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Halloween Arrives Early At Sonoma Developmental Center

Eldridge California, - Sonoma Developmental Center celebrates Halloween on Thursday October 31, 2012 with the annual Halloween Parade and Carnival.

On Wednesday October 31st, Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) will host its annual Halloween Parade, which is open to the public. The Parade, which has been a tradition at the Center for over 40 years, will begin at approximately 10:00 AM and will feature floats as well as ambulatory entries.

SDC's Volunteer Coordinator and Sonoma Valley resident Becky Zyskowski, organizes the event. Parade entry is open to all who live or work at the Center and the residences generally enter as themed groups. With staff assistance, all the individuals living at SDC participate in the fun.

All entries are judged in various categories including most humorous, traditional, scariest, and the ever popular, grand prize trophy. Awards are given during the carnival later that day. Everyone who participates in the Parade receives an award.

Judges this year include Karen Clark, Interim Executive Director; Terri Sievers, Interim Clinical Director; Teresa Murphy, Interim Administrative Services Director and Roy Johnson, Acting Assistant Administrative Services Director.

The Halloween Carnival, for the residents and employees of SDC, begins at 1 PM. The carnival features games, contests, refreshments, and a live band.

The Parade will begin by the Marion Rose White bridge on Harney Road and will turn left on the corner of Harney Road and Redwood Road towards the Nelson Building, and loop back up towards Harney Circle, where the judging will occur. For directions to the Parade off Arnold Drive, go to <http://www.dds.ca.gov/Sonoma/Directions.cfm>.

Sonoma Developmental Center, located in the heart of California's wine country, provides an extensive array of high-quality, innovative services that promote ongoing health. The Center promotes communication and collaboration with families, employees, community service providers, agencies, organizations, and other partners to innovatively develop, advance, and deploy eminent models of service distinction by fostering independence in health, housing, vocation, education, lifelong learning, intervention, recreation, and transportation.

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