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News Release

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New Juvenile Commitment Center Dedication and Tours Friday at 1 p.m. in Stanislaus County.

Community is invited to attend.

Stanislaus County, CA – A new \$22.7 million facility in Stanislaus County is set to open with the hope that troubled youth who are locked up can turn their lives around.

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors is inviting the public to attend the Stanislaus County Juvenile Commitment Facility dedication ceremony and tour the facility to learn more about the programs it will offer.

When: Friday, June 7 at 1 p.m.

Where: 2215-A Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto, CA

The new 60-bed facility will be located adjacent to the existing Juvenile Hall and will hold young offenders who become committed wards of the court. Non-committed individuals will continue to be held at Juvenile Hall.

The new facility is designed with a focus on rehabilitation and education. The facility will have features such as:

- a culinary training kitchen for job skills
- Visitor Center/gymnasium
- two program rooms and four classrooms
- a full-service commercial kitchen
- dayrooms, interview and screening rooms

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Also at the dedication ceremony, the Visitor Center/Gymnasium will be named in honor of local community member Dr. Everett Johnson and the late Lillian Johnson who together have devoted more than 40 years to serving the juvenile justice system. The Johnsons will be recognized at the dedication ceremony on June 7 at 1 p.m. at 2215-A Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto, CA.

The completion of the new Juvenile Commitment Center is the result of an innovative and creative partnership between Stanislaus County and the State of California to create the first Juvenile Youth Treatment Center with funds under the Department of Corrections Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facility Construction Funding Program (SB 81). On October 18, 2011, at a public groundbreaking ceremony, the county, the state and the Community celebrated the start of construction of the state of the art Juvenile Commitment Center which will house 60 youths and includes space for education and training. The facility will be operated by the Stanislaus County Probation Department. The facility was completed on Schedule and significantly under budget and will be fully occupied in June, 2013.

The County received \$15.5 million of the \$22.7 million of necessary funding through a state SB 81 grant. The balance of funds were paid by the county through \$1.75 million in Public Facility Fees, \$700,000 in Criminal Justice Facilities Funds and \$1.7 million in matching funds for the property.

The new facility is 45,600 square feet, with one 30-bed living unit and two separate 15-bed living units. The facility is built on 4.7 acres and approximately 99,000 concrete blocks were used in construction. Ground was broken on the new facility in October 2011.

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