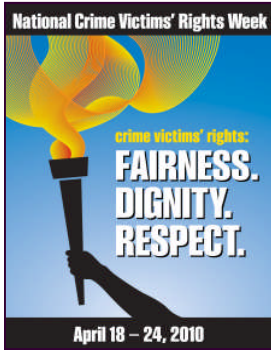


**BEXAR COUNTY IS CELEBRATING  
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK!  
APRIL 5-11**



Partners at the FJC have worked decades to ensure rights, protections and services are available for victims of crime. Focusing on fairness, dignity and respect, the week of activities evokes the ideals that support a system of justice that recognizes that we cannot have "justice for all" unless we have justice for victims.

Many community events are on the calendar for this week. Victims may call KSAT-TV at 351-1363 from noon to 7:00 p.m. for information concerning the criminal justice system and referrals for victims' services. Also, on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> a picnic in Milam Park will honor children who are victims of crime from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. as vendors and community organizations come together to provide a free lunch, pony rides, face painting, games and many more fun activities. For information on all events taking place this week [CLICK HERE](#).

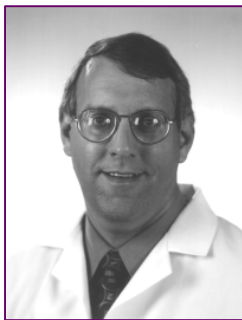


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**DEAN HAWLEY, M.D. TO CONDUCT APRIL TRAINING**



Dr. Dean Hawley, Professor of Pathology at the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine, will present to the Partners at the Bexar County Family Justice Center on, **"Forensic Medical Findings in Fatal and Non-Fatal Intimate Partner Violence," on April 27, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.** in the auditorium at the Texas Diabetes Institute on 701 South Zarzamora Street. Dr. Hawley, a national expert in strangulation, will discuss how to recognize injuries on an individual that link the cause of that injury to a domestic violence incident. He will cover blunt force injuries as well as venous obstruction in the neck, pinpoint hemorrhages (petechiae), conjunctiva of the eyes, deep internal organ injuries, curvilinear abrasions, substance abuse and depression.

While his presentation is crafted for FJC medical partners, it will also be helpful for all advocates who work with victims. Dr. Hawley's presentation is especially important now, as the Texas Legislature has recently elevated strangulation and suffocation from a misdemeanor to a felony. Advocacy is required at every level – from the 911 call to crime scene investigation to the medical exam and finally to the prosecution of the perpetrator. Dr. Hawley will also present and conduct workshops at the International Family Justice Center Conference on April 28, 2010. If you cannot attend the Conference, please do not miss this rare opportunity to see his one hour presentation at the Texas Diabetes Institute.

**Teen Power and Control Wheel**

*Loveisrespect.org* is proud to unveil the interactive Teen Power and Control Wheel! It is adapted from the Domestic Violence Power and Control Wheel and is customized to address dating violence issues experienced by teens. By clicking on each spoke of the wheel you can view the video diary of a scenario that corresponds with that description. This wheel is a great tool for conducting discussion about teen dating abuse and brainstorming possible resolutions. [Click Here](#) to check it out!

**PLEASE REGISTER NOW!**

The International Family Justice Center Conference will be held in San Antonio **April 27-29, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Riverwalk**. The rate is only \$250 for San Antonio residents, and **\$175 for ONSITE community partners**. Please do not miss the opportunity to hear national and international experts specializing in domestic violence prevention speak on many important topics. Also, please attend the dinner at Mi Tierra Café Y Panadería on April 28<sup>th</sup> for \$25 a person.



Conference Registration  
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See Exciting Topics & Speakers  
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## EFFORTS TO OUTCOMES DATABASE TRAINING BEGINS!



FJC Staff and Partners joined together Tuesday, March 23rd for a four hour on-site user training session on the FJC's new client tracking and reporting software, *Efforts to Outcomes (ETO)*. Travis Boland of Social Solutions conducted the training as Partners and Staff participated in a "hands on" web conference. ETO is the new paperless online software system purchased through a grant awarded to the FJC by the **Genevieve and Ward Orsinger Foundation**. ETO will provide the FJC with the ability to thoroughly track victim and perpetrator information, marketing and donations, presentations and trainings, and measure staff and partner performance. It also is an outstanding and customizable reporting tool. This training was the first step in the process of implementing ETO. After updating the configurations, templates, and user acceptance testing, this project will 'go live' in May!

## TEEN CHALLENGE OF SOUTH TEXAS HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

Teen Challenge of Texas, an off-site partner at the Family Justice Center that provides residential services for victims with substance abuse issues, held an open house this month. Their mission is, "to provide adults and families with an effective and comprehensive Christian faith-based solution to life-controlling drug and alcohol problems in order for them to become productive members of society." By applying biblical principles, Teen Challenge endeavors to help people become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well, and spiritually alive. Teen Challenge has been an original partner at the Family Justice Center since it opened in 2005. Pictured are several members from the Teen Challenge Board of Directors. L-R: Rev. Doug Roberts, Peter Dunn, George Thomas (President, Teen Challenge), Meera Ballal (Executive Director, Bexar County Family Justice Center), Julia Clark and Rev. Wayne Clark.



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES PROVIDES IMMIGRATION LAW TRAINING



This month Linda Brandmiller presented to FJC Partners and Staff on issues faced by the immigrant victim of serious crime, including domestic violence and human trafficking. These individuals (predominantly women and children) are among the most vulnerable in our community due to the consequences faced if they involve the police and report the crime. Immigrants represent a section of the population that struggles with language barriers, distrust of the criminal justice system, fear of deportation, cultural taboos, and societal pressures. International human trafficking victims often fall through the cracks in the social service and law enforcement systems because they RARELY self-identify, are often coached on how to answer routine intake questions, and do not readily trust people and disclose the true facts. Their cases are quite complex with multiple layers, often requiring extensive interviews and investigation.

On-site services provided by Catholic Charities will include legal representation and the training of Partners on immigrant issues. The STAR program utilizes a victim-centered approach in providing legal access and representation, and creates a foundation to stabilize a victim's life. Catholic Charities hopes this new relationship with the FJC will benefit victims and our community!

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