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Office of Violence Prevention Community Engagement Coalition Meeting on February 16

(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, "Bridging The Gap," set for Thursday, February 16, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Civic Auditorium, 525 N. Center Street.

The theme "Bridging The Gap" weaves together a sharing of resources and strengthening of our community to prevent violence in Stockton. All community members are welcome to join in round table discussions and encouraged to bring any information ready to share. Discussions will also explore solutions such as the Office of Violence Prevention "Role Models" mentor program, community programs, outreach efforts, and other partner services and programs.

"Providing an opportunity to come together to discuss and share resources strengthens our community and enables us to be a bridge by providing wrap-around services for the at-risk and high-risk population we serve," said Denise Manning, Community Engagement Coordinator for the Office of Violence Prevention. "It's going to take a village, and everyone has a part to play in preventing violence in our city."

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“Our meetings provide opportunities for OVP 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.

Consistent with the City’s Marshall Plan on Crime, the City’s Office of Violence Prevention acts as the convener to coordinate service providers and resources within the community through the Community Engagement Coalition.

Future Community Engagement Coalition meetings are scheduled quarterly for May 18, August 17, and November 16.

For questions about the Coalition and to sign-up for any meetings, please call (209) 937-7198 or email Denise.Manning@stocktonca.gov.

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