



**Domestic Violence Council
Ad Hoc Task Force
Batterer Intervention Program Subcommittee
January 2024 Update**

GAP: Need for education, support, and accountability for abusive partners; need data on success rates of existing DV rehabilitation programs.

ACTION: Form a working group to assess, improve, expand, and monitor existing batterer intervention programs and foster more inter-agency collaboration.

Summary of Progress

Sitike Counseling Center provided a tour of their facility and discussed the BIP program on December 13th, 2023. Subcommittee members in attendance included: Supervisor Corzo, Tanya Beat, Jacki Rigoni, Elisa Kuhl, Karen Ferguson, Mike Callagy, Nicole Reyes, Lena Silberman, Jennifere Alcantara, Adam Ely, Sherrif Corpus, and Robert Foucrault. Members had an opportunity to ask questions about the program, discuss gaps in services, and strategies to improve BIP services.

Keri is in the process of scheduling BIP meetings with all SMC providers. Goal of meeting is to collect information on program offerings: assessment tools used, curriculum used, how progress is measured, how the program collects data, fundings needs, etc. To assess similarities, differences, and ways to streamline and improve provision of services for folks committing harm.

1. VA Palo Alto BIP Program
 - a. Contact: Leah White
 - b. Meeting Scheduled 1/9/24 at 10am
2. El Centro BIP Program
 - a. Contact: Luis Valdivias
 - b. Awaiting response to request to meet
3. Anger Management and Domestic Abuse Therapy Center
 - a. Contact: Bill Tiedeman
 - b. Awaiting response to request to meet

In addition to interviewing BIP providers, we will also meet with and interview other key stakeholders including Sherrif Corpus, Karen Ferguson, and Theresa Dah to understand how we can better coordinate services for persons doing harm and victims of violence.

Expected Outcomes – January 2024 through April 2024

1. Host meetings with all BIP Providers
2. Host meetings with other key stakeholders
3. Summarize findings and report back to the larger Ad Hoc Task Force

DVC Ad Hoc Education and Awareness Sub Committee

Presented by Nicole Reyes

- Working group's upcoming goals are (1) to combine the functions of the Education and Awareness working group with the functions of the DVAC since the membership is identical, and (2) connect with the Office of Education to gather information that will help us create a training program for San Mateo County K-12 faculty and outreach to students.
- Initial meeting regarding the formation of the working group, brainstorming meeting with Kris Shouse to establish a path to learning what type of training is appropriate for the faculty.
- Outcomes between January meeting and April meeting:
 - The DVAC's 2nd Annual TDVAM Art Contest
 - The Education and Awareness working group will hopefully have attended one Student Services meeting to seek feedback.

DVC Ad Hoc Legal Services Working Group

Presented by Nicole Reyes

- Working group upcoming goal is to determine whether it is appropriate to generate more information flyers or brochures for the public or compose a webpage with information that will assist the public in accessing a TRO.
- The working group is compiling all known informational literature in SMC.
- There will be an upcoming discussion on the survivors' litigation fund.
- Outcomes between January and April meeting:
 - Potentially a new webpage on the DVC site with information for survivors with links, or a newly composed body of information
 - Initiate discussion on survivors' litigation fund.

DVC Ad-Hoc Data Subcommittee

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January 11, 2024

DVC Ad-Hoc Data Committee: Karen Ferguson, Elisa Kuhl, Tanya Beat, Geri Archibald, Jeffrey Carr, Nicole Reyes, Stephanie Bilinski, Jeniffer Alcantara, Tanya Both, Theresa Dah, K'Lynn Weber, Rose Mukhar, Selina Toy Lee, Keri Kirby, Jacki Rigoni

DVC Task Force Data Group additional members: Robert Foucrault, Bob Spencer

I. Goals that we started with:

- a. Create an annual data report (ADR) based on data collected from DVC partners and beyond, while recognizing that each agency's data is not well suited at this time to aggregate – many are single entities or collect data with varying definitions.
- b. Storytelling with partner data – ensure that the presentation of the data answers important questions about the impact of DV.

II. What has been done:

- a. Met several times as a sub-committee to assess how to move forward, including a 2-hour roundtable that resulted in new template
- b. Acknowledged that we were not able to aggregate partner data
- c. Create a focus that meets partners where they are rather than trying to fit data into a structure that does not show trends, gaps, or successes.
- d. Tanya met with County ISD regarding DVC Dashboard (Michael Wentworth, Rumika Chaudhry).
 - i. Dashboard is possible as long as we know what data needs to be collected.
 - ii. Existing Draft DVC Data Board using data from County Sheriff's Office.

III. What are Next Steps:

- a. Request DVC partners to submit the data they collect any of these 4 Areas:
 - i. Victim Survivors
 - ii. Persons Doing Harm
 - iii. The Toll of IPV in the County of San Mateo
 - iv. Prevention Efforts and Successes
- b. Then request that data in area which includes specific questions related to that area.
- c. We ask that they define the terms used.
- d. We include a list of organizations that are outside of the DVC but work in the field of IPV (911 Dispatch, StarVista, Child and Family Services, RTS, etc) to also offer any data related to DV in these 4 areas.
- e. Analyze the data and use these data points to create a draft ADR that provides context and information about DV issues across the County in four areas.
- f. Present a Draft ADR (annual data report) to the DVC on April 11, request feedback.

Family Justice Center (FJC)


1. Reiterate the Sub-committee's goal (presented at the October DVC meeting)
 - a. Explore creation of a Family Justice and Healing Center where all DV services are co-located to provide support to victims in a multi-disciplinary setting.
2. Briefly summarize the progress from then until now.
 - a. Updated the Director of the Human Services Agency
 - b. Conducted literature Review
 - c. Met with [Susun Kim](#), Executive Director of Contra Costa Family Justice Center (Antioch, Concord & Richmond) and Solano Family Justice Center (Fairfield)
 - d. Met with [Casey Gwinn](#), President of the Family Justice Center Alliance
 - e. Visit to SJ and Santa Clara FJC.
3. Provide an overview of expected outcomes between January's meeting to April's meeting.
 - a. Enter into contract with Family Justice Center Alliance to begin the discovery and design process.

Domestic Violence Co-Response Pilot Program

1. Reiterate the Sub-committee's goal (presented at the October DVC meeting)
 - a. Pilot a co-responders DV advocacy program in partnership with law enforcement.
2. Briefly summarize the progress from then until now.
 - a. Board of Supervisors approved \$1 million to design and implement a DV Co-Response Pilot Program
 - b. Conducted Literature Review
 - c. Interviewed Queensland Pilot Program & Santa Barbara DVERT program.
3. Provide an overview of expected outcomes between January's meeting to April's meeting.
 - a. Execute agreement with CORA.
 - b. Initial planning meeting with all partners

SAN MATEO COUNTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL

Family Justice Center
Findings and Discussion



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- Feedback on FJC & History
 - Best Practices
 - Examples
 - Next Steps

PRESENTATION

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- The first **THREE** days after the violence:
 - I installed an **\$800** security system
 - I retained a lawyer for **\$7,500**
 - I filed an Ex-Parte Restraining Order
 - I purchased pepper spray
 - I spent the first night on the couch with a knife and that pepper spray on my coffee table
 - I was so afraid that the security system wouldn't be enough to stop him
 - I filled out **NINE** forms
 - I told my story **EIGHT** times
 - I slept in **THREE** different beds
 - I made at least **SEVEN** phone calls (not including friends and family)
 - I was given a pamphlet with **THIRTY** referrals
 - I missed **THREE** days of work
 - I didn't eat or sleep
 - I cried
 - I tried not to let my daughter see

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"Family Justice Centers are capable of meeting client needs, satisfying clients, reducing homicides, increasing victim safety, making victims more autonomous and empowered, reducing fear and anxiety among victims and their children, helping victims avoid recanting or minimizing their experiences, making service providers more efficient and collaborative, making offenders more likely to be prosecuted, and connecting victims and their children with support services."

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FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER INITIATIVE

2003

George W. Bush announced creation of the President's Family Justice Center Initiative (\$20 million dollar investment)

- 2003-2007: 15 centers opened nationwide

Family Justice Centers were identified as a purpose area for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funds.

2005

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FJC BEST PRACTICES

1. Co-located, multi-disciplinary services for victims of family violence and their children increases safety and support

2. Pro-arrest/mandatory arrest policies in FJC communities increases accountability for offenders

3. Policies incidental to arrest/enforcement reduces revictimization of victims

4. Victim safety/advocacy must be the highest priority in the FJC delivery model

5. Victim confidentiality must be a priority

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FJC BEST PRACTICES, CON'T

6. Offenders must be prohibited from on-site services at FJC

7. Community history of DV specialization increases the success of collaboration in the FJC model

8. Strong support from local elected officials and other policymakers increases the effectiveness and sustainability of FJCs

9. Strategic planning is critical to short-term and long-term success in FJC delivery model

10. Strong/diverse community support increases resources for victims and their children

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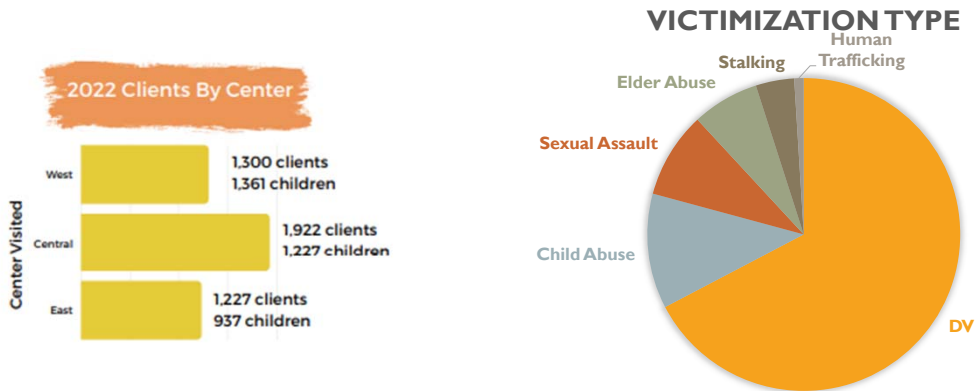
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FJC

- It's not about the building or space, it is about the relationships
- 4 locations
- Three focus areas:
 1. Crisis support: one stop center for crisis support-attorneys, case management, advocacy
 2. Long term safety: health partners- free telehealth, wealth, and training – Community center – lots of different programming
 3. Community building and community partnership: collaborative activities and capacity building to enhance the work. 70 MOU partners
 - Some partners: APS, Mental health, legal clinics, catholic charities, CASA, Meals on Wheels, Ombudsman, NAMI, Senior Peer Counseling, DV agency, police departments
 - Programs: Backpack drive, community fellowship, cooking classes, LE trainings, Yoga, Healing circles, immigration clinic, Mentees Positivas, tax support, parenting classes, tutoring

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FJC

Our Clients

- 88% are worried about their safety
- 68% have prior history of IPV
- 67% have children
- 63% earn less than \$2,000 per month
- 29% speak Spanish as their primary language
- 16% identify as male
- 15% are disabled
- 14% lack immigration status
- 14% are over 60 years old
- 14% are referred by a law enforcement agency
- 14% have no medical insurance
- 12% live with a substance abuser
- 9% are referred by family/friends
- 7% have no place to stay tonight

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FJC

Client Needs

Client Connections

Family Law	21%
Mental Health	19%
Restraining Order	11%
Advocacy	8%
Victim Services	7%

Lawyers for Family Justice	21%
STAND!	14%
Trauma Recovery Center	4%
Bay Area Legal Aid	4%
Healing Conversations	3%

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ALLIANCE FOR HOPE

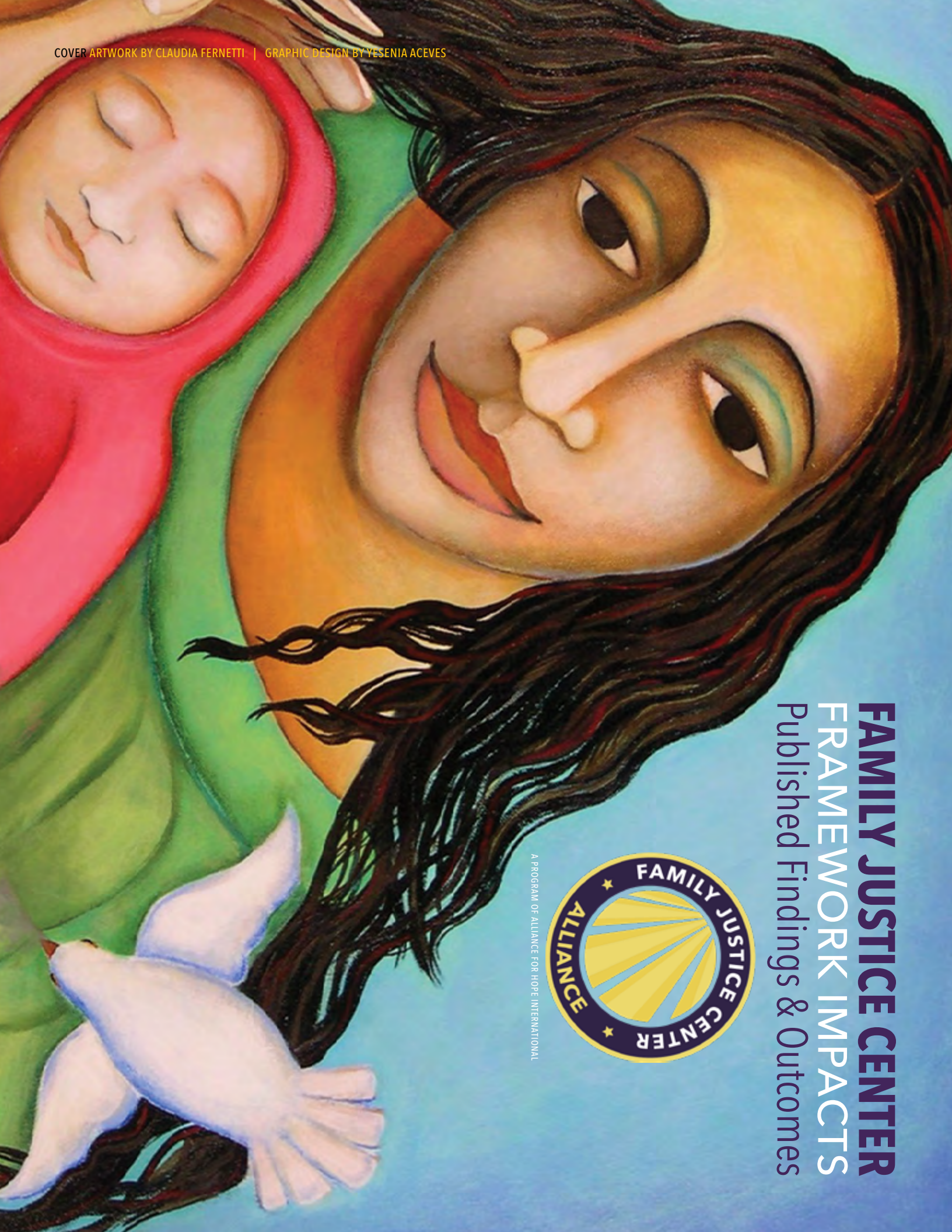
- Offer strategic planning services
 - Community assessment
 - Interactive planning (including stakeholder and public/community meetings)
 - Development of shared vision
 - Work plan & 5-year plan
 - Project development infrastructure
- Orientation call
 - Who else should we invite?

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COVER ARTWORK BY CLAUDIA FERNETTI | GRAPHIC DESIGN BY YESENIA ACEVES



FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER **FRAMEWORK IMPACTS** Published Findings & Outcomes



A PROGRAM OF ALLIANCE FOR HOPE INTERNATIONAL

The Family Justice Center movement began with the opening of the San Diego Family Justice Center in 2002.

This report includes published outcome and process studies, important facts about Family Justice Centers, and quotes from survivors and elected officials. It was prepared by the Family Justice Center Alliance, a program of Alliance for HOPE International. For support in developing, operating, or sustaining a Family Justice Center, contact the Alliance at info@allianceforhope.com.

“Family Justice Centers nurture hope, well-being, and survivor-defined goal attainment.”

(2021) Hellman, C. M., & Gwinn, C., Strack, G., Burke, M., Munoz, R. T., Brady, S. R., Aguirre, N., & Aceves, Y. (In Press). Nurturing hope and well-being among survivors of domestic violence within the Family Justice Center model. *Violence and Victims*.



THE FIRST SAN DIEGO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER GUEST, EDEN, WITH SGL ROBERT KEETCH, THE OPERATIONS COORDINATOR (OCTOBER 2002)

“FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS ARE DESIGNED TO BRING VICTIM ADVOCATES, CIVIL LEGAL ATTORNEYS, LEGAL ADVOCATES, GOVERNMENT VICTIM ASSISTANCE, PROSECUTORS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS INTO ONE CENTRAL LOCATION.

AT FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS SURVIVORS OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, CHILD ABUSE, AND ELDER ABUSE HAVE ACCESS TO CRITICALLY IMPORTANT WRAPAROUND RESOURCES.

SURVIVORS CAN RECEIVE ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS, FINDING SAFE HOUSING, MEETING PROSECUTORS, WORKING WITH DETECTIVES, AND OBTAINING FORENSIC EXAMS.

KAMALA HARRIS

Vice-President, Former U.S. Senator

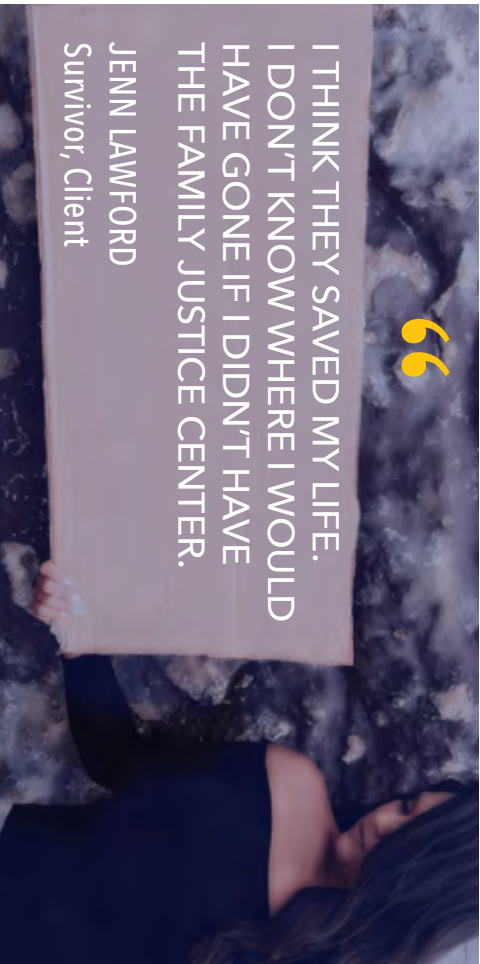
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THERE ARE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS IN 43 U.S. STATES AND 25 COUNTRIES.

“Despite the lack of information pertaining to survivor outcomes, study findings indicated a high degree of provider and survivor satisfaction with Family Justice Center models.”

Rizo, C.F., Van Deinse, T., Durant, S. et al. Systematic Review of Research on Co-Location Models for Serving Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survivors. *J Fam Viol* (2021).

THE FIRST FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER WAS CREATED IN 2002 IN A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SAN DIEGO CITY ATTORNEY CASEY GWINN AND SAN DIEGO POLICE CHIEF DAVID BEJARANO AND THE SAN DIEGO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL, INCLUDING 25 AGENCIES WITH STAFF ONSITE.



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I THINK THEY SAVED MY LIFE.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE I WOULD
HAVE GONE IF I DIDN'T HAVE
THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER.

JENN LAWFORD
Survivor, Client

**“Family Justice Centers
have a positive impact on
the work of professionals
working in Centers.”**

(2021) Murray, C. E., Lay, A. L., Wyche, B., & Johnson, C. H. (In press). Professionals' perceptions of the impact of a Family Justice Center: A four-year, cross-sectional study. *Journal of Aggression, Conflict, and Peace Research.*

**“New community resources
emerge through Family
Justice Center partnerships.”**

(2021) Murray, C.E., Johnson, C. H., & Wyche, B. (In press). The community-level impact of a Family Justice Center: Indicators from the Guilford County Family Justice Center. *Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research*, 12, 1-20. DOI10.1108/JACPR-10-2019-0444

**“Family Justice Center
outcomes can be supported
by research and evaluation.”**

(2019) Murray, C.E., Johnson, C.H. Supporting Family Justice Centers Through Research and Evaluation. In: Gefhrer R., Vieth V., Vaughan-Eden V., Rosenbaum A., Hamberger L., White J. (eds) *Handbook of Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan*. Springer.

**“100% of families experienced an increase in safety,
80% reported an increase in empowerment related to their
ability to advocate for themselves, make informed choices,
and to navigate complex systems; and 75% of families
experienced an increase in protective factors and resilience
in the prevention of secondary assault or re-assault.”**

Contra Costa Family Justice Alliance Six Year Evaluation Report: 2014-2019 (2020).

“Family Justice Centers are capable of meeting client needs, satisfying clients, reducing homicides, increasing victim safety, making victims more autonomous and empowered, reducing fear and anxiety among victims and their children, helping victims avoid recanting or minimizing their experiences, making service providers more efficient and collaborative, making offenders more likely to be prosecuted, and connecting victims and their children with support services.”

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**CALIFORNIA HAS THE MOST FAMILY
JUSTICE CENTERS OF ANY STATE IN
THE U.S. WITH 24 CENTERS OPEN
AND MORE IN DEVELOPMENT.**

CLIENTS, CONTRA COSTA FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER



10th ANNUAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT IN OKC

CITIES WITHOUT DYNAMIC FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS HAVE SOME OF THE HIGHEST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE RATES IN THE COUNTRY. DYNAMIC FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF A CLIENT BEING MURDERED.

“Family Justice Centers are uniquely situated to treat polvictims’ underlying vulnerabilities because the centers consolidate various services in one location.”

Bastomski, S., Ricks, A., Henderson, E., & Yahner, J. (2019). Evaluation of the Polvictimization Initiative at the Queens Family Justice Center. Urban Institute.

“Survivors feel supported by Family Justice Center staff and services.”

(2019) Melton, Heather. “Victims’ experiences and satisfaction with a Family Justice Center.” *Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research.*

“100% of survivors in more than 230 focus groups conducted by Alliance for HOPE International in the last decade consistently say that they would like to be able to go to one place for help instead of having to go from agency to agency, telling their story over and over.”

(2018) Gwinn, C., Hellman, C. Hope Rising: How the Science of HOPE Can Change Your Life. (Morgan James Publishing).

“Family Justice Center Evaluation Toolkits help measure outcomes.”

Murray, C. E., Johnson, C., Wyche, B., and the Guilford County Family Justice Center Data and Outcomes Committee (2018). Family Justice Center Evaluation Toolkit. Guilford County, NC. 36-page toolkit prepared in partnership with the Guilford County Family Justice Center.

“The Milwaukee Sojourner Family Peace Center found 96% of clients were satisfied or quite satisfied with services in one of the largest Family Justice Centers in America with statistically significant increases in survivor-defined goal attainment, empowerment, and hope.”

Schubert, E. (2018). Hope Lives Here: Impact of the Family Peace Center.

SOJOURNER FAMILY PEACE CENTER, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN



MAJOR CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE MONEY (GENERAL FUND REVENUE, SALES TAXES, CERTIFIED RECORDS FEES, NEW MARKET TAX CREDITS, AND BOND MEASURES) HAVE HELPED BUILD AND FUND FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS IN CALIFORNIA, NORTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, TEXAS, NEW MEXICO, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, OKLAHOMA, WISCONSIN, CONNECTICUT, AND LOUISIANA.

“Psychiatric services to IPV survivors can be effectively provided in a collaborative Family Justice Center framework.”

Weiss, Marina, et al. “The domestic violence initiative: A private-public partnership providing psychiatric care in a nontraditional setting.” *Psychiatric services* 68.2 (2017): 212-212.

“FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS ARE LEADING THE WAY FORWARD IN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MOVEMENT. THEY ARE CHALLENGING US TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX-TO KEEP GROWING, CHANGING, AND EVOLVING AS WE WORK TO PREVENT FAMILY VIOLENCE.”

SARAH BUEL Survivor, Advocate, Law Professor

THE MAJORITY OF ALL SURVIVORS SERVED IN FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE WOMEN OF COLOR. FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS ALSO SERVE MALE VICTIMS.

“Family Justice Centers can and should remain focused on victim empowerment.”

Stoeber, Jane K. “Mirandizing Family Justice.” *Harv. Women’s LJ* 39: 189 (2016).

ROCKFORD FAMILY PEACE CENTER STRATEGIC PLANNING



“The Family Justice Center provides a more supportive experience for victims, it also increases efficiency in service provision, reduces victim recantation, increases prosecution of offenders, and ultimately reduces crime.”

Harris, Gibbie. “Transforming health through multisector partnerships. *North Carolina medical journal* 77.4 (2016): 286-289.

“Motivational interviewing (MI) in Family Justice Centers holds promise in aiding IPV survivors about whether to accept help, leave the abusive relationship, or participate in criminal justice processes.”

Simmons, C. A., Howell, K. H., Duke, M. R., & Beck, J. G. (2016). Enhancing the impact of Family Justice Centers via motivational interviewing: An integrated review. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 17(5), 532-541.

WASHINGTON POST HOMICIDE DATA FOUND SOME OF THE LOWEST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE RATES IN THE COUNTRY IN CITIES WITH DYNAMIC FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER MODELS INCLUDING SAN DIEGO, FORT WORTH, AND BROOKLYN.



“WHEN I HAD TO FILE CHARGES, I WAS THINKING, ‘DO I REALLY WANT TO DO THIS? DO I WANT TO TELL THIS STORY AGAIN?’ THAT DOWNTIME IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING CAN BE CONFUSING AS YOU’RE WONDERING IF YOU SHOULD EVEN GO THROUGH WITH IT. IF WE COULD HAVE A FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER HERE, THAT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR US.”

JAMIE GADSON
Survivor, Winston-Salem
Family Justice Center
Planning Process



THE SAN DIEGO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER HAD THE FIRST FORENSIC MEDICAL UNIT, OPENING IN 2003.

MANY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS SERVE ADULT AND CHILD SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD ABUSE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, ELDER ABUSE, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

“Stakeholders perceive benefit to survivors even during the planning and development process of a Family Justice Center.”

(2014) Murray, C. E., White, J. W., Nemati, H., Chow, A. S., Marsh, A. C., & Edwards, S. A community considers a Family Justice Center: Perspectives of Stakeholders during the early phases of development. *Journal of Aggression, Conflict, and Peace Research*, 6(2), 116-128.

“Family Justice Centers provide safe, effective immigration legal services to undocumented survivors of violence and abuse.”

Petrucci, C., EMT Associates, Inc. (2013). Final Evaluation Results: Phase II California Family Justice Initiative Statewide Evaluation.

“Family Justice Centers improve access to services and outcomes at Child Advocacy Centers.”

Mitchell, Martie. “A Client Assessment at the Nampa Family Justice Center’s Children’s Advocacy Center.” (2013).



FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS ARE THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING IN AMERICA.

ERIC HOLDER
Attorney General



ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY GAEL STRACK SERVED AS THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE FIRST FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER IN THE UNITED STATES.

ERIC HOLDER, GAEL STRACK, AND CASEY GWINN

NEW YORK CITY HAS THE MOST FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS OF ANY CITY IN AMERICA WITH CENTERS IN EVERY BOROUGH.

"The positive impact of the co-location of services at the Brooklyn Family Justice Center was a critical factor for increasing witnesses coming to the DA's office on pending prosecutions of domestic violence cases."

Peterson, Richard R., New York City Criminal Justice Agency, Inc. and United States of America. "Early Victim Engagement in Domestic Violence Cases, Final Report." (2013).

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IT'S HARD TO SUM UP SIX YEARS OF THREATS, HATRED, AND FEAR, WHICH I KNOW ISN'T OVER YET. I'VE SPENT THE PAST SIX YEARS WITH MY SON'S FATHER TARGETING AND HARASSING ME AND ANYONE THAT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME. DURING THE INS AND OUTS OF GOING TO COURT, I WAS ABLE TO USE THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER IN EXPOSING MY ABUSER AND TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO GET HIM PROSECUTED. THE CENTER'S SUPPORT HAS GIVEN ME AND MY CHILDREN A CHANCE TO LIVE OUR LIVES FREE OF HARM, FEAR, HEARTACHE, AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT GOES ALONG WITH IT.

BEVERLY Survivor

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I WAS HANDED A BROCHURE, THAT'S IT. BROCHURES ARE FINE BUT I NEED YOU ALL TO BE THE BROCHURE.

SURVIVOR

Porchlight Family Justice Center Planning Process

"Family Justice Centers offer a safer future for victims of domestic violence."

Boss, Suzie. (2011). Under One Roof: One-stop centers offer a safer future for victims of domestic violence. Stanford Social Innovation Review.

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IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE IF YOU WERE AN ABUSED PERSON TRYING TO FIND HELP AND YOU WENT FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER... THERE'S A BETTER WAY TO DO THIS. THERE'S A BETTER WAY TO HELP PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP IN OUR SOCIETY.... SAN DIEGO FIGURED IT OUT. THERE'S [NOW] A CENTRAL LOCATION WHERE SOMEBODY WHO DESPERATELY NEEDS HELP CAN FIND COMPASSION AND HOPE."

President GEORGE W. BUSH

"The collection of data at Family Justice Centers, the willingness to take part in evaluation efforts, and the use of centralized intake are promising for future national evaluation efforts."

Petrucci, C., Abt Associates, Inc. and United States of America. "Environmental Scan of Family Justice Centers, Final Report" (2013).



PALOMAR FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER STRATEGIC PLANNING

PALOMAR FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER IN OKLAHOMA CITY HAS THE LARGEST PUBLIC FUNDING (\$38 MILLION FROM A LOCAL MAPS TAX).

“Prior to receiving services at the San Diego Family Justice Center, 94.74% of the participants reported elevated stress levels in excess of 6 on a 10 scale. After receiving services at the SDFJC, participants with the most heightened stress levels declined to 71.88%. By the time of the focus groups, the majority of the clients, 53.57% had reduced stress levels below 5 on a 10 scale. 86.54% of the clients identified positive change in their lives because of services at the FJC. 55.7% described themselves as emotionally stronger because of services they obtained.”

Gwinn, C., Strack, G. (2010). *Dream big: A simple, complicated idea to stop family violence*. Wheatmark Press.

<https://www.amazon.com/Dream-Big-Simple-Complicated-Violence/dp/1604944528>

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BEFORE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS OPEN, SURVIVORS IN OUR FOCUS GROUPS ALWAYS SAY ‘HURRY UP’. AFTER CENTERS OPEN, SURVIVORS ALWAYS SAY ‘WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?’

GAEL STRACK
CEO, Alliance for HOPE International



NATIONAL VOICES SURVIVOR GROUP ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER CONFERENCE

“The Nampa Family Justice Center produces high levels of satisfaction with 100% of the clients describing an improvement in services received compared to prior contact with the agencies and systems represented in the Center.”

Gwinn, C., Strack, G. (2010). *Dream big: A simple, complicated idea to stop family violence*. Wheatmark Press; Giacomazzi, A., Hannah, E., Bostaph, L. Nampa Family Justice Center Process and Evaluation Outcome (2008).

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THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER MOVEMENT WILL PLAY A POWERFUL ROLE IN THE YEARS TO COME IN PROVIDING HELP TO VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE. WHEN I VISITED THE SAN DIEGO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, THE INNOVATION, DEDICATION, AND COMPASSION I SAW THERE WAS TRULY REMARKABLE.”

U.S. Senator
JOHN KERRY



CAMP HOPE AMERICA CAMPER
NEW ORLEANS FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

CONGRESS ADDED FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS TO THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT IN 2005. FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER FUNDING IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE PROGRAM.

“100% of randomly identified Family Justice Center clients described strong support for a co-located, multi-agency model and for the services they received. Six survivors expressed criticism related to additional services they believed should be on-site and the level of staffing to provide the needed services.”

Gwinn, C., Strack, G. (2010). *Dream big: A simple, complicated idea to stop family violence*. Wheatmark Press.

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FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS
CHALLENGE US ALL TO
BE IN THE LIFESAVING
BUSINESS TOGETHER.

LT. MARK WYNN
Nashville Metro Police
Department (Ret.)

“The Family Justice Center increased the filing of and convictions for misdemeanor or domestic violence from 45% to 81% in three years after opening in Alameda County, CA.”

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THE **FIRST THREE DAYS** AFTER THE VIOLENCE:

- I INSTALLED AN **\$800** SECURITY SYSTEM;
- I RETAINED A LAWYER FOR **\$7,500**;
- I FILED A 50B EX PARTE RESTRAINING ORDER;
- I PURCHASED PEPPER SPRAY;
- I SPENT THE FIRST NIGHT ON THE COUCH WITH A KNIFE AND THAT PEPPER SPRAY ON MY COFFEE TABLE;
- I WAS SO AFRAID THAT THE SECURITY SYSTEM WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH TO STOP HIM;
- I FILLED OUT **NINE** FORMS;
- I TOLD MY STORY **EIGHT** TIMES;
- I SLEPT IN **THREE** DIFFERENT BEDS;
- I SPENT ALMOST **\$9,000**;
- I MADE AT LEAST **SEVEN** PHONE CALLS (NOT INCLUDING FRIENDS AND FAMILY);
- I WAS GIVEN A PAMPHLET WITH **THIRTY** REFERRALS;
- I MISSED **THREE** DAYS OF WORK;
- I DIDN'T EAT OR SLEEP;
- I CRIED;
- I TRIED NOT TO LET MY DAUGHTER SEE.

IMAGINE IF THE FIRST STONES IN THE FOUNDATION OF A VICTIM'S FUTURE WERE PUT INTO PLACE BY THE TEAM FROM OUR FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER.

AUDRA

Survivor, North Carolina Family Justice Center Planning Process

THE NASHVILLE FAMILY SAFETY CENTER IS THE LARGEST FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER IN THE U.S.



ONE SAFE PLACE IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS HAD THE FIRST FULLY LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITY.



IMAGE SOURCE: FACEBOOK.COM/ONESAFEPLACEARRANT

CALIFORNIA FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER LEGISLATION

“THE TRAUMA OF BEING ABUSED IS BAD ENOUGH AND GOING TO SCARY LOCATIONS IN TOWN ONLY MAKES A DIFFICULT SITUATION EVEN WORSE.

SURVIVOR

Ventura County Family Justice Center Planning Process

“Family Justice Centers offer emotional support to survivors from collaborating community agencies and increase the likelihood of survivors seeking help again in the future.”

(Fleury-Steiner, Bybee, Sullivan, Belknap, & Melton, 2006)
<https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2006-04903-006>;
Gibson, K. F. (2008). Through the Eyes of Survivors: An Exploration of the San Diego Family Justice Center. Alliant International University San Diego, CA USA.

“The FJC framework contributed to a 90% drop in domestic violence homicides in the City of San Diego, a 75% reduction in domestic violence homicides in Alameda County (CA), and a 51% drop in Brooklyn (NYC).”

Gwinn, C., Strack, G. (2010). Dream big: A simple, complicated idea to stop family violence. Wheatmark Press.

“Natural disasters can become an opportunity for Family Justice Center development which improve services for domestic violence survivors.”

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ORIGINAL VOICES SURVIVOR GROUP, SAN DIEGO FJC

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AUTHORIZED THE FIRST \$20 MILLION OF FEDERAL MONEY FOR FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS IN 2003.

OPRAH WINFREY PROFILED THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER FRAMEWORK IN 2003 DURING TWO NATIONAL BROADCASTS OF HER SHOW. WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF THE BROADCASTS, SITE VISITORS FROM 77 COUNTRIES VISITED THE SAN DIEGO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER.

“The Family Justice Center collaborative model is the product of nearly 20 years of local and national work to end family violence and has been informed by the work of child advocacy centers, domestic violence response teams, coordinated community responses, community-oriented policing, domestic violence courts, specialized units, community-based programs, and domestic violence shelters.”

Gwinn, C., Strack, G., Adams, S., & Lovelace, R. (2007). The family justice center collaborative model. *St. Louis U. Pub. L. Rev.*, 27, 79.

“THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER CONCEPT IS THE LOGICAL EXTENSION OF COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING. IT IS ABOUT GETTING THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO TRULY COME TOGETHER IN A SHARED MISSION TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY BY PROTECTING FAMILIES FROM VIOLENCE AND ABUSE.

San Diego Mayor
JERRY SANDERS

“TO BE A MOVEMENT, THE DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ASSAULT VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION MOVEMENTS NEED TO MOVE. SILOED AGENCIES AND DISCONNECTED PROFESSIONALS MUST CONSCIOUSLY MOVE TOWARD CREATING A COMMUNITY OF CARE AND CULTURE OF HOPE FOR SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE AND ABUSE TO BELONG TO LONG AFTER THE CRISIS THAT BRINGS THEM TO US INITIALLY FOR HELP.

CASEY GWINN Family Justice Center Movement Visionary

“In 2004, clients came to the San Diego Family Justice Center between 1 and 11 times. They were referred to the Center by police (44%), prosecutors (9%), shelters (9%), on-site community partner agencies (8%), friends (6%), family members (1%), media (1%) and other (22%). Survivors were primarily seeking civil legal assistance (42%), as well as help from detectives (6%), city attorney advocates (9%), transportation (12%), military advocates (3%), and other help such as chaplain services, counseling, or medical/forensic documentation (22%).”

Gwinn, C., Strack, G. (2006). *Hope for Hurting families: creating family justice centers across America* (Volcano Press).



Gael Strack and Casey Gwinn, co-founders of Alliance for Hope International

AFFILIATES

AS OF OCTOBER 2023

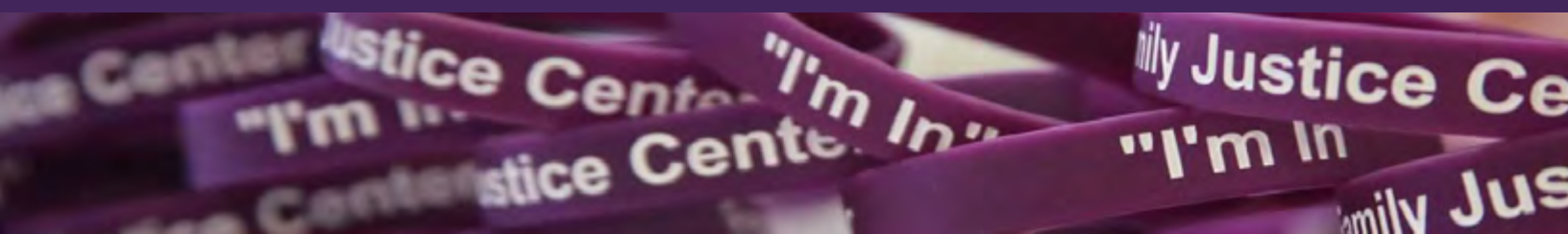
FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE LIST VISIT FAMILYJUSTICECENTER.ORG/AFFILIATED-CENTERS

1. One Place Metro Alabama Family Justice Center
2. One Place Family Justice Center
3. East Contra Costa Family Justice Center
4. Central Contra Costa Family Justice Center
5. New Star Family Justice Center
6. Stanislaus Family Justice Center
7. Napa Monarch Justice Center
8. Alameda County Family Justice Center
9. One SAFE Place
10. West Contra Costa Family Justice Center
11. Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center
12. One Safe Place, North County Family Justice Center
13. Santa Ana Family Justice Center
14. Family Justice Center Sonoma County
15. San Joaquin County Family Justice Center
16. StrengthUnited Family Justice Center
17. Ventura County Family Justice Center
18. Rose Andom Center
19. Porchlight, A Family Justice Center
20. The Center for Family Justice
21. HOPE Family Justice Center of Greater New Haven
22. The Center for Safe Futures
23. CASA Pinellas Family Justice Center
24. Nampa Family Justice Center
25. Family Peace Center
26. Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County
27. Family Justice Center of Acadiana
28. New Orleans Family Justice Center
29. Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana
30. Dee Kennedy Family Justice Center
31. Prince Georges County Family Justice Center
32. Greene County Family Justice Center

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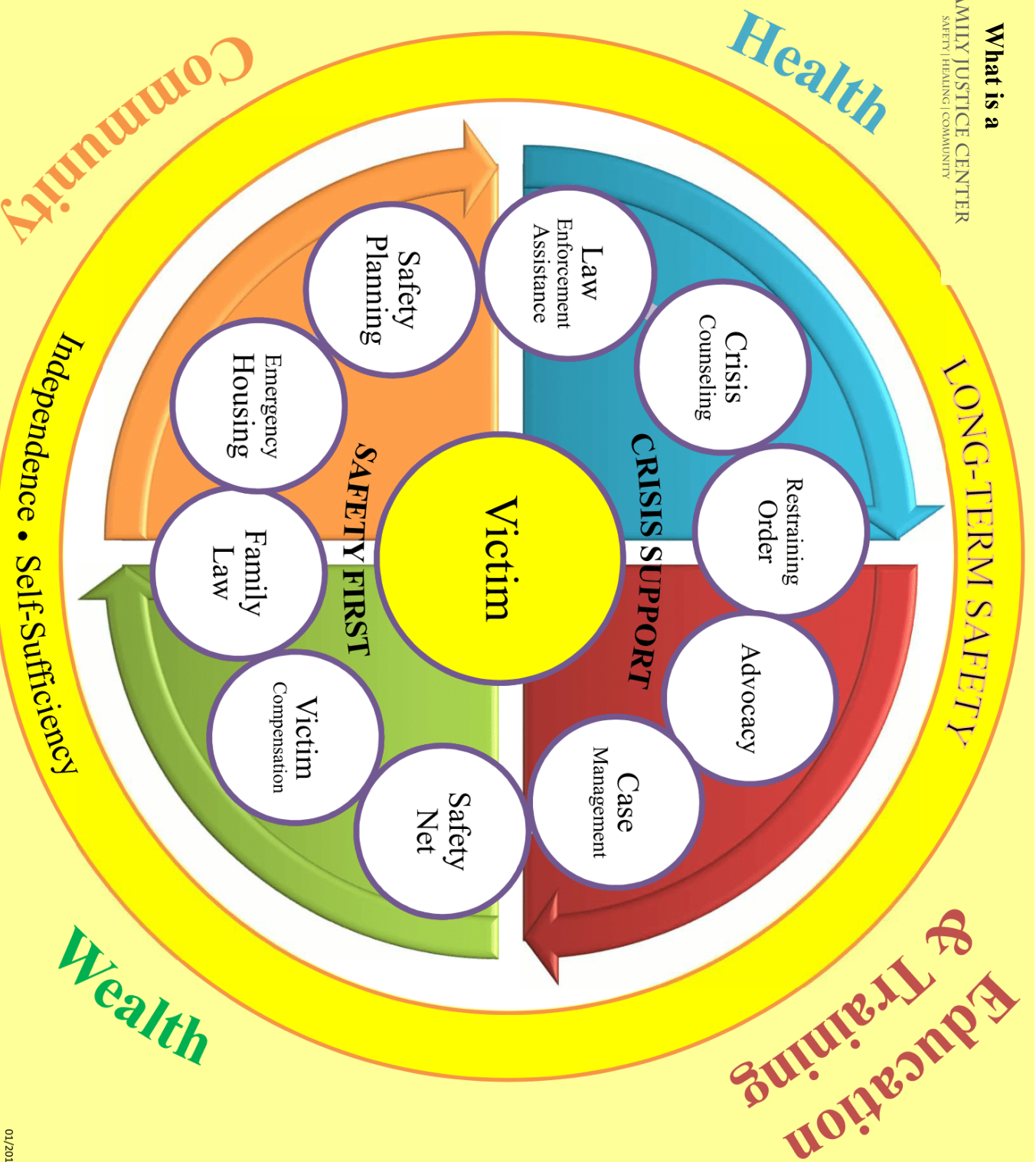
33. Buncombe County Family Justice Center
34. Family Justice Center of Alamance County
35. Survivor Resource Center
36. Guilford County Family Justice Center
37. Guilford County Family Justice Center
38. Stafford County Family Justice Center
39. Essex County Family Justice Center
40. Tri-County Family Justice Center
41. NYC Family Justice Center, Brooklyn
42. NYC Family Justice Center, Queens
43. NYC Family Justice Center, Manhattan
44. NYC Family Justice Center, Staten Island
45. NYC Family Justice Center, Bronx
46. Willow Domestic Violence Center
47. Cardinal Point Family Justice Center
48. Palomar: Oklahoma City's Family Justice Center
49. Family Safety Center
50. York Region Centre for Community Safety
51. A Safe Place Family Justice Center for Clackamas County
52. Family Justice Center of Washington County
53. 14th Circuit Victims Services Center
54. Jean Crowe Advocacy Center
55. Metro Nashville Family Safety Center
56. One Safe Place
57. One Safe Place
58. The Heights
59. Bexar County Family Justice Center
60. Thurston County Family Justice Center
61. Spokane Family Justice Center
62. Crystal Judson Family Justice Center
63. Sojourner Family Peace Center

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Legal Process Committee of the DV Council
Agenda
January 11th, 2024 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Room 402, 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA

1. Introductions (everyone)
2. Adopt/Approve agenda
3. Agency updates (everyone)
4. Review/Adopt minutes from October 12, 2023 meeting
5. Carry Over Items
 - a. DV Training for Judges (Elisa Kuhl)
 - b. DV Police Reports Involving Minors (Charles Cavallino)
 - c. 2024 Meetings Location (Everyone)
6. New Items
 - a. AB 2791 (2022) Implementation/new service forms (Charles Cavallino)
7. Work Plan Reports
 - a. Civil/Criminal Crossover (Melissa Gibbs/Morris Maya)
 - b. Firearms Compliance Project (District Attorney's Office)
 - c. Judicial Bench Card (Jenny Horne/Jessica Dayton)
 - d. Law Enforcement DV Protocol (Jeffrey Carr/Morris Maya/Elisa Kuhl/Paula Vielman-Reeves)
 - e. Protective Orders (everyone)
 - f. Allocation of Court Resources (everyone)
 - g. Courtroom Safety (everyone)
8. Public Comment

Next Meeting: **April 11th, 2024, 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM**
 Room 402, 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA