



MEDIA ADVISORY (Invitation for Media to Attend)

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Solano Youth Partner with City of Vacaville to "Paint the Community Blue" for Child Abuse Awareness

WHO: Students from SCOE's Solano Youth Coalition, SCOE and City of Vacaville
WHAT: Decorating Vacaville City Hall/Police Department with blue pinwheels and balloons
WHEN: 7:30 A.M.
WHERE: Vacaville City Hall & Police Department, <u>650/660 Merchant Street</u>
WHY: Raise awareness about the importance of preventing and stopping child abuse

BACKGROUND:

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) has joined with the City of Vacaville for a "Paint It Blue" child abuse prevention and awareness event. Students from SCOE's Solano Youth Coalition's Family Justice Committee will decorate Vacaville's City Hall campus with blue ribbons, balloons and pinwheels alongside SCOE staff and City of Vacaville police and staff.

Administered by Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) staff, the Solano Youth Coalition (SYC) is a partnership between SCOE and the Solano Friday Night Live Program. SYC strives to raise awareness by advocating safe and healthier choices in communities. SYC students build partnerships for positive and healthy youth development which engage youth as active leaders and resources in their communities. The SYC is a youth led coalition that provides opportunities for youth to build capacity and commitment for life-long involvement in health promotion and is comprised of youth from Solano County's high schools and colleges.

The event on April 6 is one of several "Paint It Blue" events that SYC students will be participating in across Solano County.