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**Santa Barbara County Probation Presents
Parent Information Forums**

All parents with children are cordially invited to attend this parent information forum presented by Santa Barbara County Probation Officers.

The series will include the following information:

Tuesday, November 3, 2009- Introduction to the Juvenile Justice System

Monday, November 9, 2009- Santa Barbara Booking Station, Santa Maria Juvenile Hall and The Counseling and Educational Center

Tuesday, November 17, 2009- Gangs: Recognizing their Influence in Our Communities and in Your Home

Tuesday, November 24, 2009- Los Prietos Boys Camp and Academy Programs

All sessions will be held at the San Marcos High School Cafeteria located at 4750 Hollister Avenue in Santa Barbara and will be from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Additional topics of discussion will include information regarding local gangs and the stages of becoming a gang member, what to look for in your child, signs and symptoms of gateway drug use, parent denial, the legal Juvenile Court System, parent's rights, resources available to assist parents. It should be noted that some of the information presented will contain mature content.