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### **Governor Stresses Need To Address Minority Health Issues; Meets with Monmouth Teens to Discuss Youth Violence and Drug Abuse Prevention**

Gov. Christie Whitman tomorrow will stress the importance of ending disparities in minority health care during the second day of the "Health of Minorities in New Jersey, Round One: The Black Experience" summit.

The Gov. will emphasize the need to involve all levels of community and government in the fight to increase awareness and prevention efforts in minority communities around the state. The summit is the first of two organized by the Department of Health and Senior Services and partially funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Later in the day the Governor will highlight violence prevention efforts at "Teens First". "Teens First" is a program designed to help middle school students develop the skills necessary to say no to drugs and prevent violence in their communities and teaches them conflict resolution.

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