

PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

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Participation

School Law/Enforcement Panel Presentation:

- ◆ **58 in Attendance**

Sexual Assault Awareness Videoconference for Parents:

- ◆ **Six Sites**

Marin County Office of Education

Novato Unified School District

Sir Francis Drake High School

Redwood High School

Tomales High School

Del Mar Middle School

- ◆ **53 in Attendance**

Panel of Experts



Robert Henry, School and College Legal Services

Corporal Harry Barbier, San Rafael Police Department

Lieutenant Jennifer Tejada, Novato Police Department

Ed Berberian, Jr., Marin County District Attorney

Wendy Todd and Students, Youth Leadership Institute

**Cio Hernandez, Mental Health Practitioner for
the Teen Clinic of Marin**

Harlinah Lopez, Community Violence

Cynthia Peterson, Sexual Assault Response Team

Julia Mass, Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union

Valuable Content (Partial List) ++

- ◆ **Student panelists**
- ◆ **Law enforcement panelists**
- ◆ **Handouts**
- ◆ **Begin a larger conversation**
- ◆ **Beginning to promote awareness**
- ◆ **Resources / community partner agencies**

Follow Up Activities (Partial List) ++

- ◆ Outreach to schools
- ◆ More information about specific interventions for schools
- ◆ Have speakers present at school sites
- ◆ Work with young men on sexual assault issue
- ◆ Training for administrators to learn how to handle at a school
- ◆ Peer training
- ◆ Work with students in planning and participating in safe proms, graduation and parties

Follow Up Activities (Partial List) ++

- ◆ Presentations to PTAs
- ◆ Put “responsibilities of parents” in school newsletters
- ◆ Small group student assemblies
- ◆ Parent education

Know the Codes



Education Code 48915 – Expulsion

“Except as provided in subdivision (c) and (e), the principal or the superintendent of schools shall recommend the expulsion of a pupil for any of the following acts committed at school or at a school activity off school grounds, unless the principal or superintendent finds that the expulsion is inappropriate, due to the particular circumstance:

4) Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900 or committing a sexual battery as defined in subdivision (n) of Section 48900.”

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Education Code 48900 – Grounds for Suspension or Expulsion

“(n) Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault as defined in Section 261, 266c, 286, 288, 288a, or 289 of the Penal Code or committed as sexual battery as defined in Section 243.4 of the Penal Code.”

Work as a Community ++



Lieutenant Jennifer Tejada, Novato Police Department

Thank you!

Our thanks to the Marin County School/Law Enforcement Partnership, 16th District PTA and our community partners in bringing this important information to our community!

Thank you!