

FINAL REMINDER...2010 INTERNATIONAL FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER CONFERENCE APRIL 27-29, 2010

SAVE THE DATE!
10th Annual International
Family Justice Center
Conference
April 27-29, 2010
San Antonio, TX

Conference
Registration
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Topics & Speakers
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Please do not miss the opportunity to hear national and international experts specializing in domestic violence prevention speak on many important topics. The rate is only \$250 for San Antonio residents, and \$175 for **ONSITE community partners**. **Unable to attend the conference?** Come mix and mingle with conference attendees from all over the country who are working in the field of domestic violence. **All are invited to attend the dinner at Mi Tierra**

Café Y Panadería on April 28th for \$25 a person. For further details or to RSVP for the dinner, please contact Rebecca Perez at (210) 208-6882 or by e-mail at rtrinidad@bexar.org. as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you all there!

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH



The month of April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This is a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect, and encourage individuals and communities to support children and families. **What is child abuse?** Texas law provides a definition. According to Chapter 261 of the Family Code (recodified in 1995), child abuse is an act or omission that endangers or impairs a child's physical, mental or emotional health and development. Child abuse may take the form of physical or emotional injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, physical neglect, medical neglect, or inadequate supervision.

Facts & Statistics. A child abuse report is made every ten seconds. In the United States, there are over three million reports of child abuse made every year. These reports however, can include multiple children. In 2007, approximately 5.8 million children were involved in an estimated 3.2 million child abuse reports and allegations. Almost five children die everyday as a result of child abuse. Of these deaths, more than three out of four are under the age of four. Child abuse has no boundaries. It occurs at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, with all religions and at all levels of education. About 30% of abused and neglected children will later abuse their own children, continuing the horrible cycle of abuse. In 2009, in Texas, 252,529 reports were made to CPS of child abuse/neglect.

Warning signs of child abuse include but are not limited to when a child: shows sudden changes in behavior or school performance; has not received help for physical or medical problems brought to the parents' attention; has learning problems (or difficulty concentrating) that cannot be attributed to specific physical or psychological causes; is always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen; lacks adult supervision; is overly compliant, passive, or withdrawn; and comes to school or other activities early, stays late, and does not want to go home.

Nine things that can be done for Child Abuse Prevention Month: 1) volunteer your time, 2) discipline your children thoughtfully, 3) support prevention programs, 4) know what child abuse is, and what the signs are, 5) report abuse, 6) invest in kids, 7) write, visit, fax, phone, or e-mail your elected officials, 8) participate in ceremonies to memorialize children, and 9) raise public awareness.



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**Training Reminder...
April 27, 2010
Dean Hawley, M.D.
PROFESSOR OF PATHOLOGY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE, INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
7:30 a.m.– 9:00 a.m.
“FORENSIC MEDICAL FINDINGS IN FATAL AND NON-FATAL INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE”
UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER DOWNTOWN- FOUNDATION RM 527 NORTH LEONA**

**Convocation of Partners Meeting
May 4, 2010
UHC-Downtown- Foundation Room
527 N. Leona,
3rd Floor, Bldg B
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.**

Allegra Print & Imaging awards the Family Justice Center \$500

Allegra Print & Imaging is dedicated to helping non-profit organizations. They understand that non-profits have to work hard to attract volunteers, and generate funding and other sources of support.



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Through the FootPRINT Fund, Allegra awarded the Family Justice Center \$500 in printing services. With these funds the Center will strengthen its visibility and name recognition in the community.

Community & Health Fairs

MAY 10, 2010 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM

WOMEN'S HEALTH FAIR

527 NORTH LEONA, BUILDING C, 3RD FLOOR

MAY 27, 2010 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

JOHN GLENN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

2385 HORAL DRIVE

Training Announcement: May 21, 2010

Manny Ruiz

Crime Victims Compensation (CVC):

A Brief Overview

11:00 A.M. - 12: 30 P.M.

The Office of the Attorney General provides training to advocates, liaisons and victim coordinators to ensure that victims receive effective assistance in accessing the Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) program. The CVC program serves victims of violent crime and their families by providing assistance for certain out of pocket expenses resulting from crime.

The Family Justice Center welcomes Manny Ruiz, the San Antonio Regional Coordinator for the Crime Victims Service Division in the Office of the Attorney General. Mr. Ruiz is a graduate of Texas State University with a degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology. He has worked as an investigator for the Texas Workforce Commission, a caseworker for the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services and the Texas Attorney General-Child Support Division and the Open Records Division. He has worked in the field of victim services since 1996. Please come to hear Mr. Ruiz present on how to obtain monetary compensation for victims.



CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK
A BIG SUCCESS



Pictured: Alicia Vela, Irene Longoria, and Melody Vallejo

A picnic honoring victims of crime was held on April 9, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in Milam Park. Over 100 children joined in the festivities, which included free food, games, clowns, face painting, pony rides, a petting zoo, a visit from the Spurs Coyote, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog and Bikers Against Child Abuse.



Haven For Hope is a New Partner at the Family Justice Center

Haven for Hope celebrated its Grand Opening, Wednesday, April 14, 2010 and announced its women's and children's dormitory will open the end of May. As a result of this new partnership, the FJC will have access to 472 beds for women and children.

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