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Kern County Family Justice Center To Host Safety Planning Workshops Throughout Kern County in Honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

(Kern County) – In recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Kern County Family Justice Center (KCFJC) is hosting various Safety Planning Workshops throughout Kern County. Upcoming events include:

- ***Tuesday, October 28th from 10:00am – 11:00am***
Kern River Valley Branch Library (7054 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, CA 93240)
- ***Tuesday, October 28th from 4:00pm – 5:00pm***
Lamont Branch Library (8304 Segre Rd, Lamont, CA 93241)
- ***Wednesday, October 29th from 10:00am – 11:00am***
Ridgecrest Branch Library (131 East Las Flores Ave, Ridgecrest, CA 93555)
- ***Thursday, October 30th from 10:00am – 11:00am***
Holloway-Gonzales Branch Library (506 East Brundage Ln, Bakersfield, CA 93307)

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in open discussions, gain valuable knowledge, and create a personalized safety plan, all in one supportive environment. A safety plan offers both physical and emotional protection, empowering domestic victims to remain safe and make well-informed choices. A personalized plan equips victims to respond swiftly by identifying a safe location, preparing essential items, and arranging transportation in a time of emergency. Additionally, it ensures the victim is aware of critical resources such as legal services, shelters, and emergency hotlines. Safety plans can be life-saving measures of emergency planning in domestic violence situations.

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “If you are experiencing domestic violence, know you don’t have to go through this alone. Our centers offer resources and services available to

support you, and we're actively working to make these services more accessible throughout all parts of our community. I urge anyone affected by domestic violence to take advantage of the vital support and information available."

Please note that for the privacy and safety of participants, media outlets will not be permitted at the events. The events are free and open to the public. No reservation is required. Space is limited upon availability of seating. For questions, interested participants may contact the KCFJC at 661-868-5950.

About the Kern County Family Justice Center

The KCFJC is a safe, confidential and friendly place where assistance is provided to victims of crime. The KCFJC is a unique collaboration of community partners and agencies working together under one roof, to provide a safe and welcoming environment for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, child abuse, and elder abuse.