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Anti-Cyberbullying Program at Yolo County Libraries

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Library will host presentations from the UCD Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic on anti-cyberbullying at several branch libraries in October and November. The presentations are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Winters Community Library
Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Clarksburg Public Library
Wednesday, November 9, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Esparto Regional Library
Wednesday, November 16, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library

These presentations will introduce the social and legal consequences of cyberbullying, sexting and sextortion. The program is geared towards parents attending the session either alone or with their children. The presentation is applicable to all ages and is formatted as an informational session with a discussion element to encourage dialogue and present a comfortable opportunity to start an important conversation between parents and their children. From start to finish, the presentation will involve a multimedia presentation followed by a question and answer session.

- 20% of teenagers have sent or posted nude or semi-nude pictures or video of themselves; 48% of teenagers say they have received such messages.
- Over half of adolescents and teens have been bullied online, and about the same number have engaged in cyber bullying.
- More than 1 in 3 young people have experienced cyberthreats online.
- Over 25% of adolescents and teens have been bullied repeatedly through their cell phones or the Internet.

The UCD Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic will introduce and discuss the issues of cyberbullying, sexting and sextortion – all of which have been gaining attention at alarming rates due to the increasing prevalence of social networking media (i.e. Facebook, texting, Xbox, etc.). These issues have become major concerns at schools and at home as kids have increased access to social technology. The presentation will focus on the rapidly changing laws regarding cyberbullying, sexting and sextortion, and how these laws may affect children, teens, and their parents.

These presentations are free of charge. For more information on Yolo County Library programs, visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org.

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