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CITY OF STOCKTON OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION **Seeking Volunteer Role Models for Young Adults**

(Stockton, CA) – Do you have few extra hours a month to help coach a young person to success? The Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) is seeking Role Model Coaches to guide young men and women in our community. Role Model Coaches help at-risk young adults to increase self-esteem, maintain a commitment to education, and understand their personal responsibility to the community. OVP Community Engagement Coordinator Denise Manning will hold open office hours to answer questions about being a Role Model Coach on Monday, April 10, from 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., at City Hall, 425 N. El Dorado Street, 2nd Floor.

While referrals are not required, young people in need of coaching are referred by the community, courts, probation, law enforcement, or by request. Role Model Coaches will be matched to and work with a young person to guide, advise, and provide direction. Coaches help at-risk young people to access needed resources and empower them evoke change.

The primary role of a Role Model Coach is to help a young person define individual goals, and find ways to achieve them, by providing greater attention, exposure and

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awareness of possibilities, guiding more effective choices, and leading by example. The commitment of time is flexible and determined by the Role Model Coach and the young person they mentor; however, weekly interaction and conversation is encouraged.

Role Model Coaches will receive training from Certified Life Coach Denise Manning and learn to effectively mentor young people on education, job preparation, employment opportunities, and other life decisions. Before attending training and certification, interested volunteers are asked to submit information to complete fingerprinting and a background check.

“Our first open office hours was such a huge success, that we’ll continue to hold office hours to keep community members informed and to answer any questions about our new program,” Manning added.

For questions or additional information, please call (209) 937-7198, visit www.stocktonca.gov/rolemodels, or email Denise.Manning@stocktonca.gov.

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