



*Protecting the Community, Serving Justice and
Changing Lives*

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Who and Where: The San Francisco Adult Probation Department will host the second annual APD-CARES (Community Awareness Resource and Education Services) event on Friday, October 28, 2016, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the San Francisco War Memorial Veterans Building, located at 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102. The event is being held during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

What and Why: The APD -CARES goal is to create awareness about the San Francisco Adult Probation Department's work, raise community consciousness about intimate partner violence, and let the community know that the department and its partners are ready and committed to assist victims, their families, and the community in helping batterers stop their violence and take responsibility, while providing resources for those harmed by violence. This year's event theme is "From Trauma to Healing" and will highlight support services for veterans and survivors of family violence.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, an important time for the community to come together, share best practices and increase our knowledge about domestic violence, while celebrating the thousands of adults and children, who have, against all odds, overcome abuse. The event will also support the thousands more who continue to live in fear and yearn to be free of violence.

The San Francisco Adult Probation Department's number one priority is to ensure the safety of all people impacted by violence: victims, offenders, families, and our community. Additionally, the department strives to rehabilitate and hold offenders accountable by providing programs and resources that will help stop their violence and become pro-social citizens.

Quotes from stakeholders:

"It is our moral and professional obligation to provide victims of crime the services they need and deserve. It is an honor to partner with our criminal justice agency partners and advocates for the support of all family violence survivors and to expand our involvement in the community. We are particularly proud to collaborate with the American Legion, Post 505, to support our veterans who have been affected by family violence." – Karen Fletcher, Chief Adult Probation Officer

"Our collaboration with the Adult Probation Department is vital to help end domestic violence in San Francisco." – Beverly Upton, Director of the San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium

"The San Francisco Superior Court applauds and supports the Adult Probation Department's tireless efforts to address domestic violence and its impacts on the community." – Judge Tracie L. Brown, San Francisco Superior Court