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MEDIA ADVISORY
HOLYOKE PARENTING PROGRAM TO HOLD GRADUATION FOR 50 MOMS AND DADS

WHAT: The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) invites the media to a graduation ceremony honoring young mothers and fathers who have recently completed parenting programs.

Through home visits from MSPCC and group meetings, parents in the Healthy Families, Teen Parenting, and Mass. Home Visiting Programs learn about proper prenatal care, infant development, breastfeeding, nutrition, the importance of reading to children, and other key parenting skills. Parents also receive support in working toward educational and career goals.

Program Details: The Healthy Families parenting program supports parents under the age of 21, the Teen Parenting Program assists mothers and fathers under 24, and Mass. Home Visiting provides services for parents and grandparents of all ages. The programs assist more than 200 parents in Western Massachusetts each year.

WHEN: **Friday, August 22, 2014**
2 p.m.

WHERE: **Holyoke Health Center**
230 Maple Street
Holyoke, MA

WHO: More than 50 parents will be recognized during the ceremony. Speakers include State Senator Don Humason, Patricia Duffy of Representative Aaron Vega's Office, District Attorney David Sullivan, Claudia Catalano of the Department of Public Health, and MSPCC President & CEO Mary McGeown.

ABOUT MSPCC: Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the rights and well-being of children and families. Founded in 1878, MSPCC provides services to more than 22,000 children and families each year through pregnancy and parenting support, counseling, and support for foster and adoptive families. For more information please visit www.mspcc.org.

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