



The Alameda County Family Justice Center

Our Mission:

"Effective co-location and collaboration of diverse agencies addressing a victim's short and long term needs enables leveraged public and private donor funds."

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Executive Director

Victims of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault often seek help from a fragmented, disjointed system of agencies offering related, but uncoordinated services. They are left to maneuver through red tape, must shuttle between multiple locations, and are forced to tell personal stories to several strangers. All the while, a family is in crisis and safety is an immediate concern. Many give up and never receive the range of critical services needed to achieve a safe and healthy home. The cost in suffering and lost human potential to our community is staggering.

In response, we created the Alameda County Family Justice Center - now serving as the heart of comprehensive service delivery system made up of over 100 public and private agency partners, providing a gateway to safety, healing, and empowerment for victims of abuse. We advocate for and construct a future where there is zero tolerance for domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and exploitation, and elder abuse.

Unique & Innovative Model:

"This is my safe place; the first time I've felt empowered to seek safety and have hope."

Unknown victim

By placing tax payer funded public services (law enforcement, criminal prosecution, health clinics) in the same building as non-profit agencies offering legal services, counseling, and childcare, we effectively ensure collaborative efficiency on behalf of victims, thereby maximizing every source of funding.

Core services provided on-site include: crisis intervention; law enforcement investigation and prosecution of offenders; temporary restraining orders; victim/witness support and advocacy; case management; individual and family counseling; support groups; medical clinics; emergency and transitional housing; childcare; transportation; faith-based services; multilingual capabilities; and many others.



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Our Accomplishments:

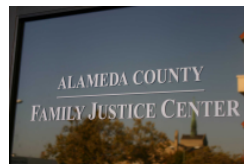
"We no longer question the full affect of an abuser's arrest...now, we not only see him go to jail, we see victims get counseling and support...on the road to a safe and healthy home."

Special Victims Unit
Investigator

"The ACFJC is a place of choice for victims to achieve safety in a manner they are comfortable with."

Anonymous Advocate

In three short years, the ACFJC has grown into a highly effective and comprehensive service delivery program that is achieving remarkable results in terms of improved services to victims, improved offender accountability, and increased operational efficiency. The ACFJC has emerged as a leader in the Family Justice Center movement nationwide, and is routinely sought out by agencies from across the country seeking information on best practices.



Key outcomes achieved to date include:

- ⚡ Shifting the service delivery system from agency-focused to victim-centered; providing over 20,000 coordinated client services since opening.
- ⚡ 20% reduction in domestic violence case dismissals.
- ⚡ Improved inter-agency collaboration, contributing to a dramatic reduction in domestic violence homicide (from 31 in 2001 to 7 in 2007).
- ⚡ Significant increase in public support for family violence services including over \$2 million secured in new public and private financial contributions.
- ⚡ Development of an innovative sustainability model through co-location of multiple agencies, resulting in the leveraging of over \$10 million annually, and direct financial support to domestic violence service providers through ACFJC programs.
- ⚡ New pioneering program models under development include improved outcome tracking between agencies, mandatory reporting linked to client service referral, and case management systems.
- ⚡ New pioneering program models being developed and implemented include improved outcome tracking between agencies, health care provider mandatory reporting website linked to client service referral, and case management systems incorporating client "navigators" as a single point of contact for victims.
- ⚡ Supported by the Office on Violence Against Women, the ACFJC has innovatively expanded its capacity to link law enforcement and service providers countywide to its resources with co-located advocates, a mobile response team, and video relay systems.

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Key FJC Partners

- Alameda County District Attorney's Office
- Family Violence Law Center (FVLC)
- Oakland Police Department
- Alameda County Probation Department
- Alameda County Public Health Department / Purple Ribbon
- Alameda County Public Health Children's Immunizations & STD Clinic
- Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR)
- Bay Area Legal Aid
- Building Futures with Women and Children (BFWC)
- CALICO Center
- Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland / D.O.V.E.S. Project
- DeafHope
- International Institute of the Bay Area
- Youth Justice Initiative (YJI)
- Alameda County District Attorney Victim-Witness Assistance Advocacy & VOC Claims Division
- State of California Victims of Crime & Government Claims (VOC)
- M.I.S.S.E.Y & Sacey SPA Program (Safe Place Alternative)
- Jewish Family & Children Services of the East Bay
- Alameda County Sheriff's Department
- Safe Passages
- The Link to Children (TLC)

Offsite Key Partners (partial list)

- Law Center for Families
- Women Lawyers of Alameda County (WLAC)
- Alameda County Association of Chiefs of Police, Sheriff, and District Attorney
- Alameda County Domestic Violence Collaborative
- Alameda County Medical Center, Emergency Room
- Alameda County Social Services Agency
- Narika
- Boalt Hall School of Law
- Centro Legal de la Raza
- City of Oakland, Department of Human Services (DHS)
- Davis Street Family Resource Center
- Department of Child Support Services (DCSS)
- Elder Abuse Prevention
- Kaiser Permanente
- Legal Language Access Project
- National Latina Health Organization
- STREAMS Chaplaincy Program
- Oakland Private Industry Council (Oakland PIC)
- Women First
- A Safe Place Shelter Services
- Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments (S.A.V.E)
- Tri-Valley Haven
- Emergency Shelter Program

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