

Family Justice Center

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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.

November Highlights



Child Welfare and Domestic Violence Cross-System Training Series is here!

Please See Page 3 for the next seminar in the series and page 8 for the entire series!

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Cultural Competency of the Muslim Faith and Post-Soviet Countries

November 14th, 2008 9:00am—12:30 pm

Family Justice Center

Facilitator: Mavzuna Burkhanova

Mavzuna Burkhanova is originally from The Republic of Tajikistan. She is a Licensed Doctor / Methodologist who has worked as an OB-Gyn, a Nutrition and Health Educator, a Curriculum Specialist and as a Project Manager. Currently she is student at the University of South Florida where she's working towards her Master's in Public Health.

This seminar will focus on the main rules and regulations of Islam including the role of a woman in Islam, how to work and behave with Muslim people, traditions of Tajikistan in comparison with other Muslim countries and the cultural traditions of the Post- Soviet countries. Seating will be limited, so please register on-line at www.fjchc.org. This seminar will also be available for viewing at www.centerforchildwelfare.org a week after the live date.



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Family Justice Center Volunteer Program

United Way Day of Caring Day of Caring 2008



This year's **United Way Day of Caring** was held on October 16, 2008. The 'Ehrlich Road' Publix Team (store 1170) members were our volunteers for the day. The staff of the Family Justice Center would like to thank the Publix Team for the amazing job that they did painting and cleaning our site. The entire Publix team volunteered on their own free time and worked harder than we could have ever expected. Thanks again for caring enough to make a difference. We would also like to thank The United Way of Tampa Bay for including the FJC in this year's Day of Caring.

Publix 1170 Team: Steve Ellis, Autum Allen, Jesse Marshall, Tiffany Loehr, Chris Smith, Heather Hall, Brooke Streicher, and Tim Brockway.

We would also like to thank Walmart, Olive Garden, and Papa John's Pizza for their generous 'Day of Caring' Donations.

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 for further Information.

Family Justice Center Training Academy

Nuts And Bolts: The Basics of Domestic Violence Advocacy Training (12 CEU's) November 3rd and 4th 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.

FJC Orientation for new On-Site Partners November 17th from 8:30 am-12pm

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: Effects of Family Violence on Children November 12th, 1-4 pm or December 5th, 9am - 12pm ***3 FREE CEU's***

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.



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. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will not a meeting in November. The next meeting will be on December 3, 2008 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 is scheduled for November 19th at 9 am at the Family Justice Center. Contact Kristina Roberts at kroberts@fjchc.org with any questions.

***Sexual Violence Task Force**

Meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month at Noon at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay. The Next meeting will be November 26th, 2008.

Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force Committee Meetings:

***Domestic Violence Task Force**

November 13, 2008 at 10:30a at the Crisis Center

***Project L.A.U.R.A**

November 7, 2008 at 3:30p at the FJC. Contact: Roseanne Cupoli at rocupoli@thespring.org or 813-247-5433 ext. 309.

*** Pet Shelter Committee**

December 11th, at 3:30pm at Spring Administration, Contact Jim Brace at 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 or 813-490-9401 Training Workgroup to meet December 5, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. at the Family Justice Center.

*** Community Education & Awareness Committee**

December 11th 2008,10:30am, The Crisis Center. Contact: Donna Vento at dmvento@thespring.org or 813-247-5433 ext. 315

***Faith Committee: TBA**

Community Announcements



4th Annual Stop the Violence Conference

The 4th Annual *Stop the Violence* Conference was an amazing success. Laura Rice of Hillsborough County Head Start was awarded the '5th Annual Achievement Against Domestic Violence' Award. Congratulations Laura!

FJC Partner Council Agency Spotlight

Our agency spotlight for the month of October was *Wheels of Success*. The mission of *Wheels of Success* is that they are dedicated to providing personal transportation solutions by partnering with the community in a circle of support to keep people working and sustain their independence.

Wheels of Success is now fully staffed, offering daily coverage at the Family Justice Center. Their success story of the month was that *Wheels of Success* was able to work with the financial institution that was about to repossess a client's vehicle to create a payment plan that was feasible for the client. Thank you, *Wheels of Success* for continuing to provide an outstanding service for the community!

Community Calendar

November 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Project LAURA FJC 3:30 pm	8
9	10	11 Veteran's Day FJC Closed	12	13 D/V Task Force Crisis Center 10:30 am	14	15
16	17	18	19 SAIN Meeting FJC 9am	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Sexual Violence Task Force Crisis Center 12:00 pm	27 	28 FJC Closed (closed 27th & 28th)	29
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Have any additions for next month's calendar? Please contact the Community Outreach Coordinator at outreachcoord@fjhc.org for more details.



HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE REGISTRATION



Metropolitan Ministries is looking forward to sharing the holidays with you and your family. The Holiday Center offers much more than food and toys. It is a time when our community comes together and brings hope to all. Burdens will be lifted and miracles will happen. Join us and see why 'Hope Lives Here' at Metropolitan Ministries.

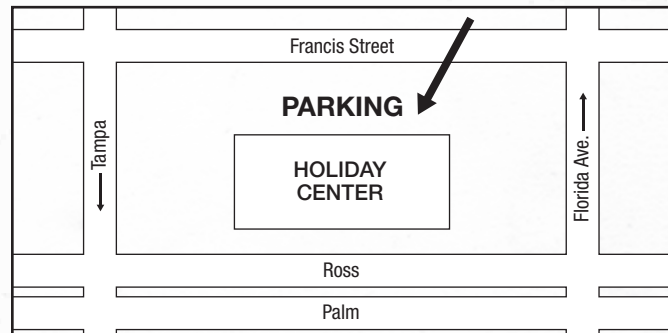
Registration takes place in the following locations during the following times:

October 1st – 31st
Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Metropolitan Ministries Family Grill
2010 N. Florida Ave. Tampa

November 3rd – December 8th
Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Tent
2100 N. Florida Ave. Tampa

Holiday Center Highlights

- Informative health education providers
- Chapel of Hope Prayer Chapel
- Metro Market food shopping
- ToyLand toy shopping
- Family fun and entertainment



IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Criteria

1. You must meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - Families with children under the age of 18
 - Current SSI or SSD recipients (current award letter needed)
 - Senior Citizens 65 years of age and older
 - Grandparents must have custodial / guardianship documents

Registration Guidelines

2. Please bring the following items with you:
 - Photo ID
 - Social Security cards for adults and children
 - Proof of residence (current lease agreement or utility bill)



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MINISTRIES**

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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. ***3CEU's***

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.

*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*

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 Silverman– Office of the Attorney General*

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: Barbara McCormick– 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*

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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

Panel Presentation

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: TBA

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. 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 or 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.fjchc.org, go to the main site and click “events” to register.

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