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Riverside Human Relations Commission Addresses Human Trafficking Issues

Free event on June 19 will offer information, ways to attack problem

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside’s Human Relations Commission will address the issues surrounding human trafficking in Riverside County and how such exploitation can be prevented to keep our communities safe.

The event, which is open to the public, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday (6/19) in the Mayor’s Ceremonial Room on the 7th floor of City Hall, 3900 Main St.

Educators, public leaders, faith-based organizations, parents and teens are especially encouraged to attend to learn how they can combat human trafficking throughout Riverside. Because of the serious nature of the issue, it is recommended that attendees be over 13 years old.

Opal Singleton, president of Million Kids and training and outreach coordinator for the Riverside County Sheriff Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force, will present issues and statistics about how sex and labor trafficking affect our community and about efforts being made in our area to prevent young people from being lured in by traffickers.

Human trafficking is the fastest-growing crime in the U.S., and the problem is especially acute in California. Riverside is fortunate to have strong law enforcement and a well-trained Sheriff’s Task Force to address the issues of trafficking locally.

If you are planning to attend the event, please RSVP to Darlene Elliot – (951) 826-5551.