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Public Invited to Free Screening of "Listen" Movie

Local film part of day devoted to preventing child abuse in San Joaquin County

The San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) and the San Joaquin Children's Services Coordinating Commission invites the public to a free screening of the local independent film "Listen" at the Lincoln High School Theater in Stockton, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

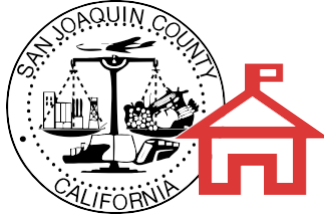
Filmed in San Joaquin County, "Listen" was written, directed, and produced by San Joaquin County native Erahm Christopher. He describes the movie as a wakeup call and says that "Listen" tells the story of nearly every high school in the country, where students hide their pain, friends ignore each other's cries for help, and adults are too overwhelmed to stop and listen.

Christopher will be one of the presenters at the 17th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Symposium hosted by the SJCOE and the Children's Services Coordinating Commission, held earlier in the day on April 19 at the Stockton Hilton.

The Symposium brings together more than 350 educators, social workers, law enforcement officers, nurses, advocates, therapists, and other professionals working to prevent child abuse and help its victims. Part of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the symposium allows these professionals to share strategies that will aid in their efforts throughout the year.

The Symposium includes a 12 p.m. awards ceremony recognizing individual efforts to prevent child abuse. Symposium registration is closed, but media wishing to cover the event may contact the SJCOE Public Information Office for more information.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional wellbeing of children and families.



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What: Teens and adults invited to a free screening of "Listen" movie. Seating is first come, first served. Movie website: www.listenthemovie.com.

When: April 19, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Lincoln High School Theater
6844 Alexandria Place, Stockton

About the San Joaquin County Office of Education:

San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJC OE) provides educational leadership, resources, and services to support schools throughout the county. With its highly regarded programs, innovative staff and community partnerships, SJC OE ensures that every student in San Joaquin County has the opportunity of a quality education. For more information, visit www.sjcoe.org.