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Solano Recovery Project to host healing conference

By **Daily Republic Staff**

FAIRFIELD — The Solano Recovery Project will host the “Transcend Solano – Community Healing Conference” on Tuesday.

The conference is from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the County Events Center, 601 Texas St.

Topics include behavioral health: substance abuse and mental health; stigmatization; trauma, including generational and secondary; family dynamics and support; at-risk youth and juvenile gangs; poverty and marginalization; and power of peer support.

The keynote speaker is Kim Carter, former CNN Woman of the Year and founder of Time for Change, www.timeforchangefoundation.org.

Carter started the Time for Change Foundation in 2002 for previously incarcerated homeless women and quickly created additional housing for those women with their children. She’s created a plethora of evidence-based programs and services in addition to the full housing continuum, which includes three emergency shelters, 13 permanent supportive housing units and developing her first affordable housing project, the Phoenix Square.

Guest speakers are Kristina Wandzilak, author, international speaker and chemical dependency expert, and her mother, Constance Curry. www.fullcirclerecoverycenter.net.

Wandzilak is a professional addiction interventionist, author and media expert and is credited with helping thousands of addicts and their families through her work. In recovery herself since 1993, she is featured on two ground-breaking series, “Codependent” on LMN and “Addicted” on TLC, documenting her intervention work.

She and her mother co-authored the addiction memoir, “The Lost Years: Surviving a Mother and Daughter’s Worst Nightmare.” The book is a brutally honest and gritty story of Wandzilak’s descent into addiction and her mother’s desperate attempt to save her.

All are welcome to the conference.

For tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com and search in Fairfield for “Transcend Solano Community Healing Conference Tickets.”

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