

News Release

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Free Showing of the Film, “The Mask You Live In” **Presented in recognition of October National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

The Stanislaus Family Justice Center and the Stanislaus County Office of Education are collaborating to provide an informational and educational opportunity to the community during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. The film, *The Mask You Live In*, will be shown at the **State Theatre** (1307 J Street, Modesto) on **Tuesday, October 18, 2016** at **7:00 p.m.** (doors open at 6:00 p.m.) **Admission is FREE.**

The Mask You Live In follows boys and young men as they struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating America’s narrow definition of masculinity. Pressured by the media, their peer groups, and even the adults in their lives, the movie’s protagonists confront messages encouraging them to disconnect from their emotions, devalue authentic friendships, objectify women, and resolve conflicts through violence. These gender stereotypes interconnect with race, class, and circumstance, creating a maze of identity issues boys and young men must navigate to become “real” men.

Experts in neuroscience, psychology, sociology, sports, education, and media also weigh in, offering empirical evidence of the “boy crisis” and tactics to combat it. *The Mask You Live In* ultimately illustrates how we, as a society, can raise a healthier generation of boys and young men.

A panel will be available after the movie to answer questions and provide information about how these issues are being addressed in Stanislaus County.

KEY FILM STATS

- Compared to girls, boys are more likely to flunk or drop out of school
- Compared to girls, boys are two times more likely to be enrolled in special education
- Compared to girls, boys are four times more likely to be expelled from school
- Every day three or more boys commit suicide
- Suicide is the third leading cause of death for boys
- 93% of boys are exposed to Internet porn