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**PUBLIC INVITED TO OPEN HOUSE FOR
THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER IN RIVERSIDE**

RIVERSIDE – The partner agencies of the Riverside Family Justice Center invite the public and the media to an open house of its newly relocated facility in downtown Riverside on April 1, 2010.

The open house is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 3900 Orange St., Riverside, 92501. The open house will include tours of the facility and the opportunity to speak to members of partner agencies about services provided by the center.

“This is another innovation by this office that provides much needed services for our community,” said Riverside County District Attorney Rod Pacheco. “The Family Justice Centers help domestic violence victims get through a difficult process and find important ways to get their lives back on track.”

Family Justice Centers in Riverside County are a community collaboration led by the District Attorney’s Office. Along with the Riverside center, there is also a Family Justice Center in the Southwest region of the county. The mission of the centers is to provide victims of domestic violence with a safe, secure and private environment from which to obtain centralized access to public and private resources.

Services available to victims of domestic violence seeking assistance at a Family Justice Center include: assistance with a safe place to stay, crisis intervention and assistance for the victim and his or her children, referrals to beneficial community services, legal assistance including help with restraining orders, and information about applying for financial assistance.

Domestic violence is a horrible, often deadly, crime which sadly impacts thousands of lives in Riverside County each year. In 2008, the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office filed 4,258 cases of domestic violence crimes and it is estimated that only about 25 percent of domestic violence cases are reported to law enforcement.

Family Justice Center partner agencies are: Riverside County District Attorney’s Office, Riverside County Sheriff’s Department, Riverside County Probation Department, Department of Public Social Services, Riverside Police Department, Indio Police Department, Alternatives to Domestic Violence, Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center, Safe Alternatives for Everyone, Inland Counties Legal Services, Living Shield Ministries, and Shelter from the Storm.

For more information about the Family Justice Center open house or to schedule a tour, please call (951) 955-6100.

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