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M-Th 8am –8pm
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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.

David Mandel emphasized that “We must hold the batterers accountable...”

On February 8th, 2008 David Mandel, MA presented a training at the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County to over 100 service providers, where he made sure all who were present understood the importance of “holding the batterers accountable”...but not just in the way we have always thought...

David Mandel explained how we must develop responsible case plans for the batterers and not only the non-offending parent. He spoke about the right way to document the batterer’s interference with the non-offending parent’s case plans, and to properly document the efforts of the parent trying to protect the children. This approach is one that many service providers in the county hope will strengthen efforts between Child Welfare and Domestic Violence Advocates.



Community Meetings

- ❖ **FJC Partner Council** Meetings are held the last Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 26th, 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 Friday 21st, 2008.
- ❖ **Hillsborough County Domestic Violence Task Force** Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 13th, 2008 at 10:30am, at the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay.

Volunteer News



✧ FJC is always looking for people who are willing to share their time and volunteer to help those who we serve with: **guest care, childcare, data entry, administrative duties, maintenance, legal, interpreting, etc.**

✧ **“Helping Hands: Volunteering in the FJC” next training is Tuesday March 11th from 3:30pm-6:30pm**

To register, please go to <http://www.fjchc.org/public/events.html>. For questions, please call Laura Green, Community Outreach Coordinator at 813-490-9428 or e-mail at lgreen@fjchc.org

✧ FJC is looking for a volunteer to assist with **Volunteer Coordinating** duties including volunteer schedules and activities. Think you’re up for the challenge? Contact Laura Green, COC at lgreen@fjchc.org.

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@fjchc.org.



FJC Training Academy

“Children with Sexual Acting Out Behaviors”

April 8th, June 10th, Aug. 12th, Oct. 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.



FJC Training Academy

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

April 7th and 8th (FJC 101-401), or May 5th, and 6th, 2008 (FJC 101-401) from 8:30am-5:00pm each day

*In addition to these dates the FJC 101, and FJC 201 will also be offered on March 13th, or April 19th.

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 March 11th, or April 15th, 2008 from 3:30pm-6:30pm

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. This training will be held in the FJC Video Conferencing Room.

FJC Orientation for new On-Site Partners March 17th, or April 21st from 8:30 am-12pm

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

Motivational Interviewing (MI): Strategies to more effectively interview women and adolescent survivors of domestic abuse.

Jewish Women's International - National Alliance to End Domestic Violence Tele-conference Training hosted by the Family Justice Center:

Thursday, March 20th, 2008 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in the Conference room.

Join **Kathleen Sciacca**, MA, international consultant, clinician, trainer, author, and Executive Director of the Sciacca Comprehensive Service Development for Mental Illness, Drug Addiction and Alcoholism for a 90-minute seminar.

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 lgreen@fjchc.org.

Daylight Savings Time
begins

Sunday 3-9-08, so
don't forget to Spring
forward one hour!



Have a "Happy
St. Patrick's Day" on
3-17-08

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



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2008 SAIN & FATSA Conference

“Preventing Sexual Abuse: Advances in the Evaluation and Treatment of Youthful and Adult Sexual Abusers”

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 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 the (SAIN) website at www.hillsboroughsain.org or call (813) 490-9406.



Announcements

✧ “March is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month”

For local assistance for this issue, please call 211, 24 hours a day or visit www.enditnow.gov for more information from the Office on Violence Against Women.



✧ Welcome to **Susan Harvey**, from McDill Family Advocacy Center, **Deborah Chow** from Hillsborough County Health and Social Services, and **Pauline Strickland** from Deaf Services Bureau, who are the newest members of our On-site partners team!

✧ **FCADV 2008 Annual Statewide Training Institute** **"Advocacy in Action: Changing the Future"**

May 13 & 14, 2008. The Regal Sun Resort, Orlando, FL.

For information go to <http://www.fcadv.org/>

✧ New feature starting next month “**Agency Highlight**”, so be the first to send in your agency’s information so it can be highlighted for the month. Watch for an email from me to see what information you need to send.



NOW IN SPANISH!—AHORA EN ESPAÑOL!

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

To access all FJC Newsletters, please visit our website at www.fjchc.org and click on News and Events.



2ND ANNUAL R.A.C.E.* LUNCHEON & HUB CAP AWARDS

*Recognition & Appreciation for our Champions Event

Honorary Chair: Shelton Quarles, Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority
Master of Ceremonies: Jack Harris, 970 WFLA

Wheels of Success is Tampa Bay's only 501(C)3 nonprofit organization providing a full range of transportation solutions, including vehicle replacement; car repair; and licensing, car payment, and down payment assistance to low and moderate income working families.

Since 2003, Wheels of Success has provided the resources to prevent more than 250 families from skidding out of control.



Working Wheels Keep Families Working

www.wheelsofsuccess.org

Registration Q-51227. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Affairs by calling 1-800-935-2352 within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the state.

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

A La Carta Event Pavilion

4050 Dana Shores Drive

Tampa, FL 33634

Honoring our team of champions:

Crew of the Year:

AAA Auto Club South

Driver of the Year:

DLT Wholesale

Community Champion:

Altrusa International, Tampa Bay Chapter

Rookie of the Year:

Rent A Wheel

#1 Fan:

Diane Jamal

Sponsor of the Year:

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Please contact Susan Jacobs,

(813) 490-9443 or info@wheelsofsuccess.org

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