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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

## Community Meetings

- ❖ **FJC Partner Council** Meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month. This month's meeting will be on September 24 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 September 17 at 9 am at the Family Justice Center. Contact Kristina Roberts at [kroberts@fjchc.org](mailto:kroberts@fjchc.org) with any questions.
- ❖ **Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force Committee Meetings:**
  - ❖ **Project L.A.U.R.A.:** Contact: Roseanne Cupoli at [rocupoli@thespring.org](mailto:rocupoli@thespring.org) or 813-247-5433.
  - ❖ **Pet Shelter Committee:** September 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 9/10 at 1 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:** September 11, 12 noon at the Quiznoes Sandwich Shop on the corner of Bearss and Florida Ave. Contact Jennifer Street at [jstreet@fjchc.org](mailto:jstreet@fjchc.org) or 813-935-2015.

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- ✧ **Conference Planning Committee:** Contact Laura Rice: [ricel@mhcinc.org](mailto:ricel@mhcinc.org) or 813-272-5140 ext. 3106.
- ✧ **Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team:** While the mission of the Family Justice Center is to improve the lives of family violence victims through community collaboration and the provision of comprehensive services in a single location, it is also important that we serve as advocates for systemic change. The Family Justice Center continues to provide leadership in our community around domestic violence issues. We were integral in bringing concerns about how domestic violence is handled in the child welfare system to the forefront, and staff continue to serve in a leadership role around this issue.



FJC staff have also taken the lead in starting a Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team in Hillsborough County. Similar teams meet in communities around the Country, with a focus on collecting data and so that we can learn from this horrible incident. The data is important so that we can track trends, and see how Hillsborough County compares with the rest of the State and Country. It is important to look at the incident, and where the victim may have reached out for help. We need to be sure “the system” is working together as well as possible. I say that in quotes, because the system is made up of people in a variety of professions all doing the very best they know how to do. In spite of that, there are always things we can do better, and this is the reason we go through this exercise.

The **Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force** members have taken a lead role in both of the projects described above. If you would like to get involved in the Task Force, please come to the meeting on **September 11 at 10:30 at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay**. The meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every other month (odd numbered months).



### 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@fjchc.org](mailto:info@fjchc.org) for further information.



### 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 & programs
- 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@fjchc.org](mailto:ndaniels@fjchc.org).

#### Welcome to FJC's New Receptionist!

Please join me in welcoming **Yashira Argudo** as the afternoon Receptionist at the FJC. She began on August 13, 2008, and we are very excited to have her.

## FJC Training Academy

### **Nuts And Bolts: The Basics of Domestic Violence Advocacy Training (12 CEU's)** **September 8th and 9th or October 6th and 7th** **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** **September 15th 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.

### **American Sign Language**

#### **August 13th through October 15th from 3-4 pm**

Beginning Wednesday, August 13th, 2008, American Sign Language Classes will be offered from 3-4 pm for 10 weeks at The Family Justice Center. Classes are taught by The Deaf Service Bureau. These classes are free to all FJC staff, volunteers, and onsite/off-site partners. If you are not a partner or staff/volunteer of FJC, please contact The Deaf Services Bureau for further registration information, 800-616-4293.

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



## Other Community Announcements

### SAIN's Training Need Assessment

For the past several years, the Sexual Abuse Intervention Network (SAIN) of Hillsborough County has offered the community a conference focusing on treating youth with sexual behavior problems and their families. As some of you may already know, SAIN has decided not to do its' annual conference this year due to the National Adolescent Perpetrators Network's (NAPN) annual conference coming to Tampa. SAIN will act as Site Coordinator for the NAPN conference and they expect up to 600 people from all over the country, as well as other countries, to attend the conference.

SAIN has decided instead to offer a Training Series which will provide 3-4 smaller trainings targeted to different professions in Hillsborough County. Some examples of these professions would be Clinical/Therapist, Law Enforcement/ Legal, Education and Foster Care/ Adoption. We are conducting a very brief (**under 5 minutes**) survey to assess the interest level in specific topics and presenters relating to youth with sexual behavior problems. The trainings will be free or very low cost and we are interested in hearing from as many professionals in Hillsborough County as possible. Please contact Kristina Roberts with any questions at (813) 490-9406 or at [kroberts@fjchc.org](mailto:kroberts@fjchc.org).

Please follow the link to take the survey:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=xVBDW/zgfzaDorDgrLO8ZUQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=xVBDW/zgfzaDorDgrLO8ZUQ_3d_3d)

Please note, the survey will close on **September 15<sup>th</sup>**.



### 5th Annual Achievements Against Domestic Violence Award

Each year, the Achievements Against Domestic Violence Award is presented at the Stop the Violence Training held in Tampa during October, as a part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This training is held through a collaboration between the Circuit 13 Juvenile Justice Board and the Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force with great support of the Family Justice Center. Nominations for this award are being accepted on the attached form and we are asking that they be turned into to Richard Rolfes by September 26th, 2008.



*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)  
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