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(Harrisburg, PA) Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. is excited to announce their schedule of activities for the week of May 20 – 26th as we celebrate National Compliance and Ethics Week. During this week, we are kicking off the Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. 2007/2008 Annual Compliance Campaign called ***"I Promise: Integrity, Compliance, and Ethics"***. The purpose of this campaign is to publicly demonstrate YAP, Inc.'s Commitment to "doing the right thing" with the children and families we serve, our referral authorities, and with each other. This is also a way for the YAP Leadership to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our staff in "doing the right thing".
For well over 32 years, the YAP Inc. staff has demonstrated their overwhelming commitment to **Integrity, Compliance, and Ethics** when it comes to serving children and families, and serving each other.

The ***"I Promise: Integrity, Compliance, and Ethics"*** Annual Campaign will include: buttons worn by all staff; posters displayed in each office throughout the year explaining the Annual Campaign; quarterly Webinars presented by experts in the field of Integrity, Compliance, and Ethics for our staff, referral authorities and other interested parties; monthly emails to all staff on the YAP Exchange system with Compliance Tips. The year-long celebration will culminate with a two-day YAP, Inc. compliance summit during the 2008 National Corporate Compliance and Ethics week featuring nationally recognized presenters. An awards presentation will recognize staff who demonstrate YAP's "whatever it takes" attitude toward compliance.

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YAP has recently been designated as one of the fastest growing non-profit organizations in the country, according to a recent paper developed by the Bridgespan Group (http://www.bridgespangroup.org). Our operations have become very complex and our legal and corporate issues have multiplied dramatically.

Since 1975, YAP has operated 118 programs serving fourteen states. We have 2400 staff serving 4500 young people and their families at any given time. We also have three programs in the United Kingdom and five programs in Ireland. We provide support and assistance to sister agencies in Guatemala, Sierra Leone, Belfast Northern Ireland and technical support in Hawaii and Scotland. Our mission is to provide individuals who are, have been or may be subject to compulsory care with the opportunity to develop, contribute and be valued as assets so that communities have safe, proven effective and economical alternatives to institutional placement. Our philosophy stems from the premise that even the most troubled individuals and families have strengths and capabilities that can and must be developed.

"While it may appear doing the wrong thing is easier, doing the right thing when no one else is looking is best."

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