...

The Office of Justice Program's (OJP) Suicide Prevention Week blog is now available at [\(link\)](#). The blog, written by Acting Assistant Attorney General Mary Lou Leary, discusses ways the bureaus are integrating suicide prevention into their strategies and initiatives. It also discusses the importance of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention, released by the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, along with the U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Regina Benjamin. The report emphasizes the role all Americans can play in protecting their friends, family members, and colleagues from suicide. It also provides guidance for schools, businesses, health systems, clinicians and many other sectors that takes into account nearly a decade of research and other advancements in the field since the last strategy was published.

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