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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

# **Inhalants Press Conference Will Highlight Physicians' Response to Youth Inhalant Use**

Press conference to reveal startling new data concerning inhalant use by 12 year olds. Inhalants can cause “Sudden-Sniffing Death” with even one use. The National Inhalant Prevention Coalition, with support from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), will hold a press conference to focus on inhalant use and efforts by the medical profession to educate physicians, featuring:

**WHO:** Gil Kerlikowske, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy

Pamela S. Hyde, J.D., Administrator, SAMHSA

Timothy P. Condon, Ph.D., Deputy Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH

Harvey Weiss, Executive Director, National Inhalant Prevention Coalition

Jennifer N. Caudle, D.O., Director, Family Medicine, General Internal Medicine, Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, representing the American Osteopathic Association

Kevin Talley, Lexington, NC, father of Amber Ann Suri, a 17 year-old, JROTC high school student who died using inhalants on February 6, 2009.

Ashley Upchurch, Indianapolis, treated for inhalants addiction at the Fairbanks Treatment Center in Indianapolis and graduate of the center’s Hope Academy.

**WHEN:** March 11, 2010 at 9:30 A.M.

**WHERE:** National Press Club  
Holman Lounge  
14<sup>th</sup> and F Streets, NW  
Washington, D.C.  
Metro: Metro Center