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**PROJECT SUCCESS AND THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MACON COUNTY, INC. WILL CO-SPONSOR "WHEN HATE RECRUITS," TO INFORM PARENTS HOW TO IDENTIFY AND KEEP CHILDREN SAFE FROM HATE GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY AND ON THE INTERNET,**

**MARCH 27**

Project Success and the Mental Health Association of Macon County, Inc. will cosponsor "When Hate Recruits" on March 27, 2000 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Madden Auditorium of the Decatur Public Library. There is no fee for admission. Child care and activities available for children 3 and up. Preregister for child care by calling Project Success at 421-8074.

The program, to be presented by Gail Stern and Ester Hurh of the Anti-Defamation League, will focus on the effects of extremism and how to reclaim tolerance in our community. The content is based on "Fighting Extremism: Taking Back Our Community" a program of the Chicago Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League. The Anti-Defamation League recognizes the damage that hate can do to a community, and that often the anger, fear, and frustration can have a paralyzing effect upon its members. The presentation will explore skills needed to respond to both the adults and children in our community. This includes examining the continuum of prejudice and racism, and how the organized hate groups prey upon the perceived weakness of affected communities. By strengthening our ability to talk about these issues and understand them comprehensively, we build communities less vulnerable to hateful rhetoric and activity.

The program will include the following topic areas:

- origins of extremism
- local hate groups
- hate on the internet
- educational strategies for teachers
- tactics for parents