

## Media Alert

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### Youthville residents to participate in Poetry Slam

(Wichita, Kan., Nov. 3, 2009) –A group of Youthville residents will have the opportunity to share their art, spoken word and poetry during the Youth Aloud Poetry Slam on Friday, Nov. 13. The poetry is a therapeutic and powerful way for the youth on campus to communicate their stories.

“I think this particular population of youth use many different ways of communicating and telling their story,” said, Micala Gingrich-Gaylord, Youthville Expressive Arts Center. “The project is a new look at what poetry can look like through the lens of lyrics, rapping, and spoken word.”

**What:** Youth Aloud Poetry Slam  
**Who:** Residents from Youthville’s PRTF in Newton  
**When:** Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** Pages Books & Coffee, 605 N. Main, Newton, Kan.  
**Time:** 7 - 9 p.m.

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) are for children ages 6 to 18 years who need time away to address issues and remove barriers in their lives. Youthville has two campuses one in Dodge City and the other in Newton. Youthville is committed to caring for children in an innovative way that encourages growth mentally, physically, and creatively through creative forms of expression. Only 8 percent of the children in foster care reside in PRTFs.

Youthville is one of the largest nonprofit, child welfare agencies in Kansas, specializing in foster care, adoption, psychiatric residential treatment and counseling. The agency's more than 600 employees are passionate about its mission of Giving Children Back Their Childhood to the 1,400 Kansas children who suffer from abuse, neglect, abandonment, and trauma. To learn more or to get involved with Youthville visit [www.youthville.org](http://www.youthville.org).

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