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**PRESS SCHEDULE OF
FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1998**

Washington, D.C. -- On Friday, September 11, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will participate in the *Destination Future* Youth Leadership Development Conference. The First Lady will announce the award of more than \$1 million in new grants to nine states to establish and support effective youth development program strategies at the local level. This is the 8th annual *Destination Future* conference, which brings together foster and homeless youth ages 16-21 receiving independent/transitional living services and their adult sponsors to build partnerships and promote youth development. The conference builds on the First Lady's efforts to strengthen our nation's child welfare system and to ensure safety and permanency for all children in foster care.

The states receiving the Youth Development State Collaboration Demonstration Project grants are: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, and Oregon. Each state will receive a grant of \$120,000.

EVENT: *Destination Future Youth Leadership Development Conference*
DATE: Friday, September 11, 1998
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: National 4-H Center
JC Penney Building
7100 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Press Notes

This event is open to the press. Lighting and a mult will be provided.

Pre-set: 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Final access: 1:30 p.m.

Credentialing Information

No pre-credentialing is required. Please bring standard press identification to gain access to the event. Parking is on-site. The on-site contact is Leigh Flores.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The First Lady will also attend the Religious Leaders Breakfast, the Nairobi and Dar-es-Salaam Embassies Victims Memorial Service and the Irish Peace Event with the President. Please see the President's schedule for more information.

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The University of Oklahoma
National Resource Center For Youth Services

***DESTINATION FUTURE YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
FACT SHEET***

Purpose: *Destination Future* brings together youth and adults from throughout the nation to network, solve problems, and improve leadership skills. Through the conference format, youth and adults have a unique opportunity to build partnerships and learn about advocating for change. This conference is the only national event of its kind specifically for youth ages 16 - 21 who receive independent living/transitional living services. Youth and adults participate in small group discussions throughout the conference and each group is given an opportunity to present their ideas to a panel of Federal officials and other youth development experts on the final day of the conference.

This two and a half day conference is sponsored by The University of Oklahoma National Resource Center for Youth Services with support from the National Resource Center for Youth Development and the National Network for Youth. This year's conference will be the 8th annual event providing these youth with the opportunity to build partnerships.

Audience: Each year some 250 youth and their adult sponsors representing approximately 30 states and the District of Columbia attend *Destination Future*. Foster and homeless youth ages 16 to 20 receiving independent/transitional living services are eligible to attend. Each youth attends along with a sponsor who can be their social worker, foster parent, youth worker, mentor, or a volunteer.

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Dates: September 11-13, 1998