

## THE FJC HELPS EGYPT AND THE MIDDLE EAST STRIVE FOR CHANGE

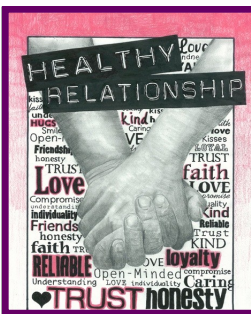


Polish visitors, sponsored by the U.S. State Department, visit the FJC. Middle East visitors are not pictured in order to protect their safety for the controversial work they are doing for women in their countries.

Because domestic violence affects the lives of millions of women and children worldwide in all socio-economic and educational classes, the FJC hosted leaders from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Oman, Palestinian Territories, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Poland who visited the Family

Justice Center to learn how victims' rights are viewed and protected under democratic governments. The U.S. Department of State sponsored the Arab and Polish coalitions under the International Visitor Leadership Program. The central objective of the program is to provide an overview of the U.S. Criminal Justice System. All of the visitors were activists in the field of preventing domestic abuse against women and children. The teams included Judges, Ministers of Health, Education Superintendents and family development agencies. The visitors had many questions about the FJC's public advocacy campaigns, information sharing, law enforcement, media representatives and the Jackie Campbell risk assessment. The FJC was honored to host the groups from the Middle East and Poland, some of whom are risking their lives to affect positive change for all women. **We admire and applaud your courage.**

## DATE RIGHT SAN ANTONIO!



February 1<sup>st</sup> marked the beginning of **Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month**, a national challenge to end teen dating violence and promote healthy teen relationships. The National Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that 1 out of 10 students has been purposely hit, slapped or physically hurt by their boyfriend or girlfriend. Teen dating violence increases teens' risk for physical, emotional, and mental health problems including drug and alcohol abuse, unplanned pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, depression, anxiety and dropping out of school.

For this reason, the Bexar County Family Justice Center and Communities in Schools San Antonio partnered together to educate local teens. Launching **DATE RIGHT SA**, Melody Vallejo and Debbie Ledoux of the Family Justice Center provided outreach presentations to over 800 students in 7 schools to promote and encourage healthy relationships while also providing the warning signs associated with dating violence. Using current media examples, the outreach program is designed for teenagers age 12-19. If you would like to learn more about Date Right SA, please contact Debbie at (210) 208-6866. To learn more about teen dating violence and its prevention, visit [www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org) or [www.loveisnotabuse.com](http://www.loveisnotabuse.com). The *National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline* is 1-866-331-9474.



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## Upcoming Training

The Bexar County Family Justice Center presents  
**“Telling Amy’s Story” DVD Presentation and Focus Group**  
**MARCH 1, 2011**  
**8:30 A.M.– 10:00 A.M.**

Please join us! The Bexar County Family Justice Center will present the full version of “Telling Amy’s Story”, produced by the Verizon Foundation. This nationally publicized video has been used as an informative and powerful tool to promote domestic violence resources in an effort to end domestic violence. This training will include a full presentation of film and a short focus group to discuss the video. All partners are invited to attend!

**UHC-DOWNTOWN FOUNDATION ROOM**  
**527 N. LEONA**  
**3RD FLOOR, BLDG. B**

## 11TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER CONFERENCE

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 are encouraged to attend the **2011 INTERNATIONAL FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER CONFERENCE, in San Diego, California, April 4-7, 2011.** National and international speakers will share their expertise in the areas 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. Also, this year, don't miss the opportunity to attend the elder abuse pre-conference training event with Candace Heisler. See link to the right.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
 11th Annual  
 International  
 Family Justice Center  
 Conference  
 April 5-7, 2011  
 San Diego, CA

Conference Registration  
 And View the Exciting Topics and Speakers  
 (click here)

## EFFORTS TO OUTCOMES (ETO) WORKSHOPS

The FJC will spend the month of March running partner workshops to expand the use of ETO, the Center's web based database. Over the last seven months, ETO has grown into a very successful client management system for all client services provided at the FJC. The trainings will focus solely on the workflow and procedures used to create, maintain, and report in ETO. The workshops are part of the FJC's effort to continually improve our programming and report key information to our grant funders, partners and the public. For questions about the workshops please contact Michael Maul, Systems Program Manager, at (210) 208-6865 or by e-mail at [mmaul@bexar.org](mailto:mmaul@bexar.org).



Walter and Sandy Prescher, parishioners of **Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (APLC)**, present a check to the Family Justice Center to fund programming for victims of domestic violence. APLC is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Walter and Sandy are also part of the San Antonio Police Department's Family Assistance Crisis Team (F.A.C.T.) Program and have served as volunteers at the Center since 2006. Special thanks to them and Abiding Presence Lutheran Church for their generous contribution!



Special thanks to the **Junior League of San Antonio (JLSA)** for helping make our gala a great event! The JLSA provided volunteers for gala preparation and to assist on the night of the event. Through the JLSA, the FJC also received funds to purchase safety plans and calendars for victims of domestic violence.

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