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# 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.



## October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

### Community Meetings

- 1 ✧ **FJC Partner Council Meetings** are held the last Wednesday of every month. This month's meeting will be on October 29 at 9 am at the Family Justice Center.
- 2 ✧ **Sexual Abuse Intervention Network (SAIN) Meetings** are held every third Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15 at 9 am at the Family Justice Center. Contact Kristina Roberts at [kroberts@fjchc.org](mailto:kroberts@fjchc.org) with any questions.
- 3 ✧ **Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force Committee Meetings:**
- 4 ✧ **Domestic Violence Task Force:** November 13, 2008 at 10:30a at the Crisis Center
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- 6-8 ✧ **Project L.A.U.R.A:** Contact: Roseanne Cupoli at [rocupoli@thespring.org](mailto:rocupoli@thespring.org) or 813-247-5433.
- 9-11 ✧ **Pet Shelter Committee:** December 11th, 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. Training Workgroup to meet 12/5 at 12:30 p.m. at the Family Justice Center.
- ✧ **Community Education & Awareness Committee:** October 9, 2008, 10:30am, The Crisis Center, Henry Hower at [hhower@bals.org](mailto:hhower@bals.org) or 813-247-4806.
- ✧ **Faith Committee:** TBA.

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## Community Meetings



- ✧ **Conference Planning Committee:** Contact Laura Rice: [ricel@mhcinc.org](mailto:ricel@mhcinc.org) or 813-272-5140 ext. 3106.

For more information regarding the 4th Annual 'Stop The Violence' Conference, please see page 5 of this month's newsletter.



## Proclamation by the Board of County Commissioners of 'Domestic Violence Awareness Month'!

Date: October 15, 2008

Time: 9:00am

Location: BOCC Board Room

601 East Kennedy Boulevard

County Center 2nd Floor

### VOLUNTEERS

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 who we serve.

Please contact us at 813.935.2015 or [info@fjhc.org](mailto:info@fjhc.org) for further information.

### Welcome to FJC's New Program Coordinator!

Please join me in welcoming Rosa Ramirez as the new Program Coordinator at the FJC. She will begin on October 6, and we are so very happy to have her. She comes to us with a wealth of experience having worked as a counselor, a Program Coordinator, and as the Program Director for Catholic Charities DOSP, Inc. . She most recently worked as the Clinical Supervisor for the YWCA of Tampa Bay . Welcome Rosa!



## FJC Training Academy

### **Nuts And Bolts: The Basics of Domestic Violence Advocacy Training (12 CEU's) October 6th and 7th or 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 October 20th from 8:30 am-12pm**

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

### **Children with Sexual Acting Out Behaviors October 14th from 9-11 am**

This is a two hour introductory course offered to professionals working with children. This training enables participants to differentiate between normal and problematic sexual behaviors in children. Other topics include characteristics of sexually abusive youth, preventing sexual abuse and the legal process in Hillsborough County.

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

### **The Child Welfare Domestic Violence Cross-System Training Series Presents: Dynamics of Domestic Violence October 8th from 1-4 pm or October 24th from 9am—12pm**

This is a three hour course from the Cross-system training series that addresses dynamics of domestic violence including power and control, forms of abuse, and ways in which community members can intervene to provide safety and support for survivors. Please see page 8 for more information about this exciting new series.



## Other Community Announcements



### **CHILDREN'S BOARD ANNOUNCES INNOVATIVE BUSINESS PLAN AWARDS!**

Congratulations to two of our outstanding partner agencies; Wheels of Success, for winning the second place award for developing an Automotive Buying Center which will target recipients of Earned income Tax Credit and other moderate income consumers who need reliable, affordable quality vehicles. And The Centre for Women who received an honorable mention. Job well done!



### **The Spring's 3rd Annual Candlelight Vigil**

Date : October 8th, 2008

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Lyke Gas Light Park, Downtown Tampa

For more information please contact:  
Grace Maineri at 813-247-5433 ex. 322 or  
[gmmaineri@TheSpring.org](mailto:gmmaineri@TheSpring.org)

# STOP THE VIOLENCE

## 2008 Domestic Violence Training Announcement

*The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will feature:*

*Peter Gorski, M.D., M.P.A.*

The Effects of Trauma on Children's Bio-behavioral Development

*Stacy Kratz, M.S.W. and Mark Lauver, M.A.*

Stress....Keeping the Balance

*Jennifer Street, M.S.W.*

Safety and Technology for Survivors of Domestic Violence

*Frieda Widera, M.A.*

Domestic Violence: Moving Beyond the Basics

and keynote speaker

*The Honorable Herbert J. Baumann, Jr.*

**Wednesday, October 22<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Alfano Conference Center, 11606 McKinley Dr., Tampa, FL 33612**

**Low Fee: \$15 includes free lunch and 6 free CEU's**

**Online Registration <http://2008dvconference.eventbrite.com>**

**Questions: Laura Rice (813) 272-5140 x 3106 or Kristina Roberts (813) 490-9406**

CEU's courtesy of the Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County  
(Provider # 50-7820 Exp. 03/31/2009): for Florida: Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Mental Health Counselors, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Psychologists, Limited Licensed Psychologists & School Psychologists



**It's the color of rage that leads to vicious attacks,  
broken bones and violent death.**

## **SEE RED**

The violence stops now.

Please join us as we kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month by visually unveiling SEE RED. SEE RED is a community awareness program created to captivate, educate and motivate passers-by to stop the batterer and stop the violence.

As SEE RED is unveiled, a domestic violence survivor will share her personal story.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 1, 2008  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Joe Chillura Courthouse Square, Corner of Morgan and Kennedy  
(Across the street from County Center & Courthouse)  
Tampa, Florida 33602

For additional information, please e-mail Dan McLean at [dmclean@robertscommunications.com](mailto:dmclean@robertscommunications.com)

**PLEASE HELP!** During the event, we will be collecting any used or unwanted cell phones and accessories for HopeLine. HopeLine recycles and refurbishes phones to raise money for domestic violence initiatives.

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**If you know someone that needs help, please call:  
800-I-SEE-RED**

*You are cordially invited to attend the*

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

*Sponsored by the*

CHILDREN'S BOARD OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
UNITED WAY OF GREATER TAMPA BAY  
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

**WHEN:** 1:00pm—5:00 pm 10/03/2008

**WHERE:** Children's Board of Hillsborough County  
1002 E Palm Avenue  
Tampa, Florida 33605

We are proud to announce the 2nd Annual Community Legislative Summit. Join members of the community as they discuss and prioritize legislative and policy issues for 2009.

To submit an issue, go to:

[http://www.childrensboard.org/citizens/2008\\_summit.aspx](http://www.childrensboard.org/citizens/2008_summit.aspx)

To register, go to:

<http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?4W,M3,efe7eac3-e269-4572-859d-83a59246cfa6>

**Register today!**

For More Information go to [www.childrensboard.org](http://www.childrensboard.org)  
or phone or email Amy Petrilu at 813-204-1795 ~ [apetrilu@childrensboard.org](mailto:apetrilu@childrensboard.org)





**The Jewish Alliance to End Domestic Abuse and  
Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services**

**Presents: Jackson Katz, Ed.M.**

**November 13, 2008 9:00-12:00 pm (3 CEUs)**

**14041 Icot Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33760**

**Contact: Paul Cline (727) 479-1826 or [pcline@gcifs.org](mailto:pcline@gcifs.org)**

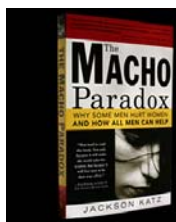
**to signup for this FREE Event! Seating is Limited!**

**"More Than a Few Good Men":**

***Strategies for Inspiring Men and Boys to be Allies in Gender  
Violence Prevention***

In Jackson Katz's professional trainings, participants will:

- Learn new strategies for involving boys and men in gender violence prevention efforts.
- Be introduced to the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) model for gender violence, bullying and gay-bashing prevention.
- Through a series of language exercises, learn new ways to think, talk and write about gender violence.
- Be introduced to racially and ethnically sensitive, and culturally competent, ways to approach gender violence prevention, rather than through a one-size-fits-all approach.
- Learn how to apply critical media literacy skills to gender violence prevention efforts.
- Gain new insights about the relationship between gender violence and other pressing social problems, such as youth violence, gang violence, homelessness, alcohol, methamphetamine and other forms of substance abuse, and the transmission of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS.



Jackson Katz, Ed.M. is the author of: ***"The Macho Paradox, Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help."***

## 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 FREE CEU's\*\*\*

*October 8, 2008 from 1pm to 4pm, October 24 from 9am to noon*

**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. \*\*\*3 FREE CEU's\*\*\*

*November 12, 2008 from 1pm to 4pm, December 5, 2008 from 9am to noon*

**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 FREE CEU's\*\*\*

*January 14, 2009 from 1pm to 4 pm, January 23, 2009 from 9am to noon*

**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*

**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*

**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*

**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. \*\*\*3 FREE CEU's\*\*\*

*May 13, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, May 22, 2009 from 9am to noon*

**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 FREE CEU's\*\*\*

*June 10, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, June 26, 2009 from 9am to noon*

**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*

**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.

\*\*\*3 FREECEU's\*\*\*

*August 12, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm, August 28, 2009 from 9am to noon*

**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. \*\*\*3 FREE CEU's\*\*\*

## About the Series

**The Child Welfare/Domestic Violence Training series is designed for all staff who work 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.com](http://www.centerforchildwelfare.com) 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.fjchc.org](http://www.fjchc.org), go to the main site and click “events” to register. Registration is free, CEU’s are available for courses indicated above.**