



# Superior Court of California, County of Orange

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### **Inspiring Hope: Orange County Juvenile Justice Summit 2015**



***The Chief Justice of California, Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye (left), with Orange County Superior Court Juvenile Presiding Judge Maria D. Hernandez.***

**Tustin, Calif.** – The Chief Justice of California, Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, addressed hundreds of participants from some 20 collaborative agencies at the Orange County Juvenile Justice Summit in Tustin on Friday, November 20. The Summit provided a forum for participants to hear presentations about the Juvenile Justice System in Orange County and opportunities for leaders to exchange ideas regarding its impact. Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye commended the County of Orange for its commitment to keeping children in school and out of the juvenile justice system.

According to Orange County Superior Court Juvenile Presiding Judge Maria D. Hernandez, “This Summit has been designed not only to raise general awareness about our system involved youth but also with an eye toward early identification and preventative practices for our at-risk youth with the goal of preventing system involvement.”

Discussion topics included Human Trafficking, Cyber Bullying/Sexting, Mental Health Needs, Early Identification and Intervention, and Truancy Reduction. Special guest speakers included:

- Dr. Elizabeth Cauffman, Professor, University of California, Irvine
- Sandra Hutchens, Sheriff, Orange County Sheriff-Coroner
- Mary Hale, Director, Orange County Health Care Agency
- Al Mijares, Ph.D., Orange County Superintendent of Schools
- Linda Penner, Chair, Board of State and Community Corrections
- Michael F. Ryan, Director, Orange County Social Services Agency
- Dr. Jodi Quas, Professor, University of California, Irvine
- Steve J. Sentman, Chief Probation Officer, County of Orange Probation Department
- Christine Smith Snapper, MSW, Deputy Director, Orange County Social Services Agency

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