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DSHS Students to Participate in Mock Trial

Dozens of Dripping Springs High School students are participating in the fourth annual Dating Violence Mock Trial on Feb. 25, 2016, playing the roles of attorneys, jurors, witnesses and victims. The mock trial will be held at the Hays County Government Center in San Marcos.

February is Dating Violence Awareness Month and this program helps to educate students about the dangers and legal ramifications of dating violence while providing them with a unique window into the workings of our country's judicial system. Student participants will be assisted by local legal professionals and experts in domestic violence issues.

At the end of the trial, the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center will present an educational program on dating violence to further reinforce the need to recognize the danger signs and get help. Students raised funds through sponsorships to provide donations to the Women's Center as well as to pay for T-shirts to raise domestic violence awareness.

Dripping Springs High School has a Dating Violence Awareness Advocacy Board, which is an entirely student-led organization dedicated to raising awareness of dating violence. Board President Insiya Aziz has organized school events to bring awareness to dating violence, including the "First Love Yourself" initiative, which teaches students to respect themselves and understand that they deserve to be treated well.

This program is a cooperative effort between the Hays Caldwell Women's Shelter, Hays County DA's Office, District judges, the Hays County Bar Association, DSISD, and the Law Offices of Sarah Brandon.