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Family & Domestic Violence Coordinating Counsel 7th Annual Conference "Adolescent Relationship Violence" Modesto Centre Plaza October 20, 2006 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Conference Objectives

Upon completion of this program, participants will be able to Identify signs and symptoms of teen and youth violence, identify best practices and understand the problem of internet crimes against children and work toward protection and prevention in our community.

Morning Speaker

Dr. Linda Baker - Executive Director of the Centre for Children and Families in the Justice System (formerly the London Family Court Clinic). She is a clinical psychologist whose areas of expertise include children and youth experience experiencing mental illness, children and adolescents affected by violence, and youth in conflict with the law. Dr. Baker is committed to integrating research and practice to translate findings into promising practices for front-line professionals. Her current research foci are children of incarcerated mothers and children affected by domestic violence.

Noon Speakers

Life Story living in the Foster Care and Juvenile Justice System

Vickie Trask - Teacher with Stanislaus County Office of Education at Petersen Alternative Education Center. Recipient of the 2005-2006 Stanislaus County Teacher of the Year and Semi Finalist for California State Teacher of the Year.

Teens Count!

Kristin Kinnear Youth Services Coordinator & Cindy Marroquin Legal Advocate with the Haven Women's Center will discuss "Teens Count!", a domestic violence prevention and intervention program designed for youth ages 13 - 18 whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence.

Afternoon Speakers

Internet Crime and Adolescents (Including an interactive demonstration)

Detective Ken Hedrick - A 19-year veteran of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, assigned to the Detective Division. The last 7 years he has been assigned to investigate Internet Crimes Against Children. Over the past 7 years, while working in an undercover capacity, Detective Hedrick has posed as a child on the Internet resulting in the identification and arrest of over 100 sexual predators. Several of these high profile investigations have received national media attention. He works closely with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. In 2000, Detective Hedrick was recognized for the first ever successful arrest and prosecution of an Internet Traveler case in Stanislaus County and received the 2001 "Investigator of the Year" award from the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department.

Detective Lydell Wall – A 30-year law enforcement veteran with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, currently assigned to the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force. Since 1998 Detective Wall has conducted investigations in the area of economic and identity theft crimes, Internet crimes and crimes against children in both criminal and computer forensics.

Registration for the conference is \$40 and is due by October 16, 2006. Continuing Education Credits offered at an additional charge of \$25. For registration information, visit <u>www.ca.stanislaus.ca.us/dvcc/content/</u> - or call 525-4311