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### **Award Winning Documentary Comes to Park City: The Story of Six High School Students with Behavioral Issues Make A Dramatic Change**

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- ***Dramatic results seen by Lincoln Alternative High School***

**PARK CITY, Utah (March 01, 2017)** – The Speedy Foundation in partnership with the Park City Library, the Park City School District, CONNECT Summit County, and Authentic Strengths Advantage is bringing the highly acclaimed and award winning documentary, *Paper Tigers*, to Park City.

*Paper Tigers* is a film that follows six high school students from Lincoln Alternative High School in Walla Walla, Washington where some of the students are emotionally stressed, living in danger and filled with pain. This film takes a close look at what is called Trauma-Informed Education, a movement that is showing incredible results in helping students struggling with the dark legacy of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). *Paper Tigers* captures how their teachers, who were ready to try a new way of educating these struggling students and positively changing their lives forever.

“Many children in our schools are getting in trouble or falling behind because of adverse childhood experiences, which are beyond their control. *Paper Tigers* brings these issues to light and provides a tangible solution to help end the cycle of adversity,” said Katrina Kmak, Youth and Spanish Services Librarian at the Park City Library.

A free public screening of *Paper Tigers* will be held on Tuesday, March 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. MDT at the Jim Santy Auditorium at the Park City Library.

Following the screening, Fatima Doman, Founder of Authentic Strengths Advantage, Bestselling Author and Positive Psychology Coach will share science-based solutions. During her 20+ years as a coach/speaker, Doman has helped organizations and clients around the world increase their resilience.

“Every school in every community has children who are suffering. By bringing this to light and addressing the problem in public, we are providing the opportunity to consider a new approach to helping our children,” said Shannon Decker, Executive Director of The Speedy Foundation.

The results of a Trauma-Informed Education speak for themselves. Lincoln Alternative High School former principal Jim Sporleder was able to turn his school around by dramatically decreasing out-of-school suspensions, increasing graduation rates and students going on to get a post secondary education.

“We feel fortunate to have this feature film in our community, available for parents, teachers, health care providers and community members to view and discuss,” said Kmak.

The film is free to all those who want to attend and Fatima Doman will host a presentation on resilience and positive psychology immediately following. Please make note that the film does contain profanity and may not be suitable for young children. There is no registration; seating is available first come-first serve at the Jim Santy Auditorium.

***Paper Tigers*** is directed by James Redford and executive producer Karen Pritzker.

### **About The Speedy Foundation**

The Speedy Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing suicide, supporting mental health and promoting conversations to end the stigma surrounding both. The Foundation was formed in 2011 in the loving memory of Jeret “Speedy” Peterson, an Olympic freestyle aerials medalist whose life was characterized by his service to others. [www.thespeedyfoundation.org](http://www.thespeedyfoundation.org)

### **About Park City Library**

The Park City Library is in the heart of Old Town Park City at 1255 Park Ave. We welcome residents and visitors. Offering an outstanding collection of over 70,000 books, e-books, periodicals, audio-visual materials, free public computers and wireless Internet access. [www.parkcitylibrary.org](http://www.parkcitylibrary.org)

### **About CONNECT Summit County**

CONNECT brings together Summit County residents, mental health providers, and government agencies who are concerned about the mental health issues facing our community. Our mission is to destigmatize mental illness, expand awareness and transparency of existing and new mental health resources, and advocate for

increased behavioral health spending throughout Summit County.  
[www.connectsummitcounty.org](http://www.connectsummitcounty.org)

**About Park City School District**

Park City School District empowers students to develop their knowledge, skills, and potential as critical thinkers. We maximize resources for academic rigor and excellence through staff, programs, and technology that make learning relevant to the emerging world in which we live. [www.pcschools.us](http://www.pcschools.us)

**About Fatima Doman**

Founder of Authentic Strengths Advantage, Bestselling Author and Positive Psychology Coach, Fatima Doman is passionate about helping people use their strengths to build resilience. During 20+ years as a coach/speaker, Fatima has worked successfully with organizations and clients on every continent. Her book, *Authentic Strengths*, was featured by the Huffington Post, Psychology Today, and on TV/Radio. [www.AuthenticStrengths.com](http://www.AuthenticStrengths.com)