

CHILD WELFARE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CROSS-SYSTEM TRAINING SERIES

Mission Statement:

The Hillsborough County System of Care is committed to the prevention and elimination of domestic violence in our community. We will increase public awareness and community involvement while encouraging local community leaders and other key service providers to support efforts to change the conventional policies and cultural practices that perpetuate violence against men, women and children. We will work to ensure policy and procedures support victims and hold offenders accountable.

Vision Statement:

To create a culture shift to eradicate domestic violence in our community while overcoming obstacles and challenges through advocacy, education and training.

Statement of Philosophy:

Domestic Violence is a choice made by persons who strive to achieve power, control, and gratification through the manipulation of another person. This is obtained through a variety of abuse, such as, emotional, physical, sexual, psychological and economic. It is the objective of this training series to educate the community to further understand these types of victimization. Clarifying this would promote better and more meaningful supports and services. This is accomplished through:

- Training at the community and local level
- Dissemination of a variety of education materials
- Challenge system wide beliefs through multi-disciplinary collaborations



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Cross-system Training Series 2009-2010

Dynamics of Domestic Violence– (also known as **domestic abuse** or **spousal abuse**) occurs when a family member or intimate partner dominates another through coercion, threats or physical abuse. This course will provide a basic understanding of the dynamics of power and control, forms of abuse and ways in which community members can intervene to provide safety and support to survivors. ***3 CEU's***

October 14, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm

Facilitators: Roseanne Cupoli- The Spring and Dotti Groover -Family Justice Center

Hillsborough Kids, Inc.- This class will address the Florida Statute Chapter 39 as it pertains to our children coming into care. Discussion will include the process for when the children are in care, such as, how and what is developed in terms of the case plan where the parents will need to follow in hopes of gaining back their children, how the adoption process works when the parents do not follow the case plan or abandon the children, and what resources our community has to support these families by providing assistance to the parents and reducing the risk of harm to the children. ***3 CEU's***

November 18, 2009 from 1pm to 4 pm

Facilitator: Jessica Harlan- Hillsborough Kids, Inc.

Effects of Family Violence on Children – This course will examine normal developmental milestones in young children and the potential impact of family violence on children's learning, health and behavior. Family violence includes the impact of domestic violence in the family as well as the impact of child abuse. ***3CEU's***

December 16, 2009 from 1pm to 4pm

Facilitators: Yolanda and Johnna Lee- Survivors, Dr. Brian McEwen-Child Abuse Council, Kristina Roberts- Family Justice Center

Safety Planning and Lethality Assessment – This class will assist with discovering the links between an abusive partner's behaviors and gauging the level of threat a particular victim faces, taking steps to increase personal security before and after violence and preparing to get to a safe place. The class will also explore safety planning from the child welfare perspective.

3 CEU's

January 13, 2010 from 1pm to 4pm

Facilitators: Tamara Greene- The Spring, Kathleen Matthews- HCSO/CPID

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Child Protective Investigations – The class will provide basic information on how abuse reports are handled from the Florida Abuse Hotline through distribution to the field. Additionally, it will address the investigations process; types of reports investigated, maltreatments, and mandated reporting.

February 10, 2010 from 1pm to 4pm

Facilitator: Marion Tarallo - Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

The Court System- Civil & Dependency – Dependency law as related to child abuse and domestic violence will be discussed along with granting civil injunctions for protection and enforcing them and family law (establishing paternity, custody, visitation, support and obtaining a divorce).

March 10, 2010 from 1pm to 4pm

Facilitators: Natalie Baird- Baird Law Group & RUSAFE

David Silverstein– Office of the Attorney General

The Court System- Criminal Court – Criminal prosecution of domestic violence and child abuse/neglect cases will be discussed, to include drug court and juvenile court.

April 14, 2010 from 1pm to 4pm

Facilitators: Linda Shiflet- State Attorney's Office, Lindsay Mueller- State Attorney's Office and Jessica Spencer- ACTS

Mental Health and Trauma – This class is designed to assist service providers with understanding and identifying co-existing mental health issues and traumatic experiences among the families they serve. Appropriate assessment, referrals, crisis intervention strategies, and best practices regarding work with survivors of trauma will be addressed. The concepts of resiliency and the journey from victim to survivor to thriver will also be explored. ***3CEU's***

May 12, 2010 from 1pm to 4pm

Facilitators: Victoria Hummer- USF, FMHI and Dr. Colleen Clark, USF- Dept. of Mental Health Law and Policy

Substance Abuse – This training is designed to assist service providers with identifying substance abuse and intervention strategies. Effects of substance abuse on children and considerations to be taken when working with substance abusing survivors and perpetrators of domestic violence will also be discussed. ***3 CEU's***

June 9, 2010 from 1pm to 4pm

Facilitators: Linda Mann and Cary Hopkins-Eyles– DACCO

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Cultural Competency – The focus of this training is to understand how domestic violence crosses over all socio economic classes, races, and ethnicity. Helping child welfare participants to make better decisions about how domestic violence impacts families & children and understand how cultural issues impact family acceptance of service. Helping others gain a better understanding of cultural competency and domestic violence.

July 14, 2010 from 1pm to 4pm

Facilitator: Niki Kelly– Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services

Understanding Batterers and Batterers Intervention Programs – This training will focus on understanding the Model used in psycho-educational treatment and the learning how to increase communication between BIP providers and child welfare professionals. Additionally, participants will look at how domestic violence impacts our society as a whole. ***3CEU's***

August 11, 2010 from 1pm to 4pm

Facilitators: Bob Wright, Daniel Hersey, Marti Coulter

Compassion Fatigue – This class focuses on how exposure to family violence affects those in the helping professions. Discussion will consist of coping and adapting measures to assist in the prevention of burn-out. ***3CEU's***

September 8, 2010 from 1pm to 4pm

Facilitator: TBA

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About the Series

The Child Welfare/Domestic Violence Training series is designed for all staff who works in the child welfare and/or domestic violence systems. It is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of issues facing families impacted by child welfare and domestic violence issues. The goal is to help all professionals understand the complex issues of both child welfare and domestic violence advocates, and begin to develop a common understanding and language.

Each training session is offered at the Family Justice Center, 9309 North Florida Ave, Suite 109, Tampa FL 33612. Please go to www.fjchc.org, go to the main site and click “Training Academy” to register. Registration is free, CEU’s are available for courses indicated above.

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