



## Superior Court of California County of Orange

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### **Third Annual Domestic Violence Training and Awareness Conference**

Irvine, CA - Community leaders and more than 500 teachers, guidance counselors and psychologists will gather to learn about domestic violence and how to detect, report, and become more pro-active in helping students who are victimized by the cycle of abuse. The Third Annual Conference on Domestic Violence, organized by the Orange County Superior Court, South Justice Center, will be held August 28, 2001, at the Irvine Marriott Hotel at 18000 Von Karman, in Irvine.

“We are very proud to be involved with Supervisor Tom Wilson and the school districts in order to further the cause of violence prevention and child abuse prevention,” said Orange County Superior Court Judge Pamela Iles, who presides over a domestic violence calendar at South Justice Center. She added, “National statistics show that 60% of children in a violent home become victims of physical abuse and molestation.”

The conference is designed to inform and empower teachers, who are mandated to report child abuse, methods of detection and introduce them to the various agencies that become involved after the teacher or counselor makes the initial report.

Program speakers include Alyce LaViolette, a renowned authority on domestic violence will discuss how anyone can become a victim of domestic violence. Participants will include Orange County Board of Supervisor Member Thomas Wilson, Orange County Superior Court Presiding Judge C. Robert Jameson, District Attorney Tony Rackauckas, Public Defender Carl Holmes, Dr. Mike Ritter, Mission Hospital who will be conducting a slide presentation on emergency room domestic violence victims and touching on teen dating drugs; Robert Hutson, Juvenile Court Presiding Judge; Michael Riley, Orange County Social Services Agency; JoEscobar, Deputy District Attorney presenting information on the mandated reporting requirements for educators; and Dr. Jill Murray and expert in the field of teen dating violence who has also appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Show, will present information on abusive dating

relationships.

The Domestic Violence Training and Awareness Conference is a collaboration of the William Gillespie Foundation, Orange County Board of Supervisor's Office and Tom Wilson, Capistrano, Saddleback Valley, Irvine, Newport-Mesa and Laguna Beach Unified School Districts, the Orange County District Attorney's Office and the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

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