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Centene and YWCA USA Announce Innovative Program for Teen Girls

ST. LOUIS, March 25, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Centene Corporation (NYSE:CNC) announced today that it has partnered with the YWCA USA to deploy Young Women Choosing Action, an innovative program designed to engage 13 to 19-year-old girls from low-income families, especially individuals of color, over the course of three years.

Funded by a grant from [Centene](#), this program will help participants understand the impacts of trauma, develop healthy reactions and healthy relationship building skills, learn effective wellness practices, and grow their leadership and social justice skills. The program was piloted with participants in 24 cohorts over two years at four local YWCA affiliates, including YWCA Brooklyn (NY), YWCA Northwest Ohio, YWCA Northwest Louisiana, and YWCA Watsonville (CA).

"Centene is proud to have collaborated with the YWCA in developing this culturally responsive program that supports the healthy development of girls and young women, especially individuals of color." said Marcela Hawn, Senior Vice President and Chief Communications Officer for Centene. "This partnership supports Centene's commitment to [removing barriers to health](#) and the YWCA mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen communities through action."

"YWCA is thrilled to partner with the Centene Corporation to improve the health and wellness of young women and young women of color by stimulating healthy decision-making and cultivating a practice of personal well-being to build their capacity as future leaders," said Elisha Rhodes, Interim CEO, YWCA USA. "YWCA's 160-year history has shown us that being intersectional, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive to the unique realities faced by program participants are crucial to serving and empowering women and girls. I am excited to see the impact our new program will have, and I look forward to expanding its reach to the 1,200 communities we serve nationwide."

The full [Young Women Choosing Action](#) curriculum and training guide for facilitators are now available for download and use by any organization interested in offering the program in their communities. To learn more about the development process, pilot outcomes, and overall impact of the program, please visit: www.centene.com/news/creating-young-women-choosing-action-program-with-ywca-usa.html.

About Centene

Centene Corporation, a [Fortune 50](#) company, is a leading multi-national healthcare enterprise that is committed to helping people live healthier lives. The Company takes a local approach – with local brands and local teams – to provide fully integrated, high-quality, and cost-effective services to government-sponsored and commercial healthcare programs, focusing on under-insured and uninsured individuals. Centene offers affordable and high-quality products to nearly 1 in 15 individuals across the nation, including Medicaid and Medicare members (including Medicare Prescription Drug Plans) as well as individuals and

families served by the Health Insurance Marketplace, the TRICARE program, and individuals in correctional facilities. The Company also serves several international markets, and contracts with other healthcare and commercial organizations to provide a variety of specialty services focused on treating the whole person. Centene focuses on long-term growth and the development of its people, systems and capabilities so that it can better serve its members, providers, local communities, and government partners.

Centene uses its investor relations website to publish important information about the Company, including information that may be deemed material to investors. Financial and other information about Centene is routinely posted and is accessible on Centene's investor relations website, <http://investors.centene.com/>.

About YWCA USA


YWCA USA is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen communities. We are one of the oldest and largest women's organizations in the nation, serving over 2 million women, girls, and their families. YWCA has been at the forefront of the most pressing social movements for 160 years — from voting rights to civil rights, from affordable housing to pay equity, from violence prevention to health care reform. Today, we combine programming and advocacy to generate institutional change in three key areas: racial justice and civil rights, empowerment and economic advancement of women and girls, and health and safety of women and girls. Learn more at www.ywca.org.

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the timing or outcome of pending or future legal and regulatory proceedings or government investigations; challenges to our contract awards; cyber-attacks or other privacy or data security incidents; the possibility that the expected synergies and value creation from acquired businesses, including businesses we may acquire in the future, will not be realized, or will not be realized within the expected time period; the exertion of management's time and our resources, and other expenses incurred and business changes required in connection with complying with the undertakings in connection with any regulatory, governmental or third party consents or approvals for acquisitions; disruption caused by significant completed and pending acquisitions making it more difficult to maintain business and operational relationships; the risk that unexpected costs will be incurred in connection with the completion and/or integration of acquisition transactions; changes in expected closing dates, estimated purchase price and accretion for acquisitions; the risk that acquired businesses will not be integrated successfully; restrictions and limitations in connection with our indebtedness; our ability to maintain or achieve improvement in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Star ratings and maintain or achieve improvement in other quality scores in each case that can impact revenue and future growth; availability of debt and equity financing, on terms that are favorable to us; inflation; foreign currency fluctuations; and risks and uncertainties discussed in the reports that Centene has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This list of important factors is not intended to be exhaustive. We discuss certain of these matters more fully, as well as certain other factors that may affect our business operations, financial condition and results of operations, in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K. Due to these important factors and risks, we cannot give assurances with respect to our future performance, including without limitation our ability to maintain adequate premium levels or our ability to control our future medical and selling, general and administrative costs.

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