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Chamber Member Spearheads Countywide Prevention Efforts

Fullerton, CA – August 20, 2012. On September 27, 2012, the longest-running professional substance abuse prevention networking organization in OC, the Orange County Substance Abuse Prevention Network (OCSAPN) will present the Annual Showcase of Community Resources at the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center.

OCSAPN has been helping families connect with prevention and counseling programs since 1980. They meet monthly to share events, spotlight their services, and discuss lessons learned while working in the field of prevention. In 1990, they organized the first Showcase of Community Resources to assist schools and parents in connecting with the wide array of agencies in Orange County that were available to assist families with prevention and treatment services. Many people now attend each year to meet agency staff and get a Resource Directory.

The Annual Resource Showcase includes exhibits from over 60 countywide organizations who share their prevention, education, and treatment experience and can assist with Red Ribbon Week presentations to schools. “Keep in mind that OCSAPN is no longer just about substance abuse” says Chairman of the Board, Dr. Dallas Stout of DoctorS Nonprofit Consulting, “our member agencies work in the areas of educational programs, drugs & drug prevention, gangs, suicide, pregnancy, runaways, therapy, consulting services, self esteem, Pal® Camp, Faith issues, depression, parenting, women’s issues, family issues, mental illness, gun violence prevention, tobacco use prevention, violence prevention and LOTS of other areas and concerns as well.”

A dynamic, informative and interactive program, “The Power of Prevention...The Power of Recovery”, will feature something for everyone! Special guests include Jodi Barber, Producer of "Overtaken," a documentary about drug abuse, and Mother of a son who died of a prescription overdose in OC, John Vandenburg, Developer of PLUS (Peer Leaders Uniting Students) Program, Dr. Bill Beacham, Executive Director of Center for Drug-Free Communities "Power of Prevention: Where We Were, Where We Are, Where We're Going", Lauren C., "From Addiction to the Power of Recovery", and David Van Dorn, Healing Rhythms Drum Circle.

Register online now at <http://tinyurl.com/showcaseparticipant> The fee is \$7 in advance or \$15 at the door also includes lunch and a 60-page Resource Directory of all participating agency members. For more info visit the Orange County Substance Abuse Prevention Network website at www.ocprevention.org.

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