

THE GENEVIEVE AND WARD ORSINGER FOUNDATION PROVIDES NEW DATABASE AT THE FJC!



Special thanks to the Genevieve and Ward Orsinger Foundation who recently funded "Project CPR: Connecting People to Resources". Under this grant, the FJC will establish and develop model informational technology through a database crafted by Social Solutions that will enhance direct services to victims of domestic violence and their children. The database will also establish and develop a computer network of relationships between Partners and Staff through the use of electronic files for the purpose of improving the quality and quantity of services provided to clients. The Center hopes to go "paperless" in 2010 in order to reduce the economic expense accompanied with paper records and manual maintenance of such records; and to utilize data obtained through electronic collection to evaluate how and with whom victims of domestic violence are best served at the FJC. Under this program, the Family Justice Center, through technology, will establish an improved approach of connecting victims of domestic violence and their children to the legal and social solutions they require more quickly, efficiently, and smoothly through the use of a paperless, electronic file system. Project CPR will "resuscitate" clients by removing them from life threatening situations with greater speed and ease.



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Richard Keith, Senior projects Manager with the Office of Financial Empowerment (City of San Antonio Department of Community Initiatives) spoke to on-site partners about several asset building and protection programs including: VITA, a free tax preparation service for those making under \$55,000 a year and the City's IDA Matched Savings program that matches \$4 for every \$1 contributed to the plan!



LO BELLO DE SAN ANTONIO WOMEN'S CLUB PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL FUNDS TO THE FJC

Lo Bello de San Antonio again funds the Bexar County Family Justice Center this year with the necessary educational tools child witnesses of domestic violence need to start the school year. Because victims of domestic violence are often "in flight" and have limited resources, August is an especially difficult time of year as they struggle to obtain the school supplies and books needed to put their children on the right track. Le Bello de San Antonio has provided the resources needed to purchase and distribute schools supplies; to award textbook scholarships; and to provide books to non-school age children that promote non-violence and enhance literacy and healthy family relationships.



Debbie Gonzalez, Abbey Kurth, and Isabel Leon present donation from Lo Bello de San Antonio Women's Club.

Upcoming Training...

March 4, 2010

Sarah M. Buel

Clinical Professor of Law

Webinar: "Witness Intimidation" presented in FJC Board Room

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Witness tampering is the most common crime perpetrated by batterers, yet, is the least charged, prosecuted, and sentenced offense.

Convocation of Partners Meeting

March 2, 2010

UHC-Downtown- Foundation Room

527 N. Leona,

3rd Floor, Bldg B

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

LET'S SHOW OFF OUR FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER!

We need law enforcement, prosecutors, victim's advocates, shelters, judges, counselors, policy makers, elected officials, board members, survivors, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, medical personnel, educators, and all others interested in the future of family violence prevention to **join us at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Riverwalk in San Antonio as we host the INTERNATIONAL FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER CONFERENCE April 27-29, 2010!** National and international speakers will share their expertise in the area of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault and funding. This conference will provide training in leadership, accountability to survivors, guiding principles and promising practices in the rapidly evolving national and international movement toward Family Justice Centers and other approaches to co-located, multidisciplinary services for victims of family violence and their children. The conference will also include practical, hands-on training for police officers, prosecutors, advocates, and medical professionals in the day to day handling and proper reporting of domestic violence cases.



Conference
Registration
(click here)

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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS... We need 10 per day who will be selected with preference given to those who can volunteer a minimum of 8 hours in one day or more than one day. **All volunteers will need to attend a short volunteer training on Monday, April 26th** in the late afternoon or early evening at the conference site. Volunteer duties include registration, serving as room monitors, set up, clean up and hauling. The Alliance will provide volunteers with lunch, a t-shirt, and a pass to attend conference sessions during non-volunteer hours. Please contact Rebecca at 208-6882 to schedule.

CALLING ALL PARTNERS... The World is coming to see our Family Justice Center. **Everyone attending the Conference will be invited and bused to our Center on April 27th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** We ask that a **representative from each on-site partner agency be available that evening to discuss their work and serve as tour guides.** Also, **please plan to attend the Conference.** The rate is only \$250 for San Antonio residents, and the Alliance is offering the bargain rate of **\$175 for ONSITE community partners.** Please do not miss the opportunity to hear national and international experts specializing in domestic violence and discussing the issues and challenges we face with victims every day. **This is a Conference you cannot afford to miss!** Additionally, **all are invited to a dinner at Mi Tierra Restaurant on April 28th for \$25 a person.** Please come to mix and mingle with people from all over the country who are working in the field of domestic violence and show them how people from San Antonio can party in style, even the week after Fiesta!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BRINGS IMMIGRATION LAW TEAM TO FJC



We welcome the new Catholic Charities Immigration Law - STAR program team to the FJC. Catholic Charities is expanding their presence as an on site partner here by adding to there already successful Foster Grandparent program. This new program will begin with services on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in our Dream Center. If you would like to learn more about what they do and how their presence here will help victims of domestic violence, we invite you to join us for the **March training class** presented by Linda Brandemiller, on **Friday, March 26, at 11:30 a.m. in the FJC Board Room.**

APRIL CONFERENCE PREPARATION!



Conference Planning Team meets to discuss April details.

(L-R) **Barbara Baird** Crowne Plaza Meetings Director, **Melissa Mack** Director of Technical Assistance, FJC Alliance, **Rebecca Perez** BCFJC Local Coordinator, and **Jim Barker** Training Director, FJC Alliance.

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