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Orange County Family Violence Council Presents 2016 Conference

Santa Ana, CA – The Orange County Family Violence Council is presenting a family violence conference, "Identifying, Understanding and Breaking the Cycle of Generational Violence," on November 4, 2016, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center, 1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627. The conference focuses on the effects of family violence and selecting smart strategies to combat harm, as it occurs through all stages of life, from fetus to elder adult.

The curriculum highlights best practices and seeks to reinvigorate those who have dedicated their professional and volunteer time to this important field. The conference features renowned speaker Linda Chamberlain, Ph.D., who is an expert on the impact of early trauma throughout the lifespan, and an inspirational keynote message from a family violence survivor. Other topics include:

- Sorting Out Legal Tools and Resources: Civil, Family, Juvenile, and Criminal
- Elder and Dependent Adult Issues
- Veterans and Their Families
- Effective Treatment of Batterers: Are We Being Successful?

Originally organized at the behest of the California Judicial Council and supported by the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the Orange County Family Violence Council brings together all justice partners involved in every aspect of family violence and its effects upon Orange County families. This collaboration of judges, law enforcement partners, nonprofit agencies, defenders, council, and treatment providers is dedicated to inspiration, education, and sharing smart solutions.

The 2016 conference is made possible through the generous support of the YWCA-North Orange County, the Wilson W. Phelps Foundation, and the U.C.I. Initiative to End Family Violence. The cost to attend is \$25, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and free onsite parking. Continuing education credit for licensed providers and professionals is pending and scholarships are available. Please register online at <u>http://iubcgv.eventbrite.com</u>.