

July 27 Readers' letters

From Mercury News readers

Public needs training on signs of child abuse

The Santa Clara County Child Abuse Council fully agrees with Richard Alexander and Judge Eugene Hyman (Opinion, July 20) on the need to provide widespread education to parents and children on the prevention of childhood sexual abuse. In fact, the council is implementing Enough Abuse, a prevention campaign hailed by the Centers for Disease Control that provides comprehensive education to parents, teachers and providers. Adults and communities should take the primary responsibility for preventing abuse to children. Local public awareness polls show that many adults do not know or recognize signs of abuse, nor do they know how to respond to them. Free trainings are available in Santa Clara County through the council and are offered in at least nine other Bay Area counties. Go to www.sccgov.org/sites/cac/ to learn more or to request a training. It is only by empowering and educating adults that we can expect to improve the future for children.

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