

MEDIA ALERT

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Family Justice Center To Open Giving Hillsborough County the Most Innovative and Effective Approach to Domestic Violence in the Nation

Thousands of domestic violence victims are expected in the first year to access the Family Justice Center for help changing their lives.

WHAT:

The grand opening of the Family Justice Center of Hillsborough County (FJCHC). It is a one-stop-shop for domestic violence victims to obtain a wide range of help from social services to prosecution to law enforcement. There are more than 30 social service agencies on site, and an additional 20+ that are participating via referrals to victims. Tours of the site are before and after the event.

FJCHC is part of The President's Family Justice Center Initiative, which is one of only 15 sites in the nation, and the only in Florida. In its first year, FJCHC is expected to help more than 5,000 domestic violence victims and their children.

This approach to domestic violence victim support is truly innovative and effective. Other sites already open indicate a reduction in domestic violence murders; and a reduction in the number of law enforcement calls to the same domestic violence situations, which are among the most dangerous.

WHO:

Speakers include:

- Hillsborough County Sheriff David Gee
- Tampa Police Chief Steven Hogue
- Hillsborough County Commissioner Tom Scott
- Hillsborough County Administrator Pat Bean
- Office of Violence Against Women (federal agency) Director Diane Stuart
- State of Florida Representative Richard Glorioso
- FJCHC Board of Directors Chair Elvin Martinez
- Domestic Violence survivor/advocate and FJCHC Board member Connie Murphy
- Verizon Wireless Executive Chuck Hamby

The following have been invited: (updates on confirmed attendees to follow by Oct 9)

- Florida legislative delegation from Hillsborough County
- Hillsborough County Commissioners
- Hillsborough County State Attorney Mark Ober
- Tampa City Council members

WHEN and WHERE:

Wednesday, October 11, at 11:00 a.m. - Family Justice Center; 9309 North Florida Avenue, Suite 109