

Rural Family Justice Center

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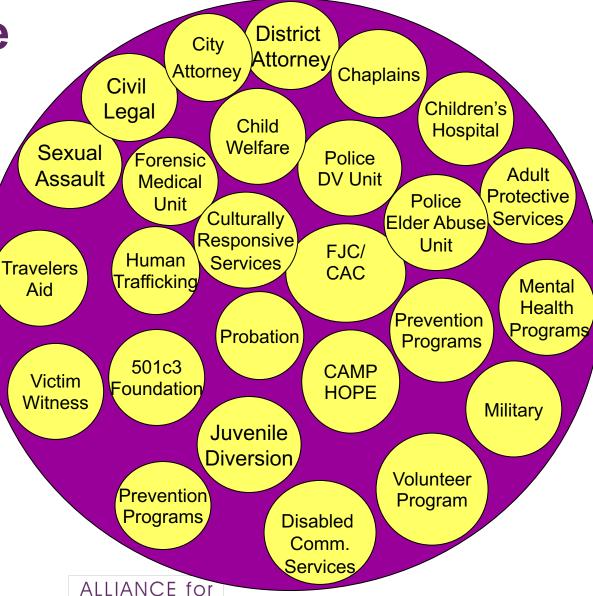
What is a Family Justice Center?



Survivors Tell Us

- Victims are fearful of systems and don't understand the process
- Court is the scariest place to seek help
- Shelters are the safest place
- Victims must go from place to place
- They must tell their story over and over
- Victims want all their services together in one place

Family Justice Center Vision





A Victim's Journey-What might they need?

- Temporary Protective Order
- Medical Treatment
- Children's Advocacy Center
- Police Investigation
- Advocacy or counseling
- Civil Legal Aid
- Public Assistance
- Meet with District Attorney or Solicitor General's offices
- Safe Shelter
- Attend Court
- Need a TPO extension
- More counseling for self or children

What does that journey look like in your community?



Family Justice Centers Are More Than Just a Building

What Is On The Inside Matters

Community-wide response

Improving survivors' access to services



Start Small

Dream Big

Family Justice Center

Advocacy

Law Enforcement Prosecutor and Civil Legal

Services

Counseling Child Resource Room Adult Therapy MDT
Child Abuse
and
Sexual
Assault

Social
Services
DCF
Housing
Services
Cultural and
Linguistic

Wellness Center Mental Health Center Interfaith Counseling Meditation

Medical Forensic Medical Examination Room Prevention Self
Sufficiency
Job Training
Dress for
Success
Childcare
Camping and
Mentoring



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CREATING PATHWAYS TO HOPE

The Family Justice Center Framework





FJC is about Sharing Resources

- NOT replacing or duplicating programs
- Taking existing resources, putting them together under one roof to eliminate the runaround
- Providing MORE access to services and MORE more coordinated services
- Location paid by Government
- Services provided by Partners



Governance Structures at FJCs

Government

- City or County
- Mayor's Office
- Law Enforcement
- DA's Office

Shared Leadership

Government & Non-Profit

Non-Profit

- Existing DV Program
- DV Council
- New Non-Profit

Tribal



Potential Partners-Services

- Law Enforcement
- Prosecutors
- CAC
- Sexual Assault
- Mental Health
- Public Health
- Human Trafficking
- Culturally Specific
- Victim Compensation
- Chaplaincy
- Housing (Emergency, transitional,

- permanent)
- Public Benefits
- Holistic Health
- Civil Legal
- Medical/forensic
- Schools/education
- Immigration Support
- Advocates
- Elder Abuse
- Solo Practitioner Incubator
- Substance Use

- Childcare/programming
- Life skills
- Children's
 Programs/Camp HOPE

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FJC Services Evolving

- Easily accessible county-wide resource network/locations
- Economic/financial assessments
- Financial literacy/credit repair
- Long-term spiritual care/connection to community
- Asset Development
- Education/Computer Training
- Personal Coaching
- Job Training/Job Placement
- Housing Services Coordination
- Campus approaches



High-Risk Team

- Referral to the team with the victim's consent
- Victim may or may not be present
- Safety and support plan for the victim
- Compliance plan for the suspect

Team:

- Advocacy
- Policy
- Prosecution
- Probation
- Civil legal
- Other partners as determined





Self-Respect, Agency, Healing

Connection, Support, Community

Safety, Protection, Security

Food, Shelter, Clothing, Transportation





Focus on Children Must Be Central to all Family Justice Centers

Childhood trauma is the single greatest threat to public health and community safety on the planet.



Children's Services Should be Integrated into the FJC Model

- Co-occurring rates of child abuse and domestic violence necessitate the integration of services for children in Family Justice Centers
- Children exposed to DV are 1500% more likely to be physically abused or seriously neglected.
- Children exposed to DV are 6 times more likely to commit suicide and 50% more likely to experience substance abuse.
- Children exposed to DV are far more likely to commit domestic and community violence as adults.



Effective Children's Programs Include:

- Camp HOPE America program;
- Intake which includes assessment of the needs of children;
- Advocate(s) whose primary job responsibilities involve serving children;
- On-site counseling for children and youth;
- Every advocate is trained on how exposure to domestic violence impacts children and youth.



FJC Movement Today

- More than 150 operating Family Justice/Multi-Agency Centers in 44 states
- ½ coordinated by shelters/community-based DV/SA agencies or new 501c3s
- ½ coordinated by District Attorney's Offices or Police Departments or public agencies
- 50+ communities in active planning efforts
- First statewide initiative in California (24 open, five more about to open)

- Centers in 25+ countries
- Rural
- Suburban
- Urban
- Tribal
- FJCs in VAWA (Title I)
- Model state level legislation
- Largest International FJC
 Initiative Mexico (45)



Rural Family Justice Centers

- Operate with an annual budget under \$500,000
- 70% are supported by a volunteer program
- Serve about 500 clients/year on average
- Average 4 onsite partner agencies and 9 to 11 offsite partner agencies
- Most common services: advocacy, safety planning, counseling, access to food, sexual assault programming
- Greatest need for training: gun retrieval and working in difficult political climates





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Benefits and Challenges of a Dynamic Family Justice Center Framework



Benefits

- Saves Time
- Leverages Resources
- The Pie Gets Bigger
- We Do Better Together
- Saves Lives



Challenges

- Egos, turfs, power, and control
- Morphing different partners with different cultures
 - Different styles
 - Different problem solving techniques
- Learning to build and fly the plane at the same time
 - No directions, no cookbook
 - Policy follows practice
- Shared sustained funding for all partners
- Maintaining adequate staffing levels





How Can the Alliance Help?



Targeted Technical Assistance

Informational Meeting

Developing

Study Tour/ Community Assessment

Developing

Strategic Planning

Developing

Grand Opening

Work with Strategic Planning Workgroups

Open Centers

Snapshot

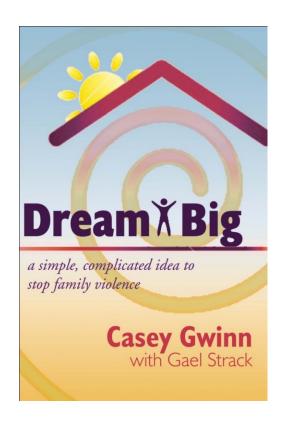
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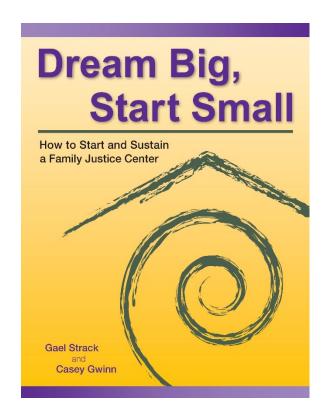
Additional Technical Assistance: Funding and Sustainability, Camp HOPE, Service Delivery, Strategic Planning

Open Centers



The Why & How





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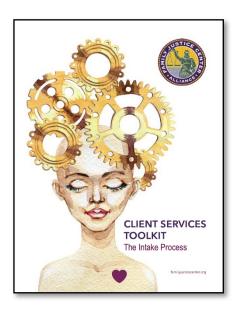
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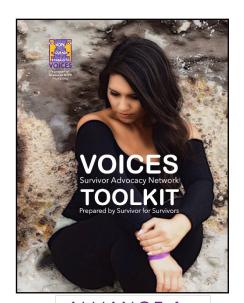




Toolkits

- Client Services
- VOICES
- Focus Groups











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