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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **MONTEREY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVITES COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING PROCESS FOR A SOUTH COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER**

*SALINAS*, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni invites members of the public to attend the Family Justice Center Strategic Planning Event which will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at the Salinas Elks Lodge, 614 Airport Blvd, Salinas, CA 93905, from 8:00am to 4:00pm. The Monterey County District Attorney's Office has invited the team from the Family Justice Center Alliance, a project of Alliance for HOPE International, to help Monterey County with the planning process for a South County Family Justice Center located in King City to help survivors of family violence and their families get the resources and support they need at one location.

The mission of a Family Justice Center is to provide one place for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking to receive the services currently available in their community from both non-profit and governmental agencies. Family Justice Centers co-locate, coordinate, and integrate services so that victims and their children travel to fewer places and tell their stories fewer times.

The Family Justice Center model's documented and published outcomes include reduced homicides, increased victim safety, increased autonomy and empowerment for victims, reduced fear and anxiety for victims and their children, increased efficiency and coordination among service providers, increased prosecution of offenders, dramatically increased community support services to victims and their children, and reduced recantation and minimization by victims when they receive this level of support. (See Case Gwinn and Gael Strack, *Dream Big: A Simple, Complicated Idea to Stop Family Violence*. Other outcomes posted online in the Alliance's resource library at <http://www.familyjusticecenter.com>.)

Please RSVP by March 10, 2023 to [FamilyJusticeCenterRSVP@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:FamilyJusticeCenterRSVP@co.monterey.ca.us).



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is pleased to invite you to the

# Monterey County Family Justice Center Strategic Planning

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Salinas, CA 93905

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8AM TO 4:00PM  
Lunch will be provided

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