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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.

8th Annual International Family Justice Center Alliance Conference

The Family Justice Center Alliance celebrated it's 8th Annual International Conference in San Diego, California from April 22nd to the 24th, 2008. During this three day conference, many in depth workshops were presented by experts in their respective fields, which included crucial skills for everyone working on site or operating as a partner to the FJC. As a result of our local FJC's partnerships, three people were able to attend the conference thanks to scholarships from OVW, to have representation of the Tampa Bay area. Those individuals were: Maura Perez from Hispanic Services Council, Shauna Hale a Prosecutor from the State Attorney's Office, and Laura Green from the FJC. An array of skills were presented for prosecutors, law enforcement, case managers, mental health providers, forensic professionals, and topics covered Global DV issues, The FJC Movement, Advocacy, Strangulation, Batterers, Elder Abuse, Role of Judiciary, Stalking, Risk Assessment, Urban/Rural/International FJC Models, Confidentiality and Cyber Stalking, Financial Security and Safety Planning, and more. This conference was definitely a success in showing what partnerships can accomplish. (Left, Laura Green, and Maura Perez. Right, Casey Gwinn, JD, Cofounder FJC)



Community Meetings

- ❖ **FJC Partner Council** Meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 28th, 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 May 8th, 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 Family Justice Center, Contact: Pat Kolanko-Brown at Patricia.Kolanko-brown@macdill.af.mil or 813-827-9172.
- ❖ **Pet Shelter Committee:** May 8, 2008, 3:30pm, Spring Administration, Contact Jim Brace at jbrace@thespring.org or 813-247-5433 ext.339.
- ❖ **Public Policy Committee** will combine with DV and Child Welfare (Systems Mapping), May 9th, 1-3:30pm. Edgecomb Building, 2nd floor Conf. room. Contact Family Justice Center, Nikki Daniels at ndaniels@fjchc.org or 813-490-9401.
- ❖ **Community Education & Awareness Committee:** June 12th, 2008, 10:30am, The Crisis Center, Henry Hower at hhower@bals.org or 813-247-4806.
- ❖ **Faith Committee:** To Be Announced, Contact: Jennifer Street at jstreet@fjchc.org or 813-935-2015
- ❖ **Conference Planning Committee:** May 19th, 2008, 3:30pm, Family Justice Center, Laura Rice: ricel@mhcinc.org or 813-272-5140 ext. 3106.



Volunteer News

- ❖ **Thank You** to the **Riverside Academy** students and staff for continuing to help us organize the clothing room and storage room!
- ❖ **Thank you** to the **volunteer attorneys** who donate their time to help victims with Injunctions!
- ❖ 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.



Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force

The Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force is still seeking assistance with creating a video with instructions for completing injunctions for protection. Filing for an injunction can be a difficult process, it is hoped that this video will allow more victims of violence to achieve safety. Please contact Nikki Daniels at 813-935-2015 or ndaniels@fjchc.org.



FJC Training Academy

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

May 5th, and 6th , or June 2nd, and 3rd 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.

Helping Hands: Volunteering in the FJC Training

May 13th, from 3:30pm-6:30pm or May 28th, 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. This training will be held in the FJC Video Conferencing Room.

FJC Orientation for new On-Site Partners

May 19th from 8:30 am-12pm

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

“Domestic Violence and People with Disabilities:

What you should know” Teleconference

Presenter: Nora J. Baladerian, PhD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Certified Sex Therapist and Board Certified Forensic Examiner.

Jewish Women’s International - N AEDV Teleconference Training hosted by the Family Justice Center: **Thursday, May 8th, 2008 from 12:00 to 1:00pm** in the Conference room. CEU's available through JWI.

“Kids Caught in the Crossfire: How to Assist Children Exposed to Men Who Batter” Teleconference

Trainer: Lundy Bancroft. Mr. Bancroft has 20 years’ experience, specializing in interventions for abusive men. He is the author of three books in the field, including *Why Does He Do That?*, *When Dad Hurts Mom* and the national prize-winner, *The Batterer as Parent*. Mr. Bancroft has worked with more than one thousand abusers directly as an intervention counselor, and has served as clinical supervisor. He has also served extensively as a custody evaluator, child abuse investigator, and expert witness in domestic violence and child abuse cases. Lundy appears across the United States as a presenter for judges, child protective workers, therapists, law enforcement officials, etc..

Jewish Women’s International - National Alliance to End Domestic Violence Teleconference Training hosted by the Family Justice Center:

Thursday, May 15th, 2008 from 12:00 to 1:45pm in the Conference room. CEU's available through JWI.



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



FJC Training Academy

“Safety Planning” Training

May 27th, 2008 from 9-11am 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, and how to adapt as circumstances change.



“HKI-101”

Friday May 30th, 2008 from 9am to 10:30am at the FJC

Hillsborough Kids Incorporated Director of Quality Management, John Luff will be presenting the first of a series of co-coordinated trainings that will be part of the new approach in Hillsborough County to provide Cross Systems Training to facilitate communication and provision of services to families who suffer from abuse in their homes. This training will provide a basic understanding of the HKI system, the justice system with regards to abused children, their goals, challenges, and resources. CEU's will be offered for licensed professionals.

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.

Announcements

❖ “CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR INTERNS ON THEIR GRADUATION”

Danielle Katz, and Shantika Clark are both students at USF in the School of Social Work. They have been a great asset for the FJC and its guests as Intake Specialists since January of 2008.

Thank you to both of you for your fantastic work!

- ❖ **Job Opening- Child Care Center Supervisor-** Coordinates the overall operations of the Child Care Center. Instructs preschool children in age-appropriate activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth. Develops curriculum and lesson plans for each age group. Maintains day care records and related paperwork. Provides direction and training to new day care teachers. Qualifications: Florida Director Credential with a minimum of two (2) years experience as an on-site child care director. Requires completion of 30 hour childcare training course, CPR and first aid. Send resumes to: cbayne@thespring.org

Announcements

FJC joins the Keeping Kids Safe Partnership in Events for “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in April 2008

These were the Proclamation Events that took place in Hillsborough County:

- ❖ Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners on April 2nd, 2008.
- ❖ City of Tampa, Mayor Pam Iorio on April 3rd, 2008

Community Activities that took place in Hillsborough in Support of the “Winds of Change Campaign”

- ❖ April 5th. Family Fun Day Celebration at Al Lopez Park on April 12th.
- ❖ CBHC Birthday Party on April 26th.



City of Temple Terrace
 “Child Abuse Prevention Month” Proclamation
 (on left).
 Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners
 “Child Abuse Prevention Month” Proclamation (on right).



Announcements

- ❖ **JOB Opening-** FJC is accepting resumes for a **Bi-Lingual Service Specialist** (Intake Worker) to begin as soon as possible. This is a 12pm-8pm position and requires a bachelor's degree in social work/psychology or related field. All interested applicants must be bi-lingual (English/Spanish). Resumes can be e-mailed to Jennifer Street at jstreet@fjchc.org
- ❖ **JOB Opening-** FJC is accepting resumes for the **Sexual Abuse Intervention Network Coordinator** position. The position requires a bachelor's degree, but master's degree is preferred. The job entails coordinating a collaborative, community network to improve services for youth with sexual behavior problems. The candidate would also conduct trainings in the community regarding youth with sexual behavior problems, and would coordinate the annual SAIN two-day conference. Please send resumes to: Nikki Daniels, LCSW, Executive Director- Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County at ndaniels@fjchc.org
- ❖ **Parenting Classes starting May 27th at 5:30pm, and Anger Management Classes starting May 28th at the Metro Center** presented by **Life Changing Consultings & Associates**. To register, please call Helen Neal-Ali at 813-270-2436.
- ❖ **FCADV 2008 Annual Statewide Training Institute "Advocacy in Action: Changing the Future"** May 13 & 14, 2008. The Regal Sun Resort, Orlando, FL. For information go to <http://www.fcadv.org/>
 - ❖ 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, a little known fact about your agency, and a brief description of the program that assists Domestic Violence victims.

SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH-

Injunction for Protection- there are several types including: Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Violence, and Repeat Violence.

There are no filing fees. You may download a form at: www.hillsclerk.com

To get assistance with an Injunction call 813-276-8100 ext. 4356 or call the FJC at 813-935-2015.



Don't forget...FJC Newsletter also in SPANISH!—TAMBIÉN EN ESPAÑOL!
To access all FJC Newsletters, please visit our website at www.fjchc.org and click on News and Events.



In Partnership with



Working Wheels Keep Families Working

Car Care Clinic for Women

Saturday, May 3rd
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Topics Being Presented Include:

- ❖ General Maintenance – Care and feeding for your car as it grows older
- ❖ Broken Down – What to do on the side of the road
- ❖ Speaking Car Geek – Gain confidence when talking to your mechanic
- ❖ Tire Changing – All you ever wanted to know and a little bit more
- ❖ Dead Battery – How to jump start that jalopy
- ❖ Q&A Session – Ask all those embarrassing questions

Refreshments will be served....After all, what goes together better than mimosas and brake dust?

Demonstrations Provided

FREE ADMISSION

RSVP at your convenience to **813.874.1911**



WHEEL OF SUCCESS is a nonprofit organization providing a full range of transportation solutions, including vehicle replacement; car repair; and licensing, car payment, and down payment assistance to low and moderate income working families.