

# Family Justice Center Newsletter



## Monthly Highlights

### Religious Cross-Cultural Competency Panel Presentation: *Caribbean Faiths, Hinduism, Native American Faiths, and Christianity*

*Facilitators: Dr. Mozella Mitchell, Swagata Majumdar, Kaye Taylor, and Pastor Michael Neely*

April 17th, 2009  
1:30pm – 4:30pm  
FJC

This panel presentation will address the different cultural and religious beliefs of the Caribbean Faiths, Hinduism, Native Faiths, and Christianity. Also addressed will be how each of the faiths address issues of family violence, domestic violence, and child abuse.



### David Mandel - Safe and Together: *Making Good Decisions for Children Impacted by Batterers*

April 16, 2009  
1:00pm - 4:30pm  
The Children's Board  
3 FREE CEU's

The Founder of David Mandel & Associates LLC and the Co-founding partner of The Non-Violence Alliance <http://www.endingviolence.com/>  
Participants attending this training will be better able to describe batterer's patterns of behaviors as it relates to the safety, well being and best interest of children.

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Hours of Operation  
Monday - Thursday  
8am - 8pm  
Friday 8am - 5pm

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## Extra, Extra... Read All About It!



April is *Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)* and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center is providing resources that focus on preventing sexual violence in the workplace to promote the month this year. This year's theme is **“Prevent Sexual Violence...in our Workplaces”** and the day of action is Wednesday, April 8. Please visit [www.nsvrc.org/saam](http://www.nsvrc.org/saam) to download the 2009 Campaign Packet and resources. Please see pages 8 –9 for more information about local Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities. These activities include two *‘Take Back the Night’* events that are being held locally.

# Family Justice Center Volunteer Program

National Volunteer Appreciation Week!  
April 19th - 25th, 2009

The Family Justice Center would like to thank all of our volunteers for sharing their time and their dedication to help us provide services to guests in need. We appreciate all of your hard work!



## *Thank You Volunteers!*

Are YOU Interested in Volunteering at the  
Family Justice Center?

The Family Justice Center is always looking for people who are willing to share their time and volunteer to help us provide a safe and comfortable environment for those we serve.

Please contact us at 813.935.2015

or [info@fjchc.org](mailto:info@fjchc.org) for further  
Information.



# Family Justice Center Training Academy

## *Nuts And Bolts: The Basics of Domestic Violence Advocacy Training (12 CEU's)*

*April 6th and 7th, 2009 and May 4th and 5th, 2009  
8:30am to 5:00pm*

This is a four part (FJC 101, 201, 301, 401), 2 Day training offered to advocates, volunteers, interns, clergy, and other community based providers who work with victims of domestic violence. Topics include, dynamics of domestic violence, safety planning, lethality assessment, confidentiality, boundaries, working with diverse populations, dating violence, and effects of domestic violence on children and adolescents.

## *FJC Orientation for new On-Site Partners April 20th, 2009 from 9:00 am to 12:30pm*

Basic operational procedures of the FJC, and vital safety policies and procedures, equipment, and scheduling procedures between agencies.



## **The Child Welfare Domestic Violence Cross-System Training Series Presents:**

### *The Court System*

*April 8th, 12pm to 4pm, April 24th 9am to 12pm*

*Facilitator: Henry Hower, David Silverstein, Linda Shiflet, Rudy  
Couto*

Criminal prosecution of domestic violence and child abuse/neglect cases will be discussed along with granting civil injunctions for protection and enforcing them, juvenile dependency court process, and family law (establishing paternity, custody, visitation, support and obtaining a divorce).



The FJC  
Training  
Academy is  
made possible  
by the  
Children's  
Board of  
Hillsborough  
County.



# Community Meetings

## **\*FJC Partner Council**

Meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be on April 29th, 2009 at 9 am at the Family Justice Center.

## **\*Sexual Abuse Intervention Network (SAIN)**

Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be on April 15th, 2009 at 9 am at the Family Justice Center. Contact Renee Ristow at: [rristow@fjhc.org](mailto:rristow@fjhc.org) with any questions.

## **\*Sexual Violence Task Force**

Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay. the next meeting will be April 22nd, 2009 at Noon. Contact Barbara McCormick at: [bmccormick@crisiscenter.com](mailto:bmccormick@crisiscenter.com) with any questions.

## **Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force Committee Meetings:**

### **\*Domestic Violence Task Force**

May 14th, 2009 at 10:30a at the Crisis Center

### **\*Project L.A.U.R.A**

April 17th, 2009 at 3:00p at the Family Justice Center. Contact: Roseanne Cupoli at: [rocupoli@thespring.org](mailto:rocupoli@thespring.org) or 813-247-5433 ext. 309.

### **\* Pet Shelter Committee: TBA**

### **\* Public Policy Committee**

(working on DV and Child Welfare project). Contact Family Justice Center, Nikki Daniels at [ndaniels@fjhc.org](mailto:ndaniels@fjhc.org) or 813-490- 9401, Committee Meeting , The next meeting date is **TBA** at the Family Justice Center.

### **\* Community Education & Awareness Committee**

April 9th 2009,10:30am, The Crisis Center. Contact: Donna Vento at: [dmvento@thespring.org](mailto:dmvento@thespring.org) or 813-247-5433 ext. 315

# Community Announcements

## Position Announcement!

### Family Justice Center Program Coordinator

Responsibilities Include:

- \* Supervision of the intake functions of the Family Justice Center
- \* Assuring the flow of services at the Center, including both FJC staff and partner agencies, is smooth and efficient for our guests
- \* Supervision of intake staff and interns
- \* Tracking data & completing all reports as required by funders & program
- \* Work as part of a team to ensure effective operation of the program

A competitive benefits package is offered, including health, dental and life insurance, short term disability, and a retirement plan, all paid by the agency. Vacation, sick and personal time off is also included.

This position requires expertise in domestic violence issues, experience in supervision and program management. BSW with at least 3 years of experience or a MSW required. Please email your resume to [ndaniels@fjhc.org](mailto:ndaniels@fjhc.org).



## Partner Council Agency Spotlight

The agency spotlight for this month is *The Spring of Tampa Bay*.

The mission of The Spring of Tampa Bay is to prevent domestic violence, protect victims and promote change in lives, families, and communities. The vision is “to be a premier provider of domestic violence services and a positive force for social change, creating a ‘zero tolerance’ attitude towards domestic violence in Hillsborough County.

Since 1977, The Spring of Tampa Bay’s emergency shelter has provided a safe haven and supportive services to over 50,000 victims of domestic violence. In addition, The Spring provides a specialized continuum of services for survivors and their children to assist them in **rebuilding their lives**. The Spring of Tampa Bay, Inc. community education and outreach programs commit to **lifesaving intervention** and **prevention of domestic violence** in Hillsborough County. The Spring of Tampa Bay, Inc. is a United Way agency, a state-certified domestic violence service provider, and is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services (COA). Thanks for all of your hard work, *The Spring!*

# FJC Calendar

# April 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Nuts and Bolts 8:30am – 5pm FJC	7 Nuts and Bolts 8:30am – 5pm FJC	8 CWDV Training The Court System 1pm FJC	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 SAIN 9 am FJC	16	17	18
19	20 FJC Orientation 9 am FJC	21	22	23	24 CWDV Training The Court System 9am FJC	25
26	27	28	29	30		
					<b>Legend:</b> Date in <b>Red</b> = FJC Closed	

Have any additions for next month's calendar? Please contact the Community Outreach Coordinator at [outreachcoord@fjhc.org](mailto:outreachcoord@fjhc.org) for more details.

**Stand Up  
Speak Out**  
TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE



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OF TAMPA BAY  
*Help. Hope. Healing.*

# **7th Annual Take Back the Night** **April 2, 2009**

**6 P.M.**

**Wellness Information and Resources  
Clothesline Project and Survivor Creative Display**

**7 P.M.**

**Vigil - March - Speak Out**

**Temple Terrace United Methodist Church  
5030 E. Busch Blvd. Tampa**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Ted Bunch - A Call To Men**

National Association of Men and Women  
Committed to Ending Violence Against Women

**813.264.9955** APPLE Trauma Response Center

**www.crisiscenter.com**

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# TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual USF  
Candlelight Vigil and  
Speak Out Against Sexual Violence

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
MLK Plaza  
7:00 pm

- ✦ All Are Invited: Survivors, Friends, Men , and Women
- ✦ Reception Following Event
- ✦ Rain or Shine
- ✦ Used Cell Phone and Ink Cartridge Collection

Resource tables and CASA display of:  
The Clothesline Project of Tampa Bay  
10:00 am – 10:00 pm

[www.usfnite.com](http://www.usfnite.com)

## CHILD WELFARE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CROSS-SYSTEM TRAINING SERIES

### **Mission Statement:**

The Hillsborough County System of Care is committed to the prevention and elimination of domestic violence in our community. We will increase public awareness and community involvement while encouraging local community leaders and other key service providers to support efforts to change the conventional policies and cultural practices that perpetuate violence against men, women and children. We will work to ensure policy and procedures support victims and hold offenders accountable.

### **Vision Statement:**

To create a culture shift to eradicate domestic violence in our community while overcoming obstacles and challenges through advocacy, education and training.

### **Statement of Philosophy:**

Domestic Violence is a choice made by persons who strive to achieve power, control, and gratification through the manipulation of another person. This is obtained through a variety of abuse, such as, emotional, physical, sexual, psychological and economic. It is the objective of this training series to educate the community to further understand these types of victimization. Clarifying this would promote better and more meaningful supports and services. This is accomplished through:

- Training at the community and local level
- Dissemination of a variety of education materials
- Challenge system wide beliefs through multi-disciplinary collaborations



## **Cross-system Training Series**

**Dynamics of Domestic Violence** – (also known as **domestic abuse** or **spousal abuse**) occurs when a family member or intimate partner dominates another through coercion, threats or physical abuse. This course will provide a basic understanding of the dynamics of power and control, forms of abuse and ways in which community members can intervene to provide safety and support to survivors. \*\*\*3 CEU's\*\*\*

*October 8, 2008 from 1pm to 4pm, October 24 from 9am to noon*  
*Facilitators: Mona Cruz -Family Justice Center, Jim Brace- The Spring*

**Resource Fair** – This is similar to a job fair, but with providers and agencies within our community. There are company booths set up and anyone interested can come and learn about services and opportunities within the HKI System of Care.

*October 21, 2008 from 1pm to 4pm at the DCF Auditorium*

**Effects of Family Violence on Children** – This course will examine normal developmental milestones in young children and the potential impact of family violence on children's learning, health and behavior. Family violence includes the impact of domestic violence in the family as well as the impact of child abuse. \*\*\*3CEU's\*\*\*

*November 12, 2008 from 1pm to 4pm, December 5, 2008 from 9am to noon*  
*Facilitators: Mona Cruz-Family Justice Center, Brian McEwen-Child Abuse Council,*  
*Andrew Sherrod-The Spring*

**Safety Planning and Lethality Assessment** – This class will assist with discovering the links between an abusive partner's behaviors and gauging the level of threat a particular victim faces, taking steps to increase personal security before and after violence and preparing to get to a safe place. The class will also explore safety planning from the child welfare perspective. The safety plan is a specific course of action that is determined necessary to control threats of serious harm or supplementing a family's protective capacities implemented immediately when a family's protective capacities are not sufficient to manage immediate or serious harm threats. \*\*\*3 CEU's\*\*\*

*January 14, 2009 from 1pm to 4 pm, January 23, 2009 from 9am to noon*  
*Facilitators: Mona Cruz - Family Justice Center, Roseanne Cupoli- The Spring,*  
*Kathleen Matthews- HCSO/CPID*

**Hillsborough Kids, Inc.** – This class will address the Florida Statute Chapter 39 as it pertains to our children coming into care. Discussion will include the process for when the children are in care, such as, how and what is developed in terms of the case plan where the parents will need to follow in hopes of gaining back their children, how the adoption process works when the parents do not follow the case plan or abandon the children, and what resources our community has to support these families by providing assistance to the parents and reducing the risk of harm to the children.

*February 11, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, February 27 from 9am to noon*  
*Facilitator: John Luff - Hillsborough Kids*

**Child Protective Investigations** – The class will provide basic information on how abuse reports are handled from the Florida Abuse Hotline through distribution to the field. Additionally, it will address the investigations process; types of reports investigated, maltreatments, and mandated reporting.

*March 11, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, March 27, 2009 from 9am to noon*  
*Facilitator: Marion Tarallo - Hillsborough County Sherriff's Office*

**The Court System** – Criminal prosecution of domestic violence and child abuse/neglect cases will be discussed along with granting civil injunctions for protection and enforcing them, juvenile dependency court process, and family law (establishing paternity, custody, visitation, support and obtaining a divorce).

*April 8, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, April 24, 2009 from 9am to noon*  
*Facilitators: Henry Hower – Bay Area Legal Services,*  
*David Silverstein– Office of the Attorney General*  
*Linda Shiflet and Rudy Couto - State Attorney's Office*

**Mental Health and Trauma** – This class is designed to assist service providers with identifying mental health issues among families they serve. Appropriate referrals, crisis intervention strategies, and information regarding work with survivors of trauma will also be addressed. The concepts of resiliency and the journey from victim to survivor to thriver will also be explored. \*\*\*3CEU's\*\*\*

*May 13, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, May 22, 2009 from 9am to noon*  
*Facilitator: Danielle Mercuri, Camille Francis and Angela Torres– Crisis Center*

**Substance Abuse** – This training is designed to assist service providers with identifying substance abuse and intervention strategies. Effects of substance abuse on children and considerations to be taken when working with substance abusing survivors and perpetrators of domestic violence will also be discussed. \*\*\*3 CEU's\*\*\*

*June 10, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, June 26, 2009 from 9am to noon*  
*Facilitator: Linda Mann– DACCO, Carali McLean– Central Florida Behavioral Health Network*

**Cultural Competency** – The focus of this training is to understand how domestic violence crosses over all socio economic classes, races, and ethnicity. Helping child welfare participants to make better decisions about how domestic violence impacts families & children and understand how cultural issues impact family acceptance of service. Helping others gain a better understanding of cultural competency and domestic violence.

*July 8, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, July 24 from 9am to noon*  
*Facilitator: Niki Kelly– Gulf Coast and Jewish Family Services,*  
*Henry Hower– Bay Area Legal Services*

**Understanding Batterers and Batterers Intervention Programs** – This training will focus on understanding the Model used in psycho-educational treatment and the learning how to increase communication between BIP providers and child welfare professionals. Additionally, participants will look at how domestic violence impacts our society as a whole. \*\*\*3CEU's\*\*\*

*August 12, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, August 28, 2009 from 9am to noon*  
*Facilitator: Daniel Hersey*

**Compassion Fatigue** – This class focuses on how exposure to family violence affects those in the helping professions. Discussion will consist of coping and adapting measures to assist in the prevention of burn-out. \*\*\*3CEU's\*\*\*

*September 9, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, September 25 from 9am to noon*  
*Facilitator: Michael Rank - USF*

## About the Series

**The Child Welfare/Domestic Violence Training series is designed for all staff who works in the child welfare and/or domestic violence systems In Hillsborough County. It is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of issues facing families impacted by child welfare and domestic violence issues. The goal is to help all professionals understand the complex issues of both child welfare and domestic violence advocates, and begin to develop a common understanding and language.**

**All training sessions listed above will be offered twice in the same month, to allow as many staff as possible to attend. It will also be posted at [www.centerforchildwelfare.org](http://www.centerforchildwelfare.org) for viewing after the last training in the month is offered. This is to allow as many staff as possible to benefit from this training.**

**Each training session is offered at the Family Justice Center, 9309**

**North Florida Ave, Suite 109, Tampa FL 33612. Please go to**

**[www.fjhc.org](http://www.fjhc.org), go to the main site and click “events” to register.**

**Registration is free, CEU’s are available for courses indicated above.**