



MEDIA ADVISORY

HUMAN EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING INSTITUTE TO HOLD A REGIONAL INFORMATIONAL SUMMIT IN FRESNO

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WHAT: The Fresno County District Attorney's Office is pleased to announce the Regional Summit on Human Exploitation and Trafficking (H.E.A.T.). The H.E.A.T. Institute is an innovative research-based think-tank created by Alameda County District Attorney Nancy E. O'Malley.

Three of the nation's 13 high intensity child sex trafficking areas are in California. The H.E.A.T. Institute brings together county leaders, child welfare, education, law enforcement, criminal justice, health, the nonprofit sector, and survivor voices to be part of a Blue Ribbon Commission. The Commission will focus on regional responses to, and the understanding of, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) and other victims of human trafficking. The H.E.A.T. Institute will assess strengths, gaps and needs in order to develop a visionary strategy to put an end to human trafficking.

This Summit is being co-sponsored by the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office, the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office, and Fresno EOC's Central Valley Against Human Trafficking project.

The Regional Summit in Fresno is one of six throughout the State being held to learn how communities understand and are responding to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.

WHERE: Fresno EOC's Nielsen Conference Center – 3110 W. Nielson Ave., Fresno

WHEN: February 25, 2016. Opening remarks are from 9:00 to 9:45, and the summit will conclude at 5 p.m. The Press is welcome to attend

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