

# Please Join

The California Wellness Foundation and

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California Police Chiefs Association

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in an

Honest Dialogue about Strategies  
to Prevent Youth Violence

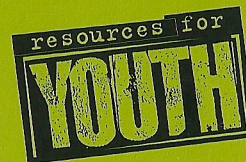
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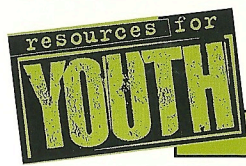
# Videoconference

on

# April 9, 1997

One thing we  
can all agree on  
is the need for  
an honest  
dialogue.





## Videoconference

# By Invitation only

While violence or the threat of violence affects all Californians, our youth are its main victims: handguns now kill more young people than automobiles, drugs or any single disease. Through its Violence Prevention Initiative, The California Wellness Foundation seeks to provide resources for dealing with interpersonal and societal violence through public health strategies that emphasize prevention as the best protection. These strategies include approaches that involve and empower youth and community residents, research to identify effective approaches, and innovative programs that work toward changing institutional policies and practices to prevent violence. To date, the Foundation has committed \$40 million to this effort.

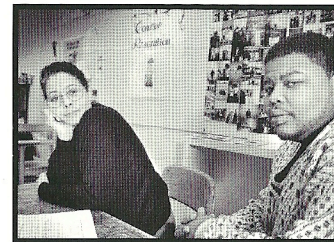
The Resources for Youth campaign, funded by a grant from the Foundation to Martin & Glantz, begins with the assumption that youth violence is a problem that affects all of us. While ensuring public safety is a priority, more can be done to prevent youth violence and crime. Discussion of solutions is often difficult because the issue has become both polarized and politicized. The conference will provide California policy makers and community leaders with facts, perspectives, voices and strategies to prevent youth violence and crime so that together we can become resources for our youth.

Please Respond by **March 17, 1997**

## Featuring

**Wendy Tokuda** of KNBC Los Angeles will moderate a discussion among experts, advocates and policy makers including the **Honorable Michael Nash**, Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles County Juvenile Court, **Joseph Marshall, Jr.**, Executive Director of the Omega Boys Club, **Dr. Barbara Stagers**, Director of Adolescent Medicine at Children's Hospital Oakland and **Pastor Sonny Lara** from Mexican American Community Services on the effectiveness of programs for youth.

We will **hear** from our policy makers from Washington, Sacramento and cities and towns throughout the state.



We will **listen** to the **voices of youth and their mentors** tell us about innovative strategies like Teen Courts and Full Service Schools which offer hope for violence prevention.

We will **engage** in an **honest dialogue** about how to devote more resources to youth violence prevention in facilitated meetings at each site.

# 11 Sites Throughout California



## Program

- 9:00**  
Registration Opens
- 10:00**  
Videoconference Begins
- 11:15**  
Moderated Discussion featuring a Panel of Policy Makers and Community Leaders
- 1:00**  
End of Program  
*Boxed lunches to be provided.*

## Sites

### Fresno

Fresno State Campus  
University Business Center  
5245 North Backer, MS5

### Los Angeles

The Biltmore Hotel  
506 S. Grand Avenue

### Oakland

Preservation Park  
1233 Preservation Park Way

### Pomona

Cal Poly Pomona University  
Kellogg West Center  
3801 West Temple

### Riverside

UC Riverside Extension Center  
1200 University Avenue

### Sacramento

Sacramento Convention Center  
1030 15th Street, Suite 250

### San Diego

Holiday Inn on the Bay  
1355 North Harbor Drive

### San Francisco

Delancey Street Foundation  
600 Embarcadero

### San Jose

San Jose Airport Hyatt  
1740 North First Street

### Santa Ana

Rancho Santiago Community College  
1530 West 17th Street

### Santa Cruz

Barrios Unidos  
313 Front Street

## Why should I attend this conference?

**Violence Prevention Advocates** Those of you on the front lines know all too well the need for additional resources for youth. This conference is an opportunity to network with those who make the allocation decisions to present your case for effective programs and policies to prevent youth violence.

**Law Enforcement/Juvenile Justice** Police and Probation Officers, as well as Judges, are faced every day with the realities of responding to juvenile crime and violence. While public safety is paramount, it is clear that more attention needs to be paid to finding prevention strategies that work. This conference features the voices of law enforcement and juvenile justice experts addressing the need for new investment choices.

**Health Professionals/Educators** "If you're between the ages of 11 and 21, you're at risk (for violence). No matter what socioeconomic group or racial grouping we're talking about...if you're in the age group we call adolescence, you're at risk."<sup>1</sup> This conference presents facts, perspectives and a forum for youth who have been helped by prevention and intervention programs.

**Policy Makers** The State of California spends \$2.2 billion responding to juvenile crime and violence.<sup>2</sup> In fiscal year 1996-7, the State of California allocated \$116 million to youth violence prevention and intervention.<sup>3</sup> The League of California Cities concluded that "it takes courage to admit that what we've been doing for the last 20 years isn't working. It's time for change."<sup>4</sup> Seventy-seven percent of the public believes we should be investing tax dollars in prevention and intervention.<sup>5</sup> This conference is an opportunity to discuss ways to bring effective community programs and policies to youth across California.

**Community Leaders** The public wants change. In a statewide survey, 77% said they believed that prevention programs – such as mentoring, teen courts and full-service schools – are effective responses to juvenile violence, while only 17% believed that building more juvenile detention facilities is the answer.<sup>6</sup> Learn from experts and advocates how to help bring these programs to your community.

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Barbara Stagers, Director of Adolescent Medicine at Children's Hospital, Oakland.

<sup>2</sup> Legislative Analyst's Office, a non-partisan research arm of the California Legislature.

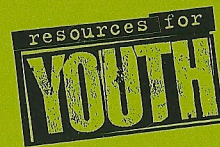
<sup>3</sup> California Department of Finance reviewed this total based on survey of California Departments and Agencies.

<sup>4</sup> *The Cost of Denial*. Sacramento: League of California Cities Investing in Our Youth Task Force, 1995.

<sup>5</sup> *Preventing Youth Violence: A Survey of Public Attitudes in California*. A poll of 1,000 California voters conducted by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates, San Francisco, California in consultation with The Tarrance Group, Arlington, Virginia.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid

Resources for Youth is a project devoted to providing information and creating the opportunity for an honest dialogue. We are counting on you, as a resource, to help redefine the terms of the public debate. Communities need to have discussions about solutions and strategies to prevent youth violence that are free of the polarizing political rhetoric which has dominated dialogue on this issue for far too long.



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