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MEDIA ADVISORY

Child Protective Services (CPS) Holds 2nd Resource Fair to Commemorate Expansion of Progressive Changes to East Region

WHEN Thursday, March 10, 2011
10 a.m. to 12 noon
(Speakers at 11 a.m.)

WHERE Mather Community Campus
Cheryl Davis Dining Hall

SPEAKERS

Priscilla Rhodes
Former CPS client, parent volunteer, Mather Community Campus resident

Leo McFarland
President and CEO of Volunteers of America

Jalu Xiong
CPS Supervisor in east region

Sharon Parks-Lowery
CPS Dependency Supervisor in east region

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Sacramento County's Child Protective Services is holding its second resource fair to highlight **the expansion** of their reorganization and its progressive policy and procedure changes **to the east region**.

A key element of these changes is called **Regionalization**, in which each worker is assigned to one of four geographic regions in alignment with the largest school districts. This change will allow workers to be better equipped to make connections with schools and learn the strengths of each community. It will also make it easier for children in foster care to stay within their community and their school, allowing them to maintain these connections at a traumatic time in their lives. Another new practice called **Vertical Case Management** assigns one primary social worker to a child until permanent placement for the child is reached. This promotes continuity for the child and accountability.

To commemorate these changes, CPS is holding this resource fair for partners to highlight the services available to families in the east Sacramento region.

We hope you can join us.

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