

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.

Partner Council Meeting

Partner Meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2007 at 9:00am in the FJC Conference room.

FJC Open House

Open House is scheduled for October 9, 2007 from 3:00-6:00pm. Governor Charlie Crist has been invited to speak. The program will begin at 4:30.



Please join us as we celebrate our first year of providing services to families experiencing domestic violence.

Let us know you are planning to attend by registering online at <http://www.fjchc.org/public/events.html>

Partner Update

Deaf Services Bureau has a counselor onsite to serve the needs of hearing-impaired persons with issues involving domestic violence. If you have questions please contact tina@deafservicebureau.org.

Wheels of Success improved the lives of families during their Labor Day car give away event. To learn more about this agency and their program requirements visit them online at www.wheelsofsuccess.org.

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In The News

- ✧ Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force is hosting the 3rd annual Stop the Violence Conference on October 26, 2007 from 8:00-4:30. Register Online <http://dvconference.eventbrite.com>
- ✧ United Way's "Day of Caring" will occur on October 18, 2007. FJC has submitted a proposal to have our group rooms and hallways painted. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for your agency visit them on the web at www.volunteertampabay.com or call Michelle at (727) 507-6911.

FJC Staff, Partners, and Guests truly appreciate our Volunteers and Interns. They could donate their time anywhere, but they chose FJC. We thank you for all that you do!



Interns

- ✧ FJC is proud to welcome Deneal our new intern from USF! Deneal is pursuing a degree in social work, while also participating in the Northside Mental Health Center Wrap Around Program, which is designed to teach life skills to children with behavioral challenges. She plans to receive her BSW in December 2007 at upon completion she will begin working on her MSW. Under the supervision of the FJC Program Coordinator, interns gain valuable experience working closely with FJC Guests.
- ✧ If you know social work student interested in an internship with FJC please contact the Program Coordinator at info@fjhc.org.

Volunteer News

- ✧ An FJC Volunteer could be just what you need. Our volunteers can help onsite partners with paperwork, data entry, filing, research, and special projects or events. For more information contact the Community Outreach Coordinator info@fjhc.org.
- ✧ We are continually recruiting new volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who is interested, applications are located on the FJC website www.fjhc.org/public/potentialvolunteers.html.
- ✧ FJC Welcomes New Volunteers!
 - Renata volunteers in the children's room, sorts donations, and she helps to keep the facility looking professional with occasional touch painting.
 - Mike is an attorney that volunteers to assist Guests with the completion of the Injunction Paperwork.
 - Brittany assists our administrative staff with guest care.
 - Katie volunteers in the children room.
 - Bethany assists Wheels of Success with administrative work.

FJC Training Academy

October 9, 2007 from 9:00am-11:00am

Children with Sexual Acting Out Behaviors (2 CEU's)

This is a two hour introductory course for professionals working with children. This course enables participants to distinguish between normal and problematic sexual behaviors in children. Topics include characteristics of sexually abusive youth, defining childhood sexual abuse, strategies for preventing further victimization, and the legal process in Hillsborough County.

Remaining 2007 Dates: November 13th December 11th

October 22, 2007 from 8:30am-12:00pm

FJC Orientation

This training is an orientation to cover the basic operational procedures of the FJC as well as vital safety policies and procedures. In addition, this training will cover the FJC phone system, equipment (fax, copy, etc), computer system, and scheduling procedure between agencies. This training is required for On-Site Partner Agency Staff, Interns, and new FJC staff. Training is held in the FJC Video Conferencing Room.

Remaining 2007 Dates: November 19th December-No training

October 23, 2007 from 9:00am-12:00pm

Helping Hands: Volunteer Training

This training 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.

Remaining 2007 Dates: November 20th December-No training

October 23, 2007 from 1:30pm-5:00pm

A Gift of Presence: Interfaith Chaplaincy Training (2 CEU's)

This training for clergy and lay people on the complex issues of providing spiritual support to victims of domestic violence. Training addresses the key faith issues a domestic violence victim may face and teaches clergy how to offer victim-center support that focuses on safety, it also addresses the issue of providing the Gift of Presence in a non-sectarian, non-proselytizing fashion. While this class is designed for clergy that serve as Chaplains in the FJC Interfaith Chaplaincy Program anyone in the faith community is welcome to attend. This training will be held in the FJC Video Conferencing Room.

Remaining 2007 Dates: November 20th , December -No training

October 29th & 30th from 8:30am-5:00pm

Nut And Bolts: The Basics of Domestic Violence Advocacy (12 CEU's)

This is a four part, 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.

Remaining 2007 Dates: November 26th- 27th , December- No Training

Registration: The Training Academy is free. Please register online:

<http://www.fjchc.org/public/events.html>

Trainings To Go: All trainings offered by FJC Training Academy can be brought to your agency on a day and time convenient for you and your staff, contact info@fjchc.org.



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





Get Plugged In

- ❖ 13th Judicial Circuit <http://www.fljud13.org>
- ❖ Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence <http://www.fcadv.org/>
- ❖ Florida Department of Health <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/>
- ❖ Florida State Courts <http://www.flcourts.org/>
- ❖ Office of the Attorney General of Florida <http://myfloridalegal.com/>

Onsite Partner Agencies

- ❖ ACCESS Florida
- ❖ Bay Area Legal Services
- ❖ Bethany's Group
- ❖ Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- ❖ Centre for Women
- ❖ Child Abuse Council
- ❖ Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County
- ❖ Deaf Service Bureau of West Central Florida
- ❖ Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office, Inc. (DACCO)
- ❖ Family of Humanity, Inc.
- ❖ Family Advocacy Program/MacDill Air Force Base
- ❖ Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.
- ❖ Hillsborough County Health and Human Services Department
- ❖ Hillsborough County Department of Children's Services
- ❖ Hispanic Services Council
- ❖ Northside Mental Health Center
- ❖ The Spring of Tampa Bay, Inc.
- ❖ State Attorney's Office, Hillsborough County, 13th Judicial Circuit
- ❖ Tampa Community Health Centers
- ❖ Wheels of Success

Off Site Partner Agencies

- ❖ APPLE Trauma Response Center for Children and Adults
- ❖ Catholic Charities
- ❖ Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
- ❖ Children's Justice Center
- ❖ City of Tampa Police Department
- ❖ Crisis Center of Tampa Bay
- ❖ Dress for Success
- ❖ Elder Justice Center
- ❖ Equality Florida
- ❖ Even Start
- ❖ Florida Department of Corrections
- ❖ God's Pedal Power
- ❖ Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners
- ❖ Hillsborough County Criminal Justice Liaison
- ❖ Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force
- ❖ Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
- ❖ James and Jennifer Harrell Center for the Study of Family Violence at the USF College of Public Health
- ❖ Metropolitan Ministries
- ❖ Office of the Attorney General, State of FL
- ❖ Plant City Police Department
- ❖ Positive Spin
- ❖ Salvation Army Correctional Services
- ❖ San Diego Family Justice Center Foundation
- ❖ School District of Hillsborough County
- ❖ Tampa Police Department
- ❖ Temple Terrace Police Department
- ❖ U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of FL
- ❖ USF Advocacy Program
- ❖ USF Police Department