

Focus on human trafficking prevention

The public is invited to a free daylong event Friday about how to help prevent human trafficking.

Rifle City Prosecutor Angela Roff and the Rifle Police Department are hosting the 2019 Western Slope Human Trafficking Summit at Colorado Mountain College, 3695 Airport Road in Rifle.

The event will be held on National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and is sponsored by the Klein Frank Foundation, which works to stop human exploitation and trafficking. It will focus on spotting the signs of people being trafficked for purposes such as prostitution and cheap labor. Professionals who have regular contact with the public are particularly encouraged to attend.

A trafficking survivor, attorneys, law enforcement and others will be speaking, including activist and Colorado Mesa University professor Tom Acker, Denise Rodriguez with Hilltop Community Resources in Grand Junction, and Katia Curbelo-Del Valle, Mesa County representative for the Hispanic Affairs Project.

Free continuing education credits are available for attending the event, which will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and refreshments and lunch will be available. Preregistration is recommended due to anticipated high participation. For the event itinerary and to register, visit init2endit.com/western-colorado-conference.