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## **SAFE START CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON BULLYING** *Domestic and Youth Violence Also Addressed at March 18 Event*

**WHAT:** Local and national experts will gather in San Diego to talk about violence, abuse and trauma during the Safe Start San Diego 2011 Conference. The keynote speaker will be Larry Cohen, Executive Director of the Prevention Institute.

The conference, titled "*Working with Children and Families Impacted by Violence*", will feature several workshops on domestic and youth violence, including one on Community Response to Youth Violence and another on Bullying and Cyber Bullying.

**WHEN:** **FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.**  
**8:45 a.m.—Keynote presentation**  
**10:15 a.m.—Community Response to Youth Violence**  
**11:00 a.m.—Bullying**

**WHERE:** **Marina Village Conference Center**  
**1936 Quivira Way, San Diego, CA 92109**

**WHY:** Children are the most frequent victims of violence. An estimated one out of every four children in California has been a victim or exposed to violence, according to the San Diego Domestic Violence Council.

Exposure to this trauma negatively affects children's emotional, social, and cognitive development. Furthermore, as these children grow up, they are at greater risk for delinquency, adult criminality, and violent behavior.

Children who witness violence may have the same symptoms and effects as children who are victims of the violence themselves.

Early intervention can help stop the abuse of children and put an end to the cycle of family violence. Domestic violence affects people of all socio-economic backgrounds and possibly for generations if not properly addressed.

The goal of the conference is to provide participants current research and models that have been effective in reducing children and family violence.

The Safe Start conference is also sponsored by the San Diego Domestic Violence Council, First 5 San Diego, Safe Start San Diego and the San Diego County Commission on Children, Youth and Families.

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