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## **OIC OF AMERICA AWARDED \$1 MILLION FOR TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION INITIATIVE**

(PHILADELPHIA, PA) October 11, 2010— OIC of America, Inc. (OICA) has been awarded \$1 million by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of \$155 million in teen pregnancy prevention grants being awarded to states, non-profit organizations, school districts, universities, and others. This grant will support the replication of teen pregnancy prevention programs that have been shown to be effective through rigorous research.

“Teen pregnancy is a serious national problem and we need to use the best science of what works to address it,” said HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. “This investment will help bring evidence-based initiatives to more communities across the country while also testing new approaches so we can expand our toolkit of effective interventions.”

OICA was awarded this \$1 million grant on September 30, 2010 and will receive \$1 million per year for 5 years. This \$5 million investment will be used to implement a citywide Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Evidence-based Model in partnership with 11 Philadelphia middle and high schools to provide in-school teen pregnancy prevention programming to participants.

“Our target population is urban youth, ages 12-19,” said Anthony Powell, OICA’s Vice-President for Field Operations and Development. “Participants will be predominantly African-American and from lower-income households. The “Becoming a Responsible Teen” curriculum will be implemented in the middle schools and the “Reducing the Risk” model will be used in the high schools. The goal of the project is to decrease the teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection rates among participants by reducing unprotected sexual activity.”

OICA President and CEO, Howard H. Sullivan stated, “This initiative will build on the existing healthy relationship project that OIC of America has been engaged in for the past 4 years. The goal is to develop a model where lessons can be transferred and the project replicated within OIC Affiliate organizations that are providing youth programs.”

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### **About OIC of America**

*Founded in 1964 by the late Reverend Doctor Leon Howard Sullivan, Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, Inc. (OICA) is a national non-profit network of employment and training programs bound together by a common commitment: to help the disadvantaged realize their true potential. With 44 affiliated programs in 22 states and the District of Columbia, OIC has grown into a movement, which has served over 2.5 million disadvantaged and under-skilled people.*

*OICA's mission is to continue to be the nation's leader in providing quality education, training, employment, and housing services through a national network of local affiliated organizations enabling economically disadvantaged people of all races and backgrounds to become productive fulfilled members of the American society.*

*The OIC philosophy of "Self Help" and the system of developing the "whole person" enables individuals to become self-sufficient, productive workers. OIC prepares people for today's workforce with quality life skills development, fundamental education, job skills training and employment readiness.*

*Located in Philadelphia, OICA is the national headquarters, which serves as a catalyst to aid affiliates to establish and maintain workforce development technologies, reinforce capacity and system-building endeavors, expand partnerships and collaborations, and promote organizational growth through professional development.*

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