

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.

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. ***3 CEU's***

*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- HCSO/CPID*

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 Silverstein– 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: Danielle Mercuri, Camille Francis and Angela Torres– 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*

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
Facilitator: Daniel Hersey

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.