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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **HARRIS COUNTY SELECTED FOR INNOVATIVE JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM**

Harris County has been selected as the next site for the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative. The foundation, begun by UPS founder Jim Casey, collaborates with community agencies to divert juveniles from lengthy involvement in the juvenile justice system and to lower the population of crowded juvenile detention facilities.

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett will welcome representatives of the foundation in a kick-off event tomorrow, September 14, 2007.

- WHO:** Harris County Judge Ed Emmett & Annie E. Casey Foundation officials
- WHAT:** Harris County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Kick-Off
- WHERE:** Harris County Juvenile Justice Center  
7<sup>th</sup> floor  
1200 Congress
- WHEN:** 9 a.m., September 14, 2007
- WHY:** Annie E. Casey Foundation representatives are scheduled to give a presentation explaining the program and the county's role in the initiative.