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Forum on Sex Trafficking: Professionals Come Together to Report Progress on Addressing Community Problem

Tucson, Arizona (January 27, 2015) – On Thursday, January 29, 2015, professionals and volunteers from the areas of health and human services, faith communities, law enforcement and prosecution will gather for the *Sex Trafficking Response Forum*. The forum is presented by CODAC Behavioral Health Services.

Event Details

Name: Sex Trafficking Response, The 3rd Community Action Forum

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2015

Time: 9:00am – 12:00am (registration begins at 8:45am)

MEDIA INVITED TO ATTEND FROM 8:45am – 10:30am

Place: Pima Community College, Community Campus (401 N. Bonita Avenue)

Cost: Free

What to Expect at the Forum:

- Attendees will hear from government agencies who are addressing Sex Trafficking/Prostitution in our community, including Tucson Police Department, Pima County Attorney's Office, and the US Attorney's Office.
- Presenters from health and human services and faith communities will report on meaningful outcomes from their participation in the Sex Trafficking Response Network of Southern Arizona (STRN) workgroups focused on the areas of education, policy and collaboration.
- Survivors of Sex Trafficking/Prostitution will help attendees understand the needs of the victim/survivor during initial phases of intervention.
- Participants will engage in Community Dialogue Circles, facilitated by the Center for Community Dialogue, to discuss next steps.

Confirmed speakers include Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney's Office; Assistant Chief John Leavitt, Tucson Police Department; Karen Rolley, Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office; Deborah Lee, Attorney with the Pima County Attorney's Office; Beth Jacobs, BSW, a survivor of sex trafficking and founder of Willow Way; and Liz Kimbel, mom and military wife, a Survivor Advocate/Mentor with Sold No More.

This 3rd Community Action Forum will be emceed by Heather Rowe (KOLD News 13/Tucson News Now).

Visit <http://ow.ly/GXqu1> to register for this free forum. Registration is preferred but not required.

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