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Governor's Kids Cabinet and UNH Hold Press Briefing in Concord Oct. 31 to Announce New Adolescence Resource Center

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WHAT: Members of Gov. Jeanne Shaheen's Kids Cabinet and representatives of the University of New Hampshire will announce the creation of a new Adolescence Resource Center that will focus on improving the health and well being of the state's youth. The center will be funded by a \$194,459 SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) grant, made possible by the work of the Kids Cabinet and awarded to the university for planning and implementation. Kristine Baber, UNH associate professor of family studies, will direct the center and is also director/principal investigator of the project grant.

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 31, 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Executive Council Chambers, State House, Concord, N.H.

**DETAILS:** In 1998 Gov. Jeanne Shaheen formed the Kids Cabinet, bringing together officials from the highest levels of state government to focus on improving the lives of New Hampshire's children. One of the cabinet's mandates is to help adolescents live healthier lives. UNH's Adolescence Resource Center is being created to extend this mission beyond government and into academia, the public and private sectors. Its purpose is to create linkage and to provide research capacity, education, and state-of-the-art information supporting the health and well being of adolescents in New Hampshire.

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