

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.

Volunteers give their best gift, TIME!

As the Family Justice Center strives to provide a safe and comforting environment for victims of domestic violence and their families, we can only achieve this successfully with the help of our partners, and our most important resource: **VOLUNTEERS!** This month the FJC has been immensely fortunate to have been able to welcome a group of very energetic and community minded employees from **PricewaterhouseCoopers** (www.pwc.com). PricewaterhouseCoopers provides industry-focused assurance, tax and advisory services to build public trust and enhance value for its clients and their stakeholders through more than 146,000 people in 150 countries. Though they are a definitely a very busy group, the employees of PWC made time to give back to the community, and a group of twelve women from different departments spent Friday the 27th of June painting the hallways of the FJC. Their amazing work is now a permanent part of the FJC. As if that was not enough, they had set up a collection of clothing and toys at their offices during the month of June, and have collected a great amount of donations for the FJC families. **Thank you PWC for your immense gift of time and dedication!!!**



Volunteer News

- ✧ FJC also wants to extend a warm **THANK YOU** to our volunteers who have helped with childcare, administrative tasks, the clothes closet and so much more! Thanks to Gabe, Ashley, Arline, Aden, Quianna, Jennifer, and Eileen.
- ✧ **Summer is here and FJC is an APPROVED** Hillsborough County Public Schools appropriate Community Service Site for high school students in need of community service hours for Florida Academic Scholars Award - Bright Futures. <http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/involvement/index.asp>. If you know a student that is outgoing, responsible, and sensitive to the issues that face our clients please direct them to an volunteer application located on the FJC website www.fjchc.org/public/potentialvolunteers.html. FJC is always looking for people to volunteer. Please Visit www.fjchc.org/public/potentialvolunteers.html for more information.

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Community Meetings



- ❖ **FJC Partner Council Meetings** are held the last Wednesday of every month. **There is an important change for this month:** A Developmental Screening and Resource Fair is being hosted by the Child Abuse Council at the FJC on Aug. 6th from 9am-1pm. The Partners present for the June Partner Council **voted to cancel the July 30th regular meeting and meet the following Wednesday, Aug 6th for the Resource Fair** 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 July 10th, 2008 at 10:30am, at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay.
- ❖ **HCDVTF Committee Meetings:**
- ❖ **Project L.A.U.R.A:** July 21st, 2008, 3-4pm, at the FJC, Contact: Pat Kolanko-Brown at Patricia.Kolanko-brown@macdill.af.mil or 813-827-9172.
- ❖ **Pet Shelter Committee:** July 10th, at 3:30pm, Spring Administration, Contact Jim Brace at jbrace@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.
- ❖ **DV and Child Welfare Training Workgroup:** working on identifying training gaps in DV and Child Welfare systems to address issues that impact families that suffer from dual maltreatment. This would allow for the development of a series of trainings or cross systems training to fill those gaps, and provide appropriate services as a community of providers. This group is meeting on Aug. 8th, 1pm at FJC, Contact Laura Green at lgreen@fjchc.org or 813-490-9428.
- ❖ **Assessment Tool Workgroup:** Working on a multisystem Assessment Tool for different providers to use with families and identify Domestic Violence issues. Contact Jennifer Hock at jhock@hcsotampa.fl.us
- ❖ **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
- ❖ **Conference Planning Committee:** July 21st, 2008, 2:00pm, Family Justice Center, Laura Rice: ricel@mhcinc.org or 813-272-5140 ext. 3106.



FJC Training Academy

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

July 7th, and 8th, or August 4th and 5th 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.

Helping Hands: Volunteering in the FJC Training July 15th, 2008 from 3:30-6:30pm, or July 22nd, 2008 from 9am-12pm

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.

FJC Orientation for new On-Site Partners July 21st from 8:30 am-12pm

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

“Safety Planning” Training

July 31st, 2008 from 10-12pm at the FJC

A Safety Plan may be one of the most important tools to develop with a victim of Domestic Violence whether they are staying or getting ready to leave the abusive relationship. Come and learn its need, importance, how to develop one, how to adapt as circumstances change, and the latest technology abusers use to track their victims.

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 Children's Board of Hillsborough County.



Announcements

6/30/2008

Dear FJC Newsletter Recipients,

Many of you are aware by now that I have submitted my resignation as the Program Coordinator of the Family Justice Center. I wish that I could share with each and every one of you how important you are to me and how much I treasure this agency and all of the programs that make FJC possible. Hopefully, those of you who know me already understand how much I care for you and this program.

I do not have the time and space in the newsletter to share with you everything that was written in the letter sent out to our staff and partners, but I am willing to share with each of you anything you would like to know about this decision. Please know that this has been one of the two most difficult decisions I have ever made. I am not leaving FJC to take a position with another agency. I am leaving FJC to follow a long-time dream which has recently started to become a reality and now interferes with my responsibilities at FJC. I care about this program and our guests too much to be here only half-heartedly when I am really longing to follow my dream.

With that said, we will begin today accepting resumes for the position of FJC Program Coordinator. This position requires at least a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, with a Masters in a related field preferred, but not required. This position is a Supervisory position that coordinates all on-site services, partner needs, client needs and emergencies, as well as supervising and training a team of Service Specialist and social work interns. Interested candidates should forward their resume via e-mail to Nikki Daniels, FJC Executive Director, at ndaniels@fjchc.org

Thank you for allowing me to be part of such an amazing organization.

With Deepest Affection,

Jennifer Street, M.S.W.

Program Coordinator, Family Justice Center

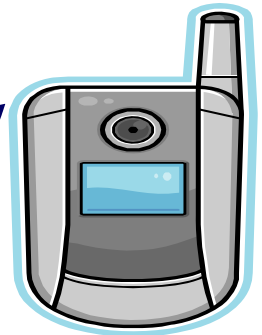
- ✧ A **Developmental Screening and Resource Fair** is being hosted by the Child Abuse Council at the FJC for FJC Partners' clients on Aug. 6th from 9am-1pm. FJC Partners are asked to sign up for a table (24 available), and are highly encouraged to invite clients. The screenings will be for children ages 4 months to 5 years old. For more information please contact Georgina Yeagley at the CAC at gyeagley@cachillsborough.com
- ✧ The **Keeping Kids Safe Partnership** lead by the Children's Board of Hillsborough County will hold its next meeting at 2:00pm on August 7th, 2008 at the Children's Board offices. The partnership is in the process of developing the contents for the launch of its new website to help parents easily find resources for them and their families in a safe, and comfortable setting to promote positive parenting. For more information, please contact Martha Guzman at mguzman@childrensboard.org or 813-229-2884.

Announcements

***SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH-
“911 Cell Phones”***

Please share this information with your friends, family, and clients.

As we all get new cell phones, as technology advances or we damage our old ones, we buy new ones and discard the old ones. Since we can't really sell them, we usually end up leaving them in a drawer or place where we don't see them anymore. What many people don't know is that by donating your old cell phones to the FJC you could be saving someone's life. Old cell phones that do not have phone service can still be charged and used to call 911 in an emergency. The FJC along with its partners will give these phones to victims of domestic violence so they can call and stay safe even when they don't have cell phone service.



✦ The FJC is participating in a Cell Phone Collection Program to help the DVTF help victims with 911 phones. Please donate your old/used cell phones with their chargers to the FJC. For questions, please call the FJC at 813-935-2015.

Visit www.fjchc.org for more information on Domestic Violence.



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TAMBIÉN EN ESPAÑOL!**

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