



**Superior Court of California
County of Orange**

Media Advisory

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Event: Family Violence and the Courts Stakeholders Meeting

Approximately 100 community members including domestic violence and elder abuse victims, shelter providers, law enforcement, judicial officers, lawyers, educators, and representatives of social service agencies will attend a day-long meeting, hosted by the Orange County Superior Court, to focus attention on issues related to the education, prevention, detection and prosecution of domestic violence.

The court is partnering with local community groups and agencies in identifying ways of enhancing the court's response in domestic violence cases. Information gathered from the meeting will be used for strategic planning and for an upcoming statewide conference, "Family Violence and the Courts: 10th Anniversary," scheduled for September 9 & 10, 2004 in San Francisco.

Program: Formal presentations will include an overview of domestic violence in Criminal, Family and Juvenile Law. Other presentations will include a look at law enforcement perspectives and emerging trends in responding to domestic violence, and new issues facing shelter providers.

Participants will be divided into five smaller working groups to discuss issues related to domestic violence such as "Self-represented litigants in domestic violence cases," Using technology to enhance decision making and services in domestic violence case," and "Accessibility and effectiveness of local batterer intervention programs."

Date: Thursday, June 24, 2004, from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Garden Grove Community Center, Courtyard Room
12731 Main Street, Garden Grove, California

Speakers: Orange County Superior Court Judicial Officers - Assistant Presiding Judge Nancy Wieben Stock, Juvenile Presiding Judge Robert Hutson, Judge Pamela Iles and Judge Nancy Pollard
Director of Human Options Shelter Vivian Clekcak,

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