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Youth Violence Prevention Expo

The City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department and the Columbia Police Department will host a Youth Violence Prevention Expo **today** at Dutch Square Mall for Day 2 of the annual National Youth Violence Prevention Week.

The expo will be held from 6-8 p.m. and will feature various agencies and organizations that assist youth in making better life decisions. Exhibitors will provide information on a variety of youth-related programs, resources, activities and events.

WHAT: Youth Violence Prevention Expo

WHEN: **Today**, April 4 from 6-8 p.m.

WHERE: Dutch Square Mall, 421 Bush River Road

National Youth Violence Prevention Week is held in order to raise awareness and educate students, teachers, school administrators and staff, school resource officers, parents and the public about effective ways to prevent and reduce youth violence.

Various activities were scheduled from April 3-8 to recognize National Youth Violence Prevention Week. The events will demonstrate the positive role young people can have

in making their schools and communities safer. **All events are free and open to the public.** Youth, adults, parents, mentors and youth leaders are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 803-545-3100 or visit www.columbiasc.net.

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