# 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.**

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**M-Th 8am –8pm**
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## Community Meetings

- **FJC Partner Council** Meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month. This month's meeting will be on August 27 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 August 20 at 9 am at the Family Justice Center. Contact Kristina Roberts at kroberts@fjchc.org with any questions.
- **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, September 11th, 2008 at 10:30am, at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay.
- **Hillsoborough County Domestic Violence Task Force Committee Meetings:**
- **Project L.A.U.R.A:** Contact: Pat Kolanko-Brown at Patricia.Kolanko-brown@macdill.af.mil or 813-827-9172.
- **Pet Shelter Committee:** September 11th, at 3:30pm, Spring Administration, Contact Jim Brace at jbbrace@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.
- **Community Education & Awareness Committee**: August 14th, 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

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## Community Meetings

- **DV and Child Welfare Training Workgroup** will meet on August 25 from 3 to 5 pm at the Family Justice Center. This group is working on improving the coordination of both systems when families involved in the child welfare system are also impacted by domestic violence. At this meeting, a draft of a newly developed cross-system assessment tool will be presented. The Training Workgroup will also present their list of trainings that would comprise the "Cross-System Training Series," which will be open for feedback. We will discuss next steps for both of these workgroups, as well as the Public Group as a whole. All are welcome, please RSVP to ndaniels@fjchc.org .
- **Conference Planning Committee:** Contact Laura Rice: ricel@mhcinc.org or 813-272-5140 ext. 3106.

**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 for further information.**

## Position Announcement
## Program Coordinator
## Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County

**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.

**Welcome to FJC's New Community Outreach/ Education Coordinator!**
Please join me in welcoming **Mona Cruz** (formerly Fergus) as the new Community Outreach and Education Coordinator at the FJC. She will begin on September 8, and we are very excited to have her. She comes to us with wonderful experience, having worked with the Boston Police Department at the FJC in Boston, the Department of Social Services in Massachusetts and most recently as an Advocate/ Educator at USF. Welcome Mona!

## 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
## August 18th 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
## August 12th or 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.**

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