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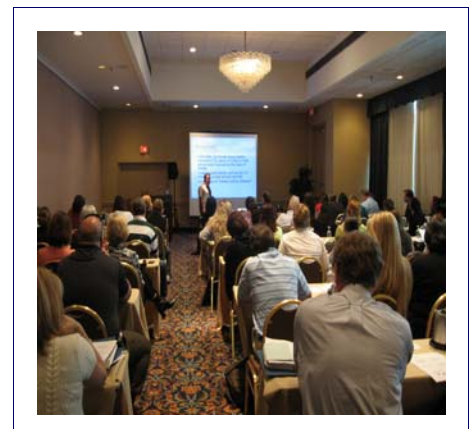
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The mission of the Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County is to improve the lives of family violence victims through community collaboration and the provision of comprehensive services in a single location.

2008 SAIN & FATSA Conference

On March 27-29, 2008, The Sexual Abuse Intervention Network (SAIN) held its annual conference titled “Preventing Sexual Abuse: Advances in the Evaluation and Treatment of Youthful and Adult Sexual Abusers” at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Tampa. Experts in the fields of Child Sexual Abuse and Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems presented several in depth workshops to over 300 therapists, psychologists, social workers, and other service providers. The presenters covered topics such as risk assessment, female sex offenders, internet pornography, utilizing cognitive behavior therapy, evaluation of the sexual behavior problems of individuals with intellectual deficits, and the Adam Walsh Act for Adult and Juvenile Sex Offenders. This is a very specialized area of evaluation and treatment that not many clinicians are willing to work with, but those who do, have a great dedication to helping those individuals deal with their problem behaviors and in turn making them a safer part of our community .



Community Meetings

- ✧ **FJC Partner Council Meetings** are held the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 30th, 2008 at 9:00am 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:** April 15, 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 Reform, date TBA. Contact Family Justice Center, Nikki Daniels at ndaniels@fjchc.org or 813-490-9401.
- ✧ **Community Education & Awareness Committee:** April 10, 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 Committee:** April 15, 2008, 3pm, 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 helping us organize the clothing room and storage room!
- ✧ FJC is always looking for people who are willing to share their time and volunteer to help those who we serve with: **guest care, child-care, 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)

April 7th and 8th (FJC 101-401), or May 5th, and 6th , 2008 (FJC 101-401) from 8:30am-5:00pm each day

*In addition to these dates the FJC 101, and FJC 201 (day 1 of the 2 day training) will also be offered on Saturday April 19th.

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 April 15th, 2008 from 9:00am-12:00noon, or May 13th, 2008 from 3:30pm-6:30pm

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 April 21st from 8:30 am-12pm

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

“Teen Dating Violence: What You Should Know”

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

Thursday, April 17th, 2008 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in the Conference room.

Presented by Elizabeth Miller, MD, PhD, assistant professor in pediatrics, UC Davis School of Medicine; Juley Fulcher, Esq., Director of Programs, Break the Cycle, Washington, DC; Barri Rosenbluth, LCSW, School-based services director, SafePlace in Austin, Texas.

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.

The FJC Training
Academy is made
possible by the
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Hillsborough
County.



FJC Training Academy

“Children with Sexual Acting Out Behaviors”

April 8th, June 10th, Aug. 12th, Oct. 14th 9am-11am at the FJC "Children with Sexual Acting Out Behaviors" is a free, two-hour, introductory course for professionals working with children, sponsored by the Sexual Abuse Intervention Network. This course enables participants to distinguish between normal and problematic sexual behaviors in children. Topics including characteristics of sexually abusive youth, defining childhood sexual abuse, strategies for preventing further victimization and the legal process in Hillsborough County are also covered in this course.

Licensed mental health providers (LCSW, LMHC, LMFT and Psychologists) can receive 2 Continuing Education Credits through the Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County Provider #50-7820 (expires 3/2009).

Registration: The Training Academy is free thanks to the support of the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County. Please register for any of the trainings online: <http://www.fjchc.org/public/events.html>. For any questions, please call Kristina Roberts, the SAIN Coordinator at 813-490-9406.

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

“April is Child Abuse Prevention Month”

- ✦ The **Keeping Kids Safe Partnership**, under leadership of the Children’s Board is launching the Prevent Child Abuse America’s “Winds of Change” Campaign. This Public Awareness campaign is designed to shift the focus from the problem of child abuse to the solution of effective supportive resources for all parents who will ultimately prevent child abuse from occurring. The “Winds of Change” Pinwheels will be a visible sign displayed by many agencies around the community to symbolize support for this cause.



Color a Pinwheel and show your support.

- ✦ Meet **“Chaz”** our resident Therapist Extraordinaire, who is a 4 year old King Charles Spaniel, and is the adoptive son of Jennifer Street our Program Coordinator at the FJC. Chaz joins the children’s reading group on Thursday mornings with the “K9-Can” program to provide some comfort and support to the little guests that come to the FJC.



Announcements

- ❖ **Kids on the Block** from the **Child Abuse Council** made a special appearance at the SAIN meeting in March to talk about child sexual abuse. The participants were delighted to learn how this friendly school age program teaches children about this issue and how to get help.



- ❖ **Domestic Violence Prevention Classes and Anger Management Classes** 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/>

- ❖ New feature starting next month "**Agency Highlight**", so be the first to send in your agency's information so it can be highlighted for the month. Please e-mail me 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-

If someone is considering leaving a violent relationship, it is imperative that they make plans for the safest way to leave. A **SAFETY PLAN** is the first step. - (from the HCDVTF Quick Guide to Victim Services). Visit www.fjchc.org for more information.



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