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Office of Violence Prevention Community Engagement Coalition Meeting on September 29

(Stockton, CA) - The City of Stockton Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) is calling on all service providers and community members to participate in the next Community Engagement Coalition meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Civic Auditorium, 525 N. Center Street.

The round table discussion will focus on violence prevention, covering challenges such as housing issues, employment services, and educational programs. The discussion will also explore the Office of Violence Prevention "Role Models" mentor program, community programs, outreach efforts, and other partner services and programs. All community members are welcome to join in these round table discussions for a conversation on preventing crime in the Stockton area.

"It is important to bring the community together to discuss ways to prevent violence in our city. If we can assist our at-risk population with finding a job or pairing with a mentor willing to coach them to success, I believe we're making steps in the right direction. It's definitely going to take a village," said T. Denise Manning, Community Engagement Coordinator for the Office of Violence Prevention.

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“In addition to knowledge exchange, our meetings provide opportunities for the Office of Violence Prevention to strengthen community relationships. Together with our diverse partners and organizations, we have changed our approach to violence prevention,” adds LaTosha Walden, Manager for the Office of Violence Prevention. “It is a collaborative approach, requiring support from the entire community.”

Consistent with the City’s Marshall Plan on Crime, the City’s Office of Violence Prevention will act as the convener to coordinate service providers and resources within the community through the Community Engagement Coalition. For questions about the Coalition and to sign-up for any meetings, please call (209) 937-7198 or email

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