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Phoenix Houses of California and TEEN LINE Partner to Combat Adolescent Substance Abuse

December 10, 2012 —Phoenix Houses of California and TEEN LINE today announced a new collaboration to provide substance abuse education and resources to Los Angeles area schools.

Phoenix Houses of California is a leading nonprofit provider of substance abuse treatment and prevention services. Among the organization’s programs is the Phoenix House Academy of Los Angeles, which offers residential and outpatient care, including educational workshops, to adolescents struggling with or at risk for addiction. TEEN LINE is a confidential telephone hotline for teenaged callers nationwide. Its Community Outreach Program reaches over 30,000 each year, opening dialogues and educating the community about issues pertinent to adolescence, including substance abuse.

As part of the new partnership, TEEN LINE will now refer requests for presentations and prevention programs to the Phoenix House Academy of Los Angeles. The Academy will then provide on-site prevention workshops and treatment referral services to requesting schools and community organizations. Working together, the two organizations will further educate students and provide services such as screenings and drug tests.

“Phoenix Houses of California and TEEN LINE share a goal of helping vulnerable teens overcome obstacles and safeguard their futures,” said Pouria Abbassi, Senior Vice President and Regional Director, Phoenix Houses of California. “We could not be more pleased about this collaboration, which will enable us to reach more young people in need.”
TEEN LINE’s Executive Director, Elaine Leader, Ph.D., said, “It is wonderful to have an amazing organization like Phoenix House support our outreach efforts with their expertise on substance abuse. Several schools contact us each year wanting a service like this. It’s amazing to be able to now offer it.”

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**About Phoenix House:**
Phoenix House programs meet the needs of each individual client, and we are known for a willingness to embrace new research-tested treatment methods and practices. Our nearly 150 programs in California, Florida, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and Metro D.C., lead individuals and families affected by addiction from disruptive to productive lives.

**About TEEN LINE:**
Founded in 1980 as a non-profit organization, TEEN LINE is an affiliated program of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. TEEN LINE offers any teenager who has access to a telephone the opportunity to talk about his/her problem, without risk of public exposure and embarrassment. TEEN LINE is open every evening from 6 to 10 pm and is toll-free throughout California at 1-800-TLC-TEEN, and accessible nationwide 310-855-HOPE.