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April Kicks Off Child Abuse Prevention Month

(Woodland, CA) – April 7, 2010 – Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig encourages the public to participate in the county’s child abuse prevention efforts during the month of April. “We are committed to holding those who harm children accountable for their actions, but the key to ending child abuse is in prevention through education and community awareness,” says Reisig. Reisig reports that while the DA’s Office vigorously prosecutes child abusers, every prosecutor involved in child abuse cases wishes their job was not necessary. “Child abuse is often a crime that goes unnoticed or unreported” reports Cameron Handley, Director of Yolo County’s Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center. “Many people believe that it is not their business to become involved, but protecting our community’s children so they can grow into healthy adults is everyone’s business,” says Handley.

Yolo County receives approximately 2,000 reports of alleged child abuse each year. While social workers, police officers, and prosecutors work hard to investigate, prosecute, and protect children, the best solution to child abuse is prevention through education, early intervention, and support services for families at risk. “Children are our most innocent and valuable citizens,” says Reisig. “We are committed to prosecuting those who hurt them, but it takes the whole community to protect and nurture them.” The District Attorney’s Office will be participating in a panel discussion of the handling of child sexual abuse cases at the 16th Annual Northern CA Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Conference taking place at the Davis Senior Center this Saturday. To find out more about this event, please email cppa001@aol.com, call 753-0807, or visit www.protectparents.com.

The Yolo County MDIC will be the beneficiary of the Soroptimist International of Greater Davis’ 16th Annual Golf Tournament and will use the proceeds to support the prevention and case management aspects of their program. The tournament will be held at Davis Municipal Golf Course on July 17, 2010 and only costs \$50 to golf. To sponsor, golf, or donate a prize for the tournament, please contact Cameron Handley at 666-8186. To find more child abuse prevention events happening around the county this month, please visit the Yolo County Children’s Alliance and Child Abuse Prevention Council at: www.yolokids.org/child-abuse-prevention.

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