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RTD Kicks Off "Safe Place Campaign" with Family & Youth Services of San Joaquin County

(Stockton, CA) – On Tuesday, January 24, San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) will host an informational gathering on the "Safe Place Campaign" in the Board Room of its Downtown Transit Center (421 E. Weber Avenue., Stockton) from 3 to 5 p.m. to mark the start of a unique partnership with Family & Youth Services of San Joaquin County.

Join RTD and Family & Youth Services of San Joaquin County for refreshments, a discussion on the Safe Place program, and a meet and greet with RTD's police officers, professional coach operators, and other staff members who are helping make this program available. At 5 p.m. the event will conclude with the placement of the first Safe Place sticker on an RTD bus.



RTD will display the distinctive yellow-and-black, Safe Place sticker on its buses to alert youth and young adults (ages 12 to 21 years old) that they can board any RTD bus and ask a coach operator for help. RTD will then coordinate with Family & Youth Services of San Joaquin County to transport the person to their facility.

Safe Place is a national youth outreach program that educates thousands of young people about the dangers of running away or trying to resolve difficult, threatening situations on their own. This program allows youth to easily access immediate help through services in their community like RTD.

Family & Youth Services of San Joaquin County offers the Safe Place program as part of their wide range of services designed to foster healthy families and to help San Joaquin County youth and families build better lives for themselves and their community.

To learn more about this program, visit <http://www.nationalsafeplace.org/> or call Kathleen Serna-Halliday, Community Service Program Manager, at (209) 929-6727 or email KathleenHalliday@fayssjc.org.

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