

VICTIMS RECOGNIZED

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK



National Crime Victims Rights Week (NCVRW) takes place next week - April 25 through 30, 2011. This year's theme - Reshaping the Future, Honoring the Past - pays tribute to the millions of crime victims who have summoned the strength to rebuild their shattered lives, families, and communities, one step at a time. Similarly, it honors the victim service community whose members

have walked alongside these victims, responding to their courage with unwavering commitment and skillful guidance.

The week will kick off with a Balloon Release on Monday, April 25th. Singer, Patsy Torres will open the event at 10:00 a.m. at the south end of the Paul Elizondo Justice Center Tower, at South Flores and West Nueva, and will culminate in the release of over 300 balloons. A Victim Call-In Hotline will follow at KSAT-TV from Noon to 7:00 p.m. Please watch KSAT for the call-in phone number.

Also, a picnic honoring victims of crime, particularly children, will be held on Friday April 29th in Milam Park, 501 W. Commerce (across from Christus Santa Rosa Health Care – Downtown) from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to partake in free lunch and join the festivities, which will include games, clowns, face painting, pony rides, petting zoo, a visit from the Spurs coyote, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, the Build-A-Bear mascot and others. The Bexar County Family Justice Center will have their annual tic-tac-toe booth and this year will be giving away prizes to include passes to Fiesta Texas, Sea World, the Children's Museum and Magik Theater, Missions tickets, gift certificates to Magic Time Machine and Chester's Hamburgers, party at Kiddie Park, party for five at University Bowl, Santikos and IMAX Theater tickets, and an Academy Sports gift card. [Click here for information on other exciting events taking place this week!](#)

CALLING ALL FJC PARTNERS



The next partner meeting will be held in the Foundation Room on **Tuesday, May 3rd at 9:00.** At this quarterly meeting, we will conduct our annual Partner Announcements. Each agency will have three minutes to share with the group the most important activities your organization is providing for victims of domestic violence at the time. Not only is this a

meeting of fellowship, it is a way for us to share current information on what our agencies are doing so we can effectively refer to each other as we connect victims to services. A large table will be provided to place all agency's literature. **Please don't miss this important meeting!**



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Upcoming Training

The Bexar County
Family Justice Center

presents

**Mental Health
Population**

by

**Maria Falcon, M.A.,
LPC-S**

Participants will learn how to assess individuals that may present with mental health illnesses and how to refer them to the appropriate services.

**Friday, May 20, 2011
11:30 A.M.– 12:30 P.M.**

**CEUs will be provided for
Licensed Professional
Counselors (LPC).**

Please contact the FJC at
(210) 208-6800 to RSVP for
CEU credits.

**FJC Board Room
527 N. Leona,
2nd Floor, Bldg. C**

GOING PLACES NETWORK BEGINS IN MAY



In response to the challenging economic climate and the need for victims of domestic violence and other struggling individuals to compete in competitive job searches, the **Wal-Mart Foundation** has awarded **Dress for Success Worldwide** a large grant to help women face current economic challenges. Beginning May 11, 2011 through a series of twelve sessions spanning 12 weeks, **Dress for Success San Antonio**, a selected participant under the grant, will provide job skills training to thirty clients at the Family Justice Center.

Dress for Success San Antonio will use a pragmatic curriculum that will teach Family Justice Center clients transferrable skills, personal action plans, resume preparation, taped mock interviews, business etiquette, professional presentation tips, business dress suggestions, and much more. At the end of the program, it

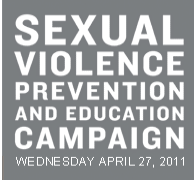
is the goal of Dress for Success San Antonio that 90% of the clients participating will either be employed, involved in paid internships, or enrolled in formal employer training programs.

If you are working with a victim of domestic violence who is ready to enter or re-enter the workforce, they must join this program! This program is only for candidates who are seriously interested in career development and employment. They must have a minimum of a GED, six months of sobriety, and accept responsibility to make the 12 week commitment. Please contact Lupe Decker at (210) 208-6806 or gdecker@bexar.org if you have a client in your partnering agency who may be interested in the program. [Click here to access a printable version of the flyer.](#)

DENIM DAY



Partners and Staff at the Family Justice Center will wear jeans on **Wednesday, April 27th** to mark Denim Day. The day marks an important day of protest that occurred twenty years ago on the other side of the world. In Italy an 18-year old girl was picked up by her married, 45-year old driving instructor and taken to an isolated road, beaten and raped. She reported the crime and he was convicted and sentenced to jail. He appealed the sentence all the way to the Italian Supreme Court where the case against him was overturned, dismissed, and he was released. The Chief Judge argued, *“because the victim wore very, very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex.”* Enraged by the verdict, women in the Italian Parliament launched into action and protested by wearing jeans to work. This call to action motivated and emboldened the California Senate and Assembly to do the same and Denim Day in LA was born. Over the years, this awareness movement has spread across the United States. **Please join us in honoring victims on April 27th by wearing jeans!**



NEW OFFICER AT FJC



We are thrilled to announce that Officer Harold Anderson recently joined the Family Justice Center. He has served as an Officer with the San Antonio Police Department for over five years and has been part of a Crisis Response Team for two and a half of those years. Officer Anderson holds a BS in Criminal Justice and a MA in Counseling. He has worked with many social service agencies during his career, including many of our partners, such as SAMMinistries, Family Service Association and the Center for Health Care Services. He holds an Intermediate Peace Officer’s license and is a certified Texas Mental Health Officer. Officer Anderson with his unique background is a wonderful addition to our multi-disciplinary team of individuals working under one roof at the Family Justice Center.

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