



Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse
661 Washington Street
Oakland, CA 94607

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**KQED-FM 88.5 FORUM radio broadcast to discuss issues concerning youth who
"age out" of the foster care system to be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2005**

Oakland – A live FORUM radio broadcast discussing the topic of youth who "age out" of the foster care system will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2005. The radio broadcast will address issues concerning youth in Alameda County who turn 18 and are summarily pronounced to be on their own without any form of lingering support that many other young people continue to receive from families and friends.

The FORUM radio program is being broadcast from the courtroom of Judge Trina Thompson-Stanley located in Oakland at the Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. For a period of three years Judge Thompson-Stanley has presided over and heard juvenile cases each week, including a number of cases that came before her involving older foster care youth who were struggling with their various support issues after having left the foster care system.

The FORUM radio broadcast will commence at 9:00 a.m. the morning of Wednesday, May 25, 2005. The first hour of the broadcast will feature host Michael Krasny moderating a panel of five youth, three of which have already "aged out" of the foster care system, and two of which are a very short time away from experiencing what it means to officially be pronounced on their own.

At 10:00 a.m. and during the second hour of the broadcast, the issue of "aging out" will be discussed from the perspective of the officials who provide assistance to local youth that are going through the "aging out" process. This panel will primarily be made up of agency directors and local government officials. The broadcast will last approximately two hours.

The live radio broadcast is one of a series of FORUM radio broadcasts that takes place from various locations throughout the state of California. The program can be heard by tuning into KQED-FM 88.5, or KQEI-FM 89.3 in the North Highlands and Sacramento region. Additionally, the program will be broadcast on the Sirius satellite radio, as well as will be streamed worldwide from the radio's website at <http://www.kqed.org>.

After the broadcast has taken place, listeners will be able to replay the program at any time, and at no cost, by going to the <http://www.kqed.org> website and clicking on the "radio archives" button.

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