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### **Mini Grant to Support the Prevention of Violence Against Females    Press Release #5-6/15**

Surry, VA - The Surry County Office on Youth has been selected to receive a \$1,500 mini-grant from the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Family Health Services to "Engage Men and Boys in the Prevention of Sexual, Domestic, and Teen Dating Violence".

This funding opportunity was highly competitive, with 19 organizations applying. The mini grant will support upcoming projects that include a "White Ribbon Campaign Kick-off Event" that will be held in collaboration with the Surry County Parks and Recreation's "July 4<sup>th</sup> Firework Celebration" that is scheduled for Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Males and females of all ages will benefit from this campaign.

This kick-off, held simultaneously with the firework festivities, will include an informational table, a brief speaker, and a 3-on-3 basketball competition with prizes and gifts given. Individuals, 14 years old and up, wanting to participate must sign up at the Surry County Proud Father's table decorated with "blue balloons" that day by 4:30 p.m. You may sign up in advance by calling the Office on Youth.

A series of Domestic Violence and Choose Respect Workshops are being planned for the future for males. For more information, to volunteer to support this campaign, or if you need transportation, please contact the Surry County Office on Youth at 757-294-5278.