

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.

Yes, It Is True! The Family Justice Center is extremely excited to announce that its doors will remain OPEN!

Thanks to the vision and commitment of Children's Board of Hillsborough County, Inc., who in an emergency meeting voted unanimously to provide the necessary funding for the FJC to remain open until September 2008.



Community Meetings

- ✧ **FJC Partner Council** Meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27th, 2008 at 9:00am in the FJC Conference room.
- ✧ Volunteer Administrators are encouraged to join the **Hillsborough Association of Volunteer Administrators, HAVA!** Meeting's occur the 3rd Friday of every month at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay from 9:00am-10:30am. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15th, 2008.
- ✧ **Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force** Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for February 14th, 2008 at 10:30am, at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay.

Announcements

We want to thank everyone in the community who during a time of uncertainty at the FJC, provided us with so much strength, and great moral support by calling us, sending e-mails, sending prayers, and voicing their concerns at every turn. This community is strong and made up of outstanding citizens and organizations, that is why we are proud to be of service and be a part of it!

Volunteer News



- ✧ FJC is looking for a **Community Volunteer** to assist in coordinating volunteer schedules and activities. Think you're up for the challenge? Contact the Community Outreach Coordinator at info@fjhc.org.
- ✧ **“Helping Hands: Volunteering in the FJC” next training is Tuesday February 26th from 3:30pm-6:30pm**
- ✧ An FJC Volunteer could be just what you need. Our volunteers can help On-Site Partners with paperwork, data entry, filing, research, and special projects or events. If you need volunteers please contact the Community Outreach Coordinator info@fjhc.org.
- ✧ Advertise your volunteer positions on www.volunteermatch.com.



Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force

The Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force is 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@fjhc.org.

FJC Training Academy

February 4th-8th is “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week”

Did you know?...

Between 12% -35% of teens have experienced some form of violence in a relationship from pushing and shoving to hitting.



If you would like to learn more about Teen Dating Violence, the impact on victims, and more resources, join us for a very informative training on Tuesday February 26th, 2008 from 10:00-11:00 am. **Registration:** This training is free. Please register online: <http://www.fjhc.org/public/events.html>.

FJC Training Academy

"Children with Sexual Acting Out Behaviors"

February 12th, April 8th, June 10th, August 12th, October 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. 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.

**February 4th and 5th, and March 3rd and 4th, 2008
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.

**February 26, and March 11th, 2008 from 3:30pm-6:30pm
Helping Hands: Volunteering in the FJC 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.

Registration: The Training Academy is free. Please register for any of the trainings online: <http://www.fjchc.org/public/events.html>. For any questions please call Laura Green, Community Outreach Coordinator at 813-490-9428.

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.

**Sexual
Abuse
Intervention
Network**

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



2008 SAIN & FATSA Conference

The Hillsborough County Sexual Abuse Intervention Network (SAIN) and the Florida Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (FATSA) are pleased to announce the 2008 Annual Conference and Post Conference **“Preventing Sexual Abuse: Advances in the Evaluation and Treatment of Youthful and Adult Sexual Abusers”** to be held in Tampa, Florida, March 27, 28 and 29, 2008.

The 2008 conference is designed to focus on clinical skills in the evaluation and treatment of youth with sexual behavior problems and adult sex offenders. This event will be an opportunity to explore innovative treatment strategies, treatment of youth in the legal system, risk assessment, and family involvement. FATSA will also be hosting a one-day post conference series of workshops primarily focused on adult risk assessment. For information go to www.hillsboroughsain.org or call (813) 490-9406.



Support Groups

The following Free Support Groups are taking place at the FJC:

- ❖ **Survivors of Domestic Violence** (English)- Mondays at 6:15-7:30 pm. Facilitated by the Spring of Tampa Bay. 813-490-9411.
- ❖ **Grupo de Apoyo para sobrevivientes de Violencia Doméstica** (Español)- Jueves a las 9:30-11:00 am. Facilitado por el Spring de Tampa Bay. 813-490-9411.
- ❖ **Domestic Violence Prevention/Intervention Class** (English)- This is a class required by HKI/HCSO. Thursdays at 6:30-7:45 pm. Facilitated by the Spring of Tampa Bay. 813-490-9411.
- ❖ **Domestic Violence Support Group for Teens ages 13-17** (English)- Thursdays at 5:00-6:30 pm. Facilitated by Hillsborough County Department of Children’s Services. 813-490-9416.
- ❖ **Life Changing Support Group** (English)- Every other Monday at 6:30-7:45 pm. 813-490-9440.
- ❖ **Parent Empowerment and Violence Prevention** (English)- Tuesdays at 5:30-7:30pm. Facilitated by Life Changing Consultants. Starts 1-8-08. 813-490-9440.
- ❖ **Parent Education Group by Big Brothers Big Sisters** (English)- Monthly at 6:00-7:30pm. Call 813-769-3624 for specific dates.

If you would like to register for any of these groups, please call the FJC at (813) 935-2015.

NOW IN SPANISH!—AHORA EN ESPAÑOL!



The Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County is proud to announce the second edition of its newsletter in **Spanish!**

¡El Centro de Justicia para La Familia está muy orgulloso de anunciar la segunda edición de su Boletín de Noticias en **Español!**

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