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## Butte County Receives Two Awards in Recognition of Innovative Programs from California State Association of Counties

### News Release

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**Oroville, CA** – Butte County officials announced that they have received awards from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) on two programs administered by the Butte County Department of Behavioral Health:

- The Live Spot, Oroville Center, and
- *Wasted – The Truth of Underage Drinking* documentary film.

Every year, CSAC recognizes the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments as they find new and cost-effective ways of providing programs and services to their citizens. This year, over 200 entries were submitted to CSAC, and Butte County received Merit Awards for the two programs described below:

### **The Live Spot, Oroville's Youth Center**

The Live Spot in Oroville has provided supportive services to at-risk youths (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade). The center, which operates during after school hours, provides social skills such as how to prevent violence. In addition to providing social skills, the center also provides vocational training and tutoring/mentoring services. The center also provides supportive services from partner agencies (Oroville Counseling, Public Health, CPS, Probation, and more) and is funded through the Mental Health Services Act.

### ***Wasted – Truth of Underage Drinking***

This is a documentary film that shows the realities of youth access to and use of alcohol as well as community approaches to solve alcohol-related problems and was funded through the Drug Free Communities Grant. This film has been shown at several local, regional, statewide, and national conferences. It is also used annually at the Butte County Youth Development Summit. Butte County staff have worked with the producer to provide a cost effective and easy approach to localizing the documentary for several other counties.

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