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The Honorable Kelly V. Simmons  
Marin County Superior Court  
P.O. Box 4988  
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

Jay Hamilton-Roth, Foreperson  
Marin County Civil Grand Jury  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Judge Simmons and Mr. Hamilton-Roth:

Enclosed please find the six-month status update to the 2015-2016 Marin Civil Grand Jury Report entitled ***Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge: It's Happening in Our Backyard*** that was released on June 23, 2016.

While the prevalence of human sex trafficking is on the rise and a topic of public discourse, schools are working in partnership with law enforcement to educate and promote awareness in an effort to protect our young community members. Exposing the signs, causes, and consequences of human sex trafficking will serve to deter the issue and help prevent this illegal activity from occurring. It is our hope that through our continued work, we can save lives.

Since the August response, the following prevention events have been held, with the support of the Marin County Office of Education, in an effort to raise awareness and educate the community about human sex trafficking:

- Drugs and Sex Trafficking workshop sponsored by the San Rafael Elks Lodge on October 27, 2016
- Peer Summit XXI at College of Marin on November 18 – designed for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the Summit promotes health relationships, and teen legal rights and responsibilities

In addition, the School Law Enforcement Partnership has continued to focus on prevention and education as described in the attached response. We appreciate the efforts of the Grand Jury and the time and commitment made by the members of this important body. You can be assured of our partnership continuing with Grand Juries yet to come.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Burke  
Marin County Superintendent of Schools

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

R7: Marin County Office of Education should work with the Marin County School/Law Enforcement Partnership to develop educational programs to ensure that students, parents, and teachers are trained in recognizing the signs of human trafficking and where they can find help.

**Response:** The recommendation has been implemented but will be analyzed to encompass a broader audience on a more consistent basis.

Four countywide events have been held related to this topic in the last two years:

- Human Trafficking and Child Abduction Forum on September 14, 2015 (See Attached Flyer)
- Missing Children and On-Line Predators, April 29, 2015
- As a result of a School/Law Enforcement Partnership discussion led by the District Attorney's Office on October 21, 2015, there was a presentation on Human Trafficking on January 16, 2016 lead by representatives of the Marin Organizing Committee, Marin County Sheriff's Office, Health & Human Services, Child Protective Services and the Probation Department. (See the Attached Agenda)
- A countywide forum which the Marin County Office of Education supported and advertised was held on Thursday January 21, 2016 by the Marin Child Abuse Prevention Council (See Attached Flyer)

We will be working with the School/Law Enforcement Partnership and our school district/county office group looking at Professional Development to assess methods and next steps in continuing to develop programs to ensure that students, parents and teachers are trained in recognizing the signs of human trafficking and where they can find help.

**Status:**

The School/Law Enforcement Partnership (SLEP) is a collaborative effort in Marin County with the mission of protecting and educating our students. The Partnership has been an effective model for responding to crises and serving as an efficient communication tool countywide.

In response to this report, the SLEP established a Human Sex Trafficking Subcommittee to focus on consistent education and

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**prevention efforts. The committee will research and promote various opportunities for school employees and the community to identify, prevent, and report trafficking.**

**In addition, the subcommittee will explore the possibility of collaborating with an organization called "PROTECT: Prevention Organized to Educate Children on Trafficking" which offers an online curriculum for the classroom to help reduce the vulnerability of children to human trafficking (background enclosed).**



*A FREE COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT!*

## **Drugs & Sex Trafficking in Marin: What You Need to Know Now**

**How You Can Help Protect Your Friends, Family and Community**



*Exhibits, Speakers and Free Reception*

**October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 4 – 7 pm**



**San Rafael Elks Lodge #1108, 1312 Mission Ave (at "C" St) San Rafael**

**4:00 pm – Arrivals and Exhibits Open in Drake Room & Card Room**

**4:30 pm – Program** Elks Introduction by Sydney Fairbairn, Esq., PER

### **Drugs Segment: Focus on Marijuana and Opioids**

- Lynn Fox, Ph.D., SF State University Professor Emerita, Author, TV Producer, Speaker, Advocate and grant recipient for three nationwide drug programs
- Phillip A. Drum, PharmD, Fellow California Society of Health Systems Pharmacy and SAM (Smart Approach to Marijuana)
- Mark Dale, Founder, Families 4 Safer Schools, RxSafe Marin, Co-Chair of Law Enforcement Action Team

### **Sex Trafficking Segment**

- Dori Ahana, Marin County Chief Deputy District Attorney: Overseeing the SVU (Special Victims Unit which includes sex assault and human trafficking)
- Vaughan Acton, Former Marin County Civil Grand Jurist: "Marin's Hidden Human Sex Trafficking Challenge – It's Happening In Our Backyard," (June 2016)
- Laurel Botsford, Volunteer Ambassador of Hope, Shared Hope International (a non-profit combating sex trafficking in the US and abroad)

**6 pm:** Concluding Remarks and Q & A

**6:15 -7 pm:** Free Reception afterwards

RSVP Requested via [rsvp@elks1108.org](mailto:rsvp@elks1108.org)

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Healthy Teens  
Marin Presents

**The  
Marin  
County  
21st Annual  
Peer  
Summit**



# PEER SUMMIT XXI

**Friday, November 18, 2016**

College of Marin, Kentfield

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are  
invited to:**

- ⊙ An inspirational peer-to-peer leadership workshop designed by youth and adults working together.
- ⊙ Fun, interactive and educational workshops including (but not limited to):
  - ⊙ Nutrition
  - ⊙ Healthy Relationships
  - ⊙ Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco Use Prevention
  - ⊙ Teen Legal Rights & Responsibilities
  - ⊙ Diversity and Inclusion
- ⊙ All workshops led by youth & community agencies.
- ⊙ A chance to meet with other middle school students and receive great resources to share with their classmates.

**Delicious Lunch provided!**

Registration forms will be sent to  
schools in October.

# PEER SUMMIT XXI



## **BACKGROUND**

A coalition of three nonprofit organizations, in partnership with the Office of the Attorney General for the State of California and the California Department of Education, joined together in the fight against human trafficking. The joint mission is to help educators and students across the state identify and prevent instances of human trafficking through a standardized educational curriculum.

The group has created materials to allow 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to incorporate the topic of human trafficking into their annual educational calendar. These materials are grade-level appropriate, state standard-compliant and provide a holistic view of the problem. The materials also illustrate techniques that support identification and prevention.

Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes in the U.S. With between 100,000 and 300,000 children vulnerable to human trafficking nationwide, education and prevention efforts are quickly becoming an imperative for local governments and school districts.

Therefore, the coalition has outlined several specific objectives necessary to achieve its mission:

- 1) Identification – Ensure all stakeholders can effectively identify—and communicate the identification of—potential human trafficking victims in schools, including ensuring the appropriate communication with and referral to necessary agencies
- 2) Education – Deliver multi-grade level curricula to be used in all California classrooms, as well as with county and school leadership, to help teachers and students understand the dangers and methods of human traffickers
- 3) Implementation – Ensure processes are in place to effectively identify at-risk students to prevent exploitation
- 4) Assessment – Aggregate and report the classroom impact of the curricula via student survey results via Qualtrics and The Institute for Social Research at California State University at Sacramento.

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

### **Protocol**

Agreed-upon protocols and procedures are the first step to ensuring positive outcomes for those who are identified as human trafficking victims. In the event a student self-identifies, or a teacher identifies a potential human trafficking case, protocols and procedures will help maintain the integrity of the organizational responses to that situation. These protocols should cover and inform everyone from the first reporter to the last service provider.

### **Training**

The dissemination and understanding of response protocols and procedures is the second step. Stakeholders within the continuum of identification and victim support must know their individual responsibilities, as well as the roles of others within the continuum. Professional training should include educators and all personnel at the local, county and state levels who work directly or peripherally with minor or adult victims of human trafficking.