

# Family Justice Center Newsletter



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The mission of the Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County is to improve the lives of family violence victims through community collaboration and the provision of comprehensive services in a single location.

## Prevent Child Abuse America Conference 2008

Prevent Child Abuse America celebrated its Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from May 19th to the 22th, 2008. The attendance to this conference was sponsored by the Children's Board of Hillsborough County's "Keeping Kids Safe Partnership", from which 14 members attended. During this four day conference, as many as 100 workshops were presented by experts in their respective fields, such as prevention of child sexual abuse, shaken baby syndrome, home visitation, family support, parent education, public policy, internet safety, children's mental health, research, innovation in skills-building on effective prevention strategies and programs, and more. The conference began with a very eye opening video presentation entitled "Shift Happens", which described the population growths around the world, cultural changes, the advances in technology, the impact of the world's economy, and posed the question "Are we ready to deal with the changes in our populations?" A great Information and Resource Marketplace was also set up for attendees to gather very useful posters, booklets, articles, and other items to take back and utilize in their programs. (Left, Jodee Nicosia, HKI. Right, Martha Guzman, Children's Board of HC, and Liz Gutierrez, Palm River Point).



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## Community Meetings

- ❖ **FJC Partner Council** Meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 25th, 2008 at 9:00-10:30am in the FJC Conference room.
- ❖ **Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force** Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every other month (odd numbered months). The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 10th, 2008 at 10:30am, at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay.
- ❖ **HCDVTF Committee Meetings:**
- ❖ **Project L.A.U.R.A:** June 10th, 2008, 3-4pm, at the FJC, Contact: Pat Kolanko-Brown at [Patricia.Kolanko-brown@macdill.af.mil](mailto:Patricia.Kolanko-brown@macdill.af.mil) or 813-827-9172.
- ❖ **Pet Shelter Committee:** July 10th, at 3:30pm, Spring Administration, Contact Jim Brace at [jbrace@thespring.org](mailto:jbrace@thespring.org) or 813-247-5433 ext.339.
- ❖ **Public Policy Committee** (working on DV and Child Welfare project). Contact Family Justice Center, Nikki Daniels at [ndaniels@fjchc.org](mailto:ndaniels@fjchc.org) or 813-490-9401.
- ❖ **DV and Child Welfare Training Workgroup** (part of the Public Policy Committee: working on DV and Child Welfare project) meeting on June 19th, 1pm at FJC, Contact Laura Green at [lgreen@fjchc.org](mailto:lgreen@fjchc.org) or 813-490-9428.
- ❖ **Assessment Tool Workgroup** (part of the Public Policy Committee: working on DV and Child Welfare project) meeting June 5th at 2pm at HCSO on Falkenburg. Contact Jennifer Hoch at [jhock@hcsotampa.fl.us](mailto:jhock@hcsotampa.fl.us)
- ❖ **Community Education & Awareness Committee:** June 12th, 2008, 10:30am, The Crisis Center, Henry Hower at [hhower@bals.org](mailto:hhower@bals.org) or 813-247-4806.
- ❖ **Faith Committee:** To Be Announced, Contact: Jennifer Street at [jstreet@fjchc.org](mailto:jstreet@fjchc.org) or 813-935-2015
- ❖ **Conference Planning Committee:** June 10th, 2008, 2:00pm, Family Justice Center, Laura Rice: [ricel@mhcinc.org](mailto:ricel@mhcinc.org) or 813-272-5140 ext. 3106.

## Volunteer News

- ❖ **Summer is here and FJC is an APPROVED** Hillsborough County Public Schools appropriate Community Service Site for high school students in need of community service hours for Florida Academic Scholars Award - Bright Futures. <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/involvement/index.asp>. If you know a student that is outgoing, responsible, and sensitive to the issues that face our clients please direct them to an volunteer application located on the FJC website [www.fjchc.org/public/potentialvolunteers.html](http://www.fjchc.org/public/potentialvolunteers.html). FJC is always looking for people to volunteer to help those who we serve with: guest care, childcare, clothing room, data entry, administrative duties, maintenance, legal, interpreting, etc. Visit [www.fjchc.org/public/potentialvolunteers.html](http://www.fjchc.org/public/potentialvolunteers.html).



## FJC Training Academy

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

June 2nd, and 3rd, or July 7th, and 8th from 8:30am-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.

### The Family Justice Center Alliance

*Presents a WEBINAR on*

### "Safety Planning & Risk Assessment"

June 5th 8:00-9:00 a.m. (Pacific Time)

\*The Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County will be have a computer and phone line needed for the Webinar available for anyone who would like to participate as part of a group, or whose office computer is unable to handle the technology. If you would like to come to the FJC and participate in the Webinar here, please register at <http://www.fjchc.org/public/events.htm>

Dr. Jacquelyn Campbell is nationally known for her work in domestic violence and will be speaking on the use of The Danger Assessment which measures the frequency and severity of domestic violence as well as the risk for continued abuse.

This assessment, based on her research on Femicide in the United States, can be used by law enforcement, health professionals, and advocates.

**Webinar Information:** To participate in the presentation individually, you *must* register. Space is limited. Register at:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/604594210>

This presentation is transmitted over the web, using webinar technology. All you need is a phone and access to the internet. Upon registration you will be given a phone number and web address to log into the training.

### Helping Hands: Volunteering in the FJC Training

June 10th, 2008 from 3:30-6:30pm,  
or June 17th, 2008 from 9am-12pm

This is a three hour training that focuses on the specifics of the volunteer program. Volunteers will learn the dynamics of domestic violence, safety and security policies, and Guest Care.

### FJC Orientation for new On-Site Partners

June 16th from 8:30 am-12pm

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



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



## FJC Training Academy

### “Safety Planning” Training

**July 31st, 2008 from 10-12pm at the FJC**

A Safety Plan may be one of the most important tools to develop with a victim of Domestic Violence whether they are staying or getting ready to leave the abusive relationship. Come and learn its need, importance, how to develop one, how to adapt as circumstances change, and the latest technology abusers use to track their victims.



**Registration:** The Training Academy is free thanks to the support of the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County. To register for these trainings or to see a list of all trainings offered by the FJC , please go online: <http://www.fjchc.org/public/events.html>.

**Trainings To Go:** All trainings offered by the FJC Training Academy can be brought to your agency on a day and time convenient for you and your staff. For any questions please call Laura Green, Community Outreach Coordinator at 813-490-9428 or e-mail at [lgreen@fjchc.org](mailto:lgreen@fjchc.org).

### Announcements

❖ An **“HKI 101”** Training took place on May 30th and was well attended by different community agencies, who commented on how this information was extremely useful for all service providers. As many more professionals in the community are requesting these trainings, we will continue to partner with HKI to provide them on a quarterly basis. Thank you John Luff from HKI for providing the training.

❖ **The Public Policy Committee met on May 9th, 2008 for a session lead by the Children’s Board of HC to discuss all the different goals, gaps, and needs for services for victims of domestic violence and families with issues of child abuse. This session was a very productive first step to map out providers and services to assist these families. It brought together DV advocates, Child Welfare advocates, law enforcement, legal advocates, mental health providers, BIP providers, among others. Out of this general group two initial workgroups have been developed which are the Training Workgroup and the Assessment Tool Workgroup.**



**For meeting times see the Community Meetings list on page 2.**

❖ The FJC is participating in a **Cell Phone Collection Program** to help the DVTF not only help victims with 911 phones, but also to send in to the Shelter Alliance to reach a goal of 300 phones from April 1st to June 30th to possibly win an award of \$1,000 from drawing on July 14th.

**Please donate your old/used cell phones with their chargers to the FJC.**

## Announcements

This year's annual Law Day Luncheon, took place on May 15th, 2008, and was sponsored by the Hillsborough County Bar Association. The luncheon focused on the foundation for communities of opportunity and equity. Mayor Iorio also presented the "Liberty Bell Award" to Ms. Nikki Daniels, founding Executive Director of the Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County. This award is given annually to a citizen who has strengthened the effectiveness of the American system of law through community service.



(Excerpt from the City of Tampa's "Going Places with Pam" section).

### FJC Executive Director Nikki Daniels receives Award from Federation of Families

The Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health presented FJC Executive Director Nikki Daniels with an award for "Outstanding Service and Contributions to the Wellbeing of Families" on May 9th, 2008. The event was planned in conjunction with National Mental Health Awareness Month, and served as an awareness campaign for over 100 Federation of Families organizations across the United States. (Executive Director of the Federation of Families, Larry English, presents the award to Nikki Daniels).



## Announcements

- ✧ “Parenting Classes” are being offered at the Family Justice Center, and “Anger Management Classes” are being offered at Kimmins Family Learning Center 1502 East 2nd Ave. presented by Life Changing Consultings & Associates. To register for either class, please call Helen Neal-Ali at 813-490-9440.
- ✧ Special feature: “**Agency Highlight**”. Be the first to send in your agency’s information so it can be highlighted for the month. Please e-mail me the following information by the 28th of the month, and tell me: Your agency’s name, contact information, and something interesting about the agency that others may not know.

### ***SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH- “New DV Law”***

#### **SB 1048/ HB1461/HB7077: Relating to Missing Children and Petition of Chapter 39 Injunctions**

**Effective Date: July 1, 2008**

This new law revises Section 39.504, Fla. Stat. to permit the Department of Children and Families to ask the court for a Chapter 39 injunction on behalf of a child to remove a batterer from the home without having to file a petition for dependency. The new law also authorizes the court that issues a Chapter 39 injunction to award exclusive use of the home to the victim of domestic violence, temporary custody of the children to the victim, and temporary child support. The new law authorizes law enforcement to arrest for a violation of this injunction, and issuance of this injunction does not preclude a victim of domestic violence from seeking an injunction under Chapter 741. FCADV hopes that these changes will discourage the current child welfare practice of telling victims of domestic violence to obtain an injunction for protection under Chapter 741 or child welfare will file a dependency and remove the children. The law will now authorize child welfare to ask for an injunction under Chapter 39 without having to file a dependency, and will allow the court to award the victim exclusive use of the home, custody and child support, the same relief available in Chapter 741 injunctions.

Visit [www.fjchc.org](http://www.fjchc.org) for more information on Domestic Violence.



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