

“What Have We Learned and Where Do We Go From Here?”

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The Journey

- Battered women's movement
- Involvement of criminal and civil justice system
- Recruitment of medical, faith, business communities
- Intersection with sexual assault/child abuse/gangs/elder abuse/human trafficking
- Coordinated community response
- Family Justice Centers...
- And beyond...

The Mission

- Making victims safer
- Holding abusers accountable
- Stopping and preventing the criminal conduct
- Never letting a victim die in vain
- Making misdemeanors matter
- People of passion change the world...

Our Vision

- **A future where...**
 - All the needs of victims are met
 - Children are protected
 - Violence fades,
 - Aggressors are held accountable
 - Economic justice increases,
 - Families heal and thrive,
 - Hope is realized, and
 - We ALL work together...



The Difference Between a Vision and a Hallucination...

The number of people that see it...

Themes As We Conclude

- DREAM BIG!
- Come together and stick together
- Be the best!
- Innovate, innovate, innovate
- Stay accountable to survivors

- Violence in a community will rise to the level that a community will tolerate...

Stalking and Domestic Violence

- 70-90% of all murdered domestic violence victims are stalked prior to the homicide
- Stalking occurs in as many as 50% of all abusive relationships (87-13)
- Stalking is too often seen as a case...
- Victims are too often left out of the coordinated efforts
- Lethality Assessment is central...and it is not a number...



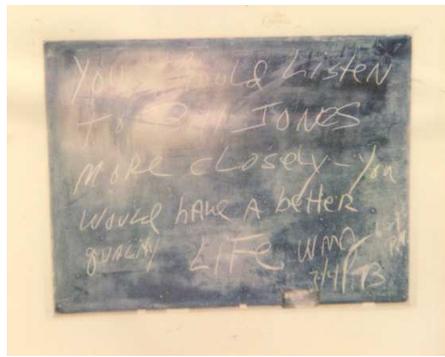
Cut Wires/Destroy Phones



Threaten, Hurt, or Kill Animals



Calling cards ...



Vandalize your Car



People v. Michael Shields

Thank you
for being the friend
I've never known.
I'm sorry - I had a
great job the mistakes
I had made, for the pain
I caused you & this me,
I've always loved you
totally love the 1st night.
Please don't share yourself
with anyone. Be patient &
gentle & give me time, I
believe in hope - that
we'll be together - stronger,
greater, and as a result of
each other as a result of
this time. I got Valentine's Day
I wanted to take you to a
Message for a 8 bottle of
I'll be yours and we
will be together. I love you

When you'll see know & that you
left with. The only way that I
can be with you now & I believe
in me to give you what you
physically & mentally so for you
to be to be around each other,
do things together, heart, get the
wishes for the best thing out of
your life etc. I'm a 100% honest
with you that's a beautiful & with
the love that's the ultimate woman,
show that you're the ultimate woman,
in my eyes, heart & heart and you
and your heart, which you both
keep the heart & heart that that two
of us created the enjoyment of the
language. My focus is on the
the gentle & love person & once was
with the person to be of you & gradually
develop your trust & confidence. I
expect to spend at least a 100
months - more. My ultimate goal is
to give a man in Japan father &
you are living. I love letters to
you & your every day, 2 or 3 weeks in
the future, take a man & return to the
How much I want
to give you myself
this evening, you
to be your true companion
with me.

My first lesson learned - FEAR

- Stalking destroys lives
 - People lose their jobs
 - Victim may move repeatedly
 - Lose the joy of life
 - Loss of trust
 - Extreme anxiety
 - FEAR

My favorite question:

- How has this changed your life?

Stalking CCR Lessons Learned

- Relationships are hard work
- Starting a CCR is not the same as maintaining a CCR – Leadership matters!
- Grow, change, evolve...or slowly die...
- The “lived experience” of victims is different than our view of systems coordination
- CCR is part of the journey...

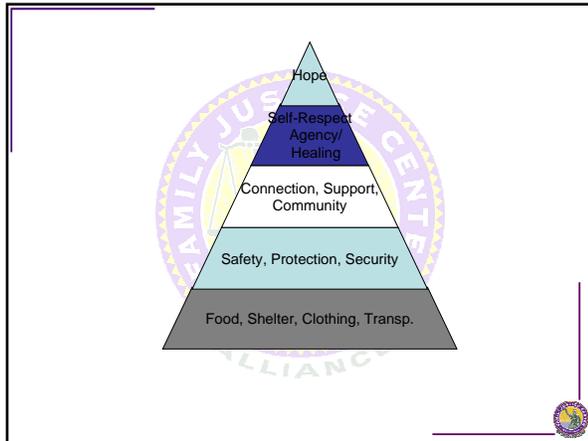
Stalking CCR Lessons Learned

- Technology Changes But Not Dynamics
- In America, We Raise Our Criminals At Home
- You Cannot Protect Children If You Do Not Protect Their Mothers
- Underlying Acts in Stalking Are Often Crimes
- Early Intervention is Always Better
- Build the Fence...

Victims of Our Own Success: The Inadequacy of “Coordinated, Community Response” –

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| • Law Enforcement | • Media |
| • Prosecutors | • Business/Employers |
| • Advocates/Shelters | • Education (K-12, Secondary) |
| • Judges | • Faith Community |
| • Court Staff | • Parenting Programs |
| • Probation/Parole | • Pregnancy Services |
| • Military | • Pet Care Services |
| • Social Services/Advocacy | • Prevention Programs |
| • Government – City, County | • Public Health |
| • Government – State, Federal | • Sexual Assault Professionals |
| • Federal agencies | • Child Abuse Professionals |
| • Medical/Fire | • Elder Abuse Professionals |
| | • Stalking Professionals |

A Lesson in 1998



- ### Vision Economic Justice/Healing
- Safe and Affordable Housing
 - Safe and Affordable Transportation
 - Safe and Affordable Childcare
 - Affordable Healthcare
 - Affordable Education/Job Skills
 - Jobs that are family-friendly/well-paying
 - Sufficient Income Supplements/Support
 - Restoration; timely payment of all losses & costs, broadly define; actualized & prospective
 - Economic safety net; government & community
 - Access to Civil/Criminal Legal Systems



- ### The San Diego FJC Building
- 707 Broadway
 - Sufficient Space - 39,213 sf
 - Sufficient Parking
 - Close to Court
 - Close to public transportation
 - Free space for all participating agencies
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- ### Innovation Focus
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- My Child's Rainforest at the YWCA
 - Art by Women and Children
 - For Permanent Display
 - "From Brokenness to Beauty"

The Rainforest Project



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San Diego County



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Foundation
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New Beginnings

San Diego FJC Front Porch





San Diego FJC - Dining Room







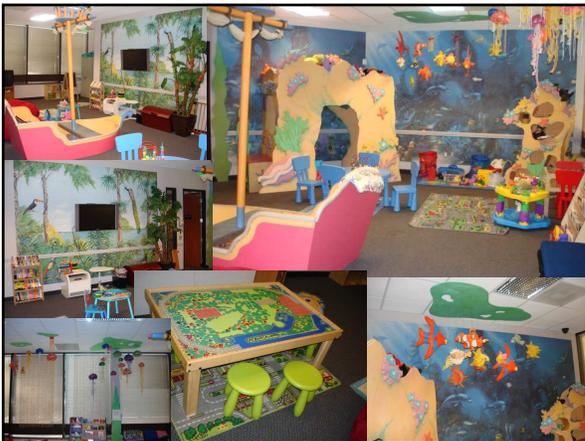
San Diego FJC - Children's Room





Children's Room - Anaheim



Forensic Rooms

San Diego

Duluth



The Greatest Challenge: Culture Change

• Before:

• After:



Central to the FJC Vision.

Camp
HOPE



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Camp Hope for Children Impacted by Family Violence

- To heal
- To give hope
- To have fun



Go to:
www.camphopesandiego.org



Where Hurting Victims and Children
Can be "Safe and Free"...



Tepee Village & Meeting Circle



Water Play



Water Play



Water Play - Kayaking



Fishing



Catching Frogs



What is the future?

- Collaborative, coordinated community responses (CCR)
- Co-located services (Victim-centered and survivor accountable)
- Multi-disciplinary and multi-agency services
- New communities/cultures with increasing focus on prevention...the "before"
- Criminal and civil justice system professionals and community-based domestic violence/sexual assault programs, counseling services, medical services, spiritual support, economic assistance, and...
- A rejection of the categorical social service referral system...
- Creating vehicles for community capacity building with accountability to survivors

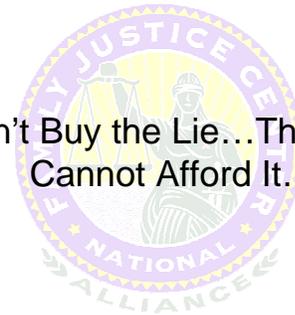


Potential Co-Location of Service Providers

- Domestic Violence
- Elder Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Stalking
- Human Trafficking
- Child Advocacy/Existing CAC
- Long-term Support Services



Don't Buy the Lie... That You Cannot Afford It...



The Cost of One Murder

	<u>Cost</u>
Four Police Responses	\$ 1,582
Two Temporary Restraining Orders	\$ 1,400
180 day Jail Term	\$19,292
Two years Probation	\$ 4,104
One Emergency Room Visit	\$ 1,855
Two weeks in a DV Shelter	\$ 2,094
One week @ Polinsky x 3	\$ 4,200
One Year of Foster Care x 3	\$18,756
Coroner's Autopsies (2)	\$ 5,510
Court Prosecution	\$1,500,000
State Prison Sentence (2 life terms)	\$1,000,000
TOTAL	\$2,558,793

Source: HHS - Office of Violence Prevention



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The President's Family Justice Center Initiative

Fiscal Year 2004 Solicitation

LETTER OF INTENT DEADLINE:
December 12, 2003

GMS REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
January 15, 2004

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
February 5, 2004



FJC Movement

- 55 Operating FJCs
- 1/2 coordinated by shelters/community-based DV agencies
- 1/2 coordinated by District Attorney's Offices or Police Departments
- 110 Communities in active discussions
- Centers in 10 countries
- Rural
- Suburban
- Urban
- Tribal
- Regional Centers
- VAWA Funding for FJCs - Title I



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Family Justice Center Alliance

- Publicly and privately funded national alliance
- National TA Team – On-site assistance, On-line assistance
- National standards/Web TV (Coming)/Video teleconferencing/Staff Exchanges/International Conferences/Webinars
- Coordinated with OVV Funded-National FJC Technical Assistance Project for federally funded sites
- FJC Institute funded by Verizon Foundation (including technology-based pilot projects)
- New statewide initiatives evolving, shelters leading the way in some communities and police/DA in others
- www.familyjusticecenter.org

And the Most Used Service Providers Are...

- Restraining Order Clinic/Civil Legal Services
- Advocacy/Counseling/Safety Planning
- Law enforcement/prosecution services
- Children's Services ↑
- Forensic Medical Unit/Health Services ↑
- Chaplain's/Volunteer Programs
- Transportation ↑

Basic Services in Centers

- Food
- Clothing
- Restraining orders without going to court
- Free cell phones with free minutes
- Free Internet access
- Spiritual support
- Transportation assistance
- Free medical assistance; dental assistance
- DA Victim-Witness Assistance
- Counseling
- Support Groups
- Safety Planning
- Child care
- Support services for children
- Law enforcement assistance
- Free locksmith services
- Pregnancy counseling

FJC Services Evolving...

- Easily accessible county wide resource network/locations
- Economic/financial assessments
- Financial literacy
- Credit repair
- Asset Development
- Education/Computer Training
- Personal Coaching
- Job Training/Job Placement
- Housing/Services Coordination – Emergency, Transitional, and Affordable
- Campus approaches...

New Free Resource

- MOSAIC
- www.mosaicmethod.com
- Made available for free for the first time
- NFJCA Pilot Project with 5 FJCs/CCRs to study how to use the tool in a collaborative response
- Gavin de Becker – Oprah Winfrey Show tomorrow – April 15, 2010

Tools

- FJC Intake Systems
- Webinars – www.familyjusticecenter.org (join for free and use Resource Library)
- International FJC Conference – San Antonio, Texas April 27-29, 2010
- New Strangulation DVD Available May 1
- Books
- Posters



Electronic Safety Deposit Box

- Sponsored by the Verizon Foundation - free to the FJC and its clients (soon available nationwide)
- A secure way for FJC clients to either save important documents (birth certificates, ID forms, court orders, etc.) onto a flash drive or upload to an internet trust fax account to be accessed anytime.
- Requires client to have a risk assessment and safety plan



The Snapshot

- Self Assessment Tool
 - Documents Baseline Information
 - Monitors progress toward objectives
 - Provides information to improve programs
 - Helps identify training issues
 - Helps refine data collection activities
 - Helps clarify program strengths and weaknesses
 - Helps plan for the future
 - Helps provide feedback to funders



Focus Groups

- Sample Focus Group Questions for Survivors and Professionals
- Conduct them in preparation of our visit, or
- Set up a focus group while we are there
- Begin your VOICES committee now
- Materials can be requested through Mehry:
 - mehry@nfjca.org or 619-236-9404



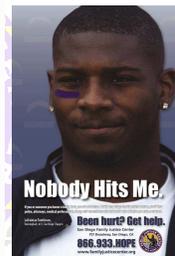
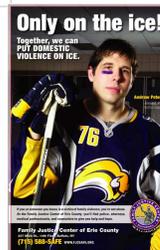
National FJC VOICES



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Awareness Posters





The Critical Choice: Staying Focused on the Vision

The Attributes of Healthy Relationships Among CCRs, FJCs

- Grace
- Mercy
- Forgiveness
- Humility
- Unselfishness
- Sense of humor
- Affirmation
- Encouragement
- Mutual Respect
- Shared Resources
- Quality and quantity time together
- Massive amounts of communication

Family Justice Center – Initial Outcomes (four studies to date)

- Natural client peer support
- Broad cross-section of victims/clients
- “Dropping charges” significantly reduced (30/70)
- Client support/safety dramatically increased
- Less focus on criminal justice system as sole or primary response
- Strong sense of “community” developing among service providers
- Collaboration, Efficiency, Information Sharing
- Homicide reduction, recidivism reduction, increased convictions
- Client empowerment, safety, support, hope

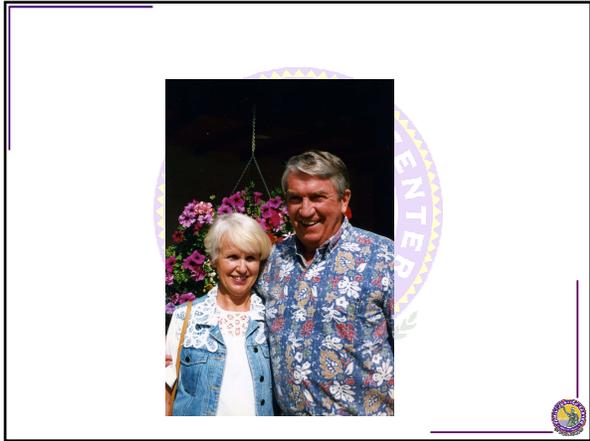
Tulane University Survey Range of Co-Located Services in Centers

- Criminal Justice
- Medical Services
- Civil Legal Services
- Child Care/Child trauma/Advocacy Services
- Child Welfare
- Subject Matter Focus Areas: Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Stalking/Elder Abuse
- Living Provisions/Needs
- Financial & Employment Assistance
- Public Benefits
- Social Services
- Spiritual Support
- Community Education/Outreach/Prevention
- Camping/Mentoring Programs

Reminders for Dreamers

- Be Focused and Persistent
- Be Overcomers: Politics, Turf Issues, Competing Priorities, Enemies, Money, and Personality Conflicts
- Stay Humble
- Learn from past mistakes
- Listen to advocates/survivors
- Always aspire, never settle
- Beyond services...what is your Camp Hope?





Thank you!
www.familyjusticecenter.org

Family Justice Center Grand Opening October 10, 2002