

**Alameda
County Family
Justice Center**

**ACFJC
SNEAK PEEK**

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WELCOME ABOARD

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**Alameda County
District Attorney's Office in Washington D.C.**

On May 9, 2010 Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, Deputy District Attorneys Sharmin Bock and Eric Swalwell and D.A. Inspectors Harry Hu and Craig Chew went to Washington D.C. to attend the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial where President Obama spoke. During the week long trip the group also attended several meetings and forums where they presented



the Restitution Unit, the H.E.A.T. Watch program, New Beginnings, the Alameda County Family Justice Center and the Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center.

Ms. Bock spoke on a Senate Panel discussing Domestic Human Trafficking, where the

H.E.A.T. Watch Program sparked great interest among the attendees. The topic of human trafficking was also addressed in meetings at the Office of Violence Against Women and the Office of Victims of Crime. Ms. O'Malley met with California Senator Diane Feinstein and had the privilege to speak to her about the wonderful work done by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

JULY

Julie Rems-Smario
 Susan Borows
 Karen Meredith
 Marisol Flores



AUGUST

Lisa Foster
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 Kristen Washburn

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**10th Annual International
Family Justice Center Conference**

This year the 10th Annual International Family Justice Center Conference was held in San Antonio, TX on April 27-29. Nancy O'Malley and Raeanne Passantino attended this three-day event to represent the ACFJC. Nancy, a member of the Family Justice Center Alliance National Advisory Board, presented on the topic of sexual assault response teams. She also presented information on promising practices for Family Justice Centers. The ACFJC is one of three Regional Training Centers in California and Raeanne is the point person for our FJC. In addition to attending workshops on leadership, clergy's

role and sustainability she also attended meetings with the six Learning Exchange Teams who were at the ACFJC in March. Highlights of this conference include a presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Sue Else, President of the National Network to End Domestic Violence; a presentation and update of what the Obama Administration is doing in regarding violence against women and children by Lynn Rosenthal, White House Advisor on Violence Against Women; a tour of the Bexar County Family Justice Center; and an intimate dinner for 250 at Mi Tierra Café Y Panaderia, complete with live Mariachi



music. This was a great event that allowed everyone to visit and meet others who are in the field and to have fun after a long day of workshops and breakout groups. The 11th Annual International Family Justice Center Conference in partnership with The National District Attorneys Association will be held in San Diego on April 5-7, 2011.



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**We are pleased to
announce the
addition of Elder
Abuse services at
the Family Justice
Center beginning
July 6, 2010.**

Immigrant Survivors' Legal Aid

In June, 2010 Immigrant Survivors' Legal Aid (ISLA) began providing on site services at the ACFJC to substantially increase access to immigration legal services for immigrant survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. A groundbreaking federal immigration provision (the "U Visa") permits immigrant crime victims to apply for lawful immigration status that provides an avenue to autonomy, safety and stability. California law enhances the law's impact by making these applicants eligible for full scope Medi-Cal, food stamps and CalWORKs. After years of working in national and local organizations to maximize immigrant survivors' access to these provisions, ISLA's staff determined that providing immigration legal services at the ACFJC is the most efficient, effective way to help vulnerable immigrants gain legal status. Fortunately, the ACFJC agreed, and invited ISLA to set up onsite. Although ISLA is new, its staff has nationally recognized expertise in immigration law, has created a resource maximizing volunteer-based service model, and built strong collaborations with dozens of social service and law enforcement agencies. ISLA is already representing twelve immigrant survivors and has provided dozens of individual consultations to immigrant survivors and technical assistance to ACFJC partners. The information exchange made possible by co-location at the ACFJC helped ISLA submit its first U Visa application twice as quickly as we could have if we were off site.

Kidzone

The annual ACFJC KidZone Spring Event took place on Friday, April 30, 2010 from 1-4pm. This event was open to all children who have attended KidZone thus far in 2010. Sixteen children and their parents attended. Most of the children were between the ages of 4 and 16 years old and enjoyed activities suited for their age group that included "planting" silk flowers in little flower pots and a paper plate cosmic craft. The kids also enjoyed chocolate chip cookies, fruit and drinks. Every child received a gift of books as they left. As Coordinator I want to thank our Front Desk staff for their assistance on that day.

KidZone is in need of toys for children 1 – 3 years old and healthy snacks (pre-bagged, no peanuts) – all of which are distributed to the children we serve. All items can be dropped off at the ACFJC and/or we can arrange for pickup if needed. Please contact Bilkese at (510) 267-8835 for more information. Thank you to Sedgwick CMS and Susan Murray of the D.O.V.E.S. Project who donated snacks in June!

Save The Date: Friday, July 30, 2010 – KidZone Beach Day from 1- 4 pm to celebrate summer for all children who have attended KidZone this year. Please contact Bilkese, KidZone coordinator for more details. (510) 267-8835.

ABOUT US



Hi, my name is Carolyn Corgile and I am the newest addition to the ACFJC family as back-up to the Front Desk, Navigator and KidZone. I am very honored and blessed to be a part of such an outstanding organization because where I come from, being a Social Services participant, we rarely get the opportunity to show the world the acknowledgments and skills we portray. I am a mother of three beautiful children and they are my strength and motivation which keeps me striving to be

the best I can be. I enrolled in school at Laney College to become a Social Worker because I always wanted to work for the County. Unbeknownst to me that not only was I a student receiving public assistance, but I also started working at the Laney CalWORKs office. That's when all my dreams started to come into reality. I connected with the students because I too was a participant in the system. I always told myself that before I leave school, I would accomplish my goals and I am very proud to say that I'm a Laney College graduate with double AA degrees in Business/Social Science. And I owe it all to my friends, family and all the instructors who believed, supported me and never gave up. If it were not for the County's Subsidized Employment Program, I would not be here, employed with the Alameda County Family Justice Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ACFJC will be closed on July 5 & September 6.**
- **Building Futures DV support groups are no longer drop-in. If interested please call the following numbers: For the English Group every Tuesday 1-3 PM please call (510) 357-0205 x 133 and for the Spanish Group every Friday 10-11 AM please call (510) 613-5268.**
- **The Immunization Clinic will be closed for the month of July. The full day clinics from 9 AM—4 PM will be on August 19 & 26.**
- **FJC Team Meetings are every 1st Wednesday of the month from 12-1 PM.**
- **DV Collaborative Meetings— 9:30-11 AM
July 13 (Finalization of Court Ordered 6-hour DV Education Curriculum and Provider Training Outline)
August 10 (Human Trafficking)
September 14 (Children Growing Up in DV Families- The ACE Study)**
- **D.O.V.E.S. Drop-in Parenting After Domestic Violence Groups are every Thursday 10:30—noon. New members are welcome.**

**To place future announcements about your agency in the Newsletter please forward the information to:
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