

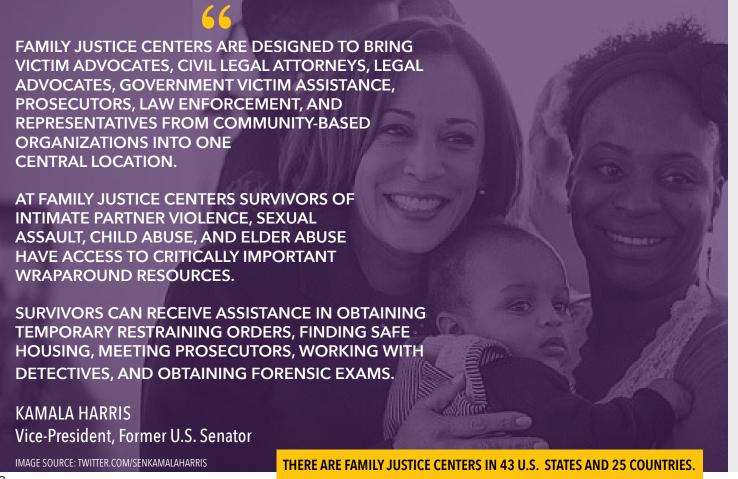
he Family Justice Center movement began with the opening of the San Diego Family Justice Center in 2002.

This report includes published outcome and process studies, important facts about Family Justice Centers, and quotes from survivors and elected officials. It was prepared by the Family Justice Center Alliance, a program of Alliance for HOPE International. For support in developing, operating, or sustaining a Family Justice Center, contact the Alliance at info@allianceforhope.com.

"Family Justice Centers nurture hope, well-being, and survivor-defined goal attainment."

(2021) Hellman, C. M., & Gwinn, C., Strack, G., Burke, M., Munoz, R. T., Brady, S. R., Aguirre, N., & Aceves, Y. (In Press). Nurturing hope and well-being among survivors of domestic violence within the Family Justice Center model. Violence and Victims.

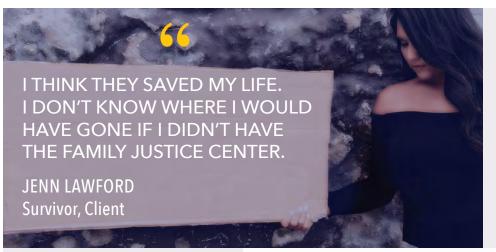




"Despite the lack of information pertaining to survivor outcomes, study findings indicated a high degree of provider and survivor satisfaction with Family Justice Center models."

Rizo, C.F., Van Deinse, T., Durant, S. et al. Systematic Review of Research on Co-Location Models for Serving Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survivors. J Fam Viol (2021).

THE FIRST FAMILY JUSTICE
CENTER WAS CREATED IN 2002
IN A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
SAN DIEGO CITY ATTORNEY
CASEY GWINN AND SAN DIEGO
POLICE CHIEF DAVID BEJARANO
AND THE SAN DIEGO DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE COUNCIL, INCLUDING
25 AGENCIES WITH STAFF ONSITE.



"Family Justice Centers have a positive impact on the work of professionals working in Centers."

(2021) Murray, C. E., Lay, A. L., Wyche, B., & Johnson, C. H. (In press). Professionals' perceptions of the impact of a Family Justice Center: A four-year, cross-sectional study. Journal of Aggression, Conflict, and Peace Research.

## "New community resources emerge through Family Justice Center partnerships."

(2021) Murray, C.E., Johnson, C. H., & Wyche, B. (In press). The community-level impact of a Family Justice Center: Indicators from the Guilford County Family Justice Center. Journal of Aggression, Conflict, and Peace Research, 12, 1-20. DOI10.1108/JACPR-10-2019-0444

# "Family Justice Center outcomes can be supported by research and evaluation."

(2019) Murray C.E., Johnson C.H. Supporting Family Justice Centers Through Research and Evaluation. In: Geffner R., Vieth V., Vaughan-Eden V., Rosenbaum A., Hamberger L., White J. (eds) Handbook of Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan. Springer.

"100% of families experienced an increase in safety, 80% reported an increase in empowerment related to their ability to advocate for themselves, make informed choices, and to navigate complex systems; and 75% of families experienced an increase in protective factors and resilience in the prevention of secondary assault or re-assault."

Contra Costa Family Justice Alliance Six Year Evaluation Report: 2014-2019 (2020).

"Family Justice Centers are capable of meeting client needs, satisfying clients, reducing homicides, increasing victim safety, making victims more autonomous and empowered, reducing fear and anxiety among victims and their children, helping victims avoid recanting or minimizing their experiences, making service providers more efficient and collaborative, making offenders more likely to be prosecuted, and connecting victims and their children with support services."

Bastomski, S., Ricks, A., Henderson, E., & Yahner, J. (2019). Evaluation of the Polyvictimization Initiative at the Queens Family Justice Center. Urban Institute; Petrucci, C., EMT Associates, Inc. (2013). Final Evaluation Results: Phase II California Family Justice Initiative Statewide Evaluation.



CALIFORNIA HAS THE MOST FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS OF ANY STATE IN THE U.S. WITH 24 CENTERS OPEN AND MORE IN DEVELOPMENT.

CLIENTS, CONTRA COSTA FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER



CITIES WITHOUT DYNAMIC FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS HAVE SOME OF THE HIGHEST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE RATES IN THE COUNTRY. DYNAMIC FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE LIKELIHOOD OF A CLIENT BEING MURDERED.

"Family Justice Centers are uniquely situated to treat polyvictims' underlying vulnerabilities because the centers consolidate various services in one location."

Bastomski, S., Ricks, A., Henderson, E., & Yahner, J. (2019). Evaluation of the Polyvictimization Initiative at the Queens Family Justice Center. Urban Institute.

#### "Survivors feel supported by Family Justice Center staff and services."

(2019) Melton, Heather. "Victims' experiences and satisfaction with a Family Justice Center." Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research

"100% of survivors in more than 230 focus groups conducted by Alliance for HOPE International in the last decade consistently say that they would like to be able to go to one place for help instead of having to go from agency to agency, telling their story over and over."

(2018) Gwinn, C., Hellman, C. Hope Rising: How the Science of HOPE Can Change Your Life. (Morgan James Publishing).

#### "Family Justice Center Evaluation Toolkits help measure outcomes."

Murray, C. E., Johnson, C., Wyche, B., and the Guilford County Family Justice Center Data and Outcomes Committee (2018). Family Justice Center Evaluation Toolkit. Guilford County, NC. 36-page toolkit prepared in partnership with the Guilford County Family Justice Center.



"The Milwaukee Sojourner Family Peace Center found 96% of clients were satisfied or quite satisfied with services in one of the largest Family Justice Centers in America with statistically significant increases in survivor-defined goal attainment, empowerment, and hope."

Schubert, E. (2018). Hope Lives Here: Impact of the Family Peace Center.

MAJOR CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE MONEY (GENERAL FUND REVENUE, SALES TAXES, CERTIFIED RECORDS FEES, NEW MARKET TAX CREDITS, AND BOND MEASURES) HAVE HELPED BUILD AND FUND FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS IN CALIFORNIA, NORTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, TEXAS, NEW MEXICO, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, OKLAHOMA, WISCONSIN, CONNECTICUT, AND LOUISIANA.

"Psychiatric services to IPV survivors can be effectively provided in a collaborative Family Justice Center framework."

Weiss, Marina, et al. "The domestic violence initiative: A private-public partnership providing psychiatric care in a nontraditional setting." Psychiatric services 68.2 (2017): 212-212.

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS ARE LEADING THE WAY FORWARD IN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MOVEMENT. THEY ARE CHALLENGING US TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX--TO KEEP GROWING, CHANGING, AND EVOLVING AS WE WORK TO PREVENT FAMILY VIOLENCE."

SARAH BUEL Survivor, Advocate, Law Professor

THE MAJORITY OF ALL SURVIVORS
SERVED IN FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS
IN THE UNITED STATES ARE WOMEN
OF COLOR. FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS
ALSO SERVE MALE VICTIMS.

"Family Justice Centers can and should remain focused on victim empowerment."

Stoever, Jane K. "Mirandizing Family Justice." Harv. Women's LJ 39: 189 (2016).



"The Family Justice Center provides a more supportive experience for victims, it also increases efficiency in service provision, reduces victim recantation, increases prosecution of offenders, and ultimately reduces crime."

Harris, Gibbie. "Transforming health through multisector partnerships. North Carolina medical journal 77.4 (2016): 286-289.

"Motivational interviewing (MI) in Family Justice Centers holds promise in aiding IPV survivors about whether to accept help, leave the abusive relationship, or participate in criminal justice processes."

Simmons, C. A., Howell, K. H., Duke, M. R., & Beck, J. G. (2016). Enhancing the impact of Family Justice Centers via motivational interviewing: An integrated review. Trauma, Violence, & Abuse, 17(5), 532-541.

WASHINGTON POST HOMICIDE DATA FOUND SOME OF THE LOWEST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDE RATES IN THE COUNTRY IN CITIES WITH DYNAMIC FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER MODELS INCLUDING SAN DIEGO, FORT WORTH, AND BROOKLYN.

"WHEN I HAD TO FILE CHARGES, I WAS THINKING, 'DO I REALLY WANT TO DO THIS? THIS STORY AGAIN? THAT DOWNTIME IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING **CAN BE CONFUSING AS** YOU'RE WONDERING IF YOU SHOULD EVEN GO THROUGH WITH IT. IF WE COULD HAVE A **FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER** HERE, THAT WOULD **MAKE IT EASIER FOR US."** JAMIE GADSON Survivor, Winston-Salem **Family Justice Center Planning Process** 

THE SAN DIEGO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER HAD THE FIRST FORENSIC MEDICAL **UNIT, OPENING IN 2003.** 

MANY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS SERVE ADULT AND CHILD SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD ABUSE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, ELDER ABUSE, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

"Stakeholders perceive benefit to survivors even during the planning and development process of a Family Justice Center."

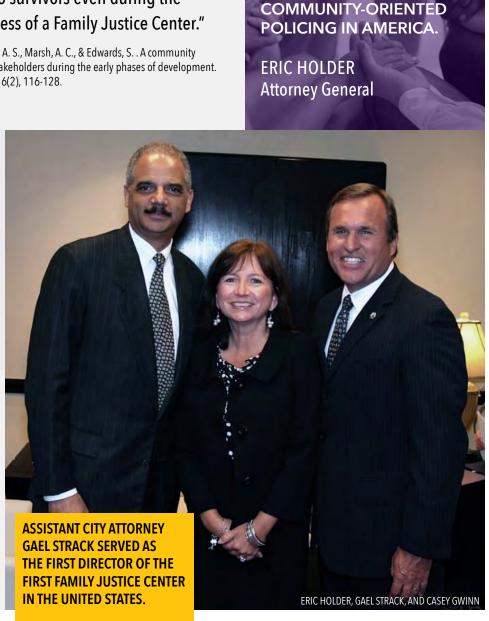
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"Family Justice Centers provide safe, effective immigration legal services to undocumented survivors of violence and abuse."

Petrucci, C., EMT Associates, Inc. (2013). Final Evaluation Results: Phase II California Family Justice Initiative Statewide Evaluation.

"Family Justice Centers improve access to services and outcomes at Child Advocacy Centers."

Mitchell, Martie. "A Client Assessment at the Nampa Family Justice Center's Children's Advocacy Center." (2013).



**FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS** 

ARE THE FUTURE OF

#### NEW YORK CITY HAS THE MOST FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS OF ANY CITY IN AMERICA WITH CENTERS IN EVERY BOROUGH.

"The positive impact of the co-location of services at the Brooklyn Family Justice Center was a critical factor for increasing witnesses coming to the DA's office on pending prosecutions of domestic violence cases."

Peterson, Richard R., New York City Criminal Justice Agency, Inc, and United States of America. "Early Victim Engagement in Domestic Violence Cases, Final Report." (2013).

IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE IF YOU WERE AN ABUSED PERSON TRYING TO FIND HELP AND YOU WENT FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER.... THERE'S A BETTER WAY TO DO THIS. THERE'S A BETTER WAY TO HELP PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP IN OUR SOCIETY .... SAN DIEGO FIGURED IT OUT. THERE'S [NOW] A CENTRAL LOCATION WHERE SOMEBODY WHO DESPERATELY NEEDS HELF CAN FIND COMPASSION AND HOPE."

President GEORGE W. BUSH



IT'S HARD TO SUM UP SIX YEARS OF THREATS, HATRED, AND FEAR, WHICH I KNOW ISN'T OVER YET. I'VE SPENT THE PAST SIX YEARS WITH MY SON'S FATHER TARGETING AND HARASSING ME AND ANYONE THAT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME. DURING THE INS AND OUTS OF GOING TO COURT, I WAS ABLE TO USE THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER IN EXPOSING MY ABUSER AND TAKING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO GET HIM PROSECUTED. THE CENTER'S SUPPORT HAS GIVEN ME AND MY CHILDREN A CHANCE TO LIVE OUR LIVES FREE OF HARM, FEAR, HEARTACHE, AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT GOES ALONG WITH IT.

**BEVERLY Survivor** 

I WAS HANDED A

**BROCHURE, THAT'S IT.** 

**BROCHURES ARE FINE BUT I NEED YOU ALL TO** 

BE THE BROCHURE.

**SURVIVOR** 

"Family Justice Centers offer a safer future for victims of domestic violence."

Boss, Suzie. (2011). Under One Roof: One-stop centers offer a safer future for victims of domestic violence. Stanford Social Innovation Review.

"The collection of data at Family Justice Centers, the willingness to take part in evaluation efforts, and the use of centralized intake are promising for future national evaluation efforts."

Petrucci, C., Abt Associates, Inc. and United States of America. "Environmental Scan of Family Justice Centers, Final Report." (2013).



### PorchLight Family Justice **Center Planning Process**

"Prior to receiving services at the San Diego Family Justice Center, 94.74% of the participants reported elevated stress levels in excess of 6 on a 10 scale. After receiving services at the SDFJC, participants with the most heightened stress levels declined to 71.88%. By the time of the focus groups, the majority of the clients, 53.57% had reduced stress levels below 5 on a 10 scale. 86.54% of the clients identified positive change in their lives because of services at the FJC. 55.7% described themselves as emotionally stronger because of services they obtained."

Gwinn, C., Strack, G. (2010). Dream big: A simple, complicated idea to stop family violence. Wheatmark Press.

https://www.amazon.com/Dream-Big-Simple-Complicated-Violence/dp/1604944528

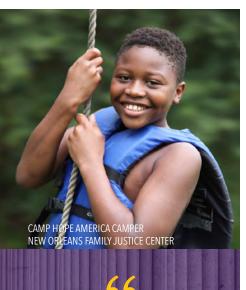




"The Nampa Family Justice Center produces high levels of satisfaction with 100% of the clients describing an improvement in services received compared to prior contact with the agencies and systems represented in the Center."

Gwinn, C., Strack, G. (2010). Dream big: A simple, complicated idea to stop family violence. Wheatmark Press; Giacomazzi, A., Hannah, E., Bostaph, L, Nampa Family Justice Center Process and Evaluation Outcome (2008).

CONGRESS ADDED FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS TO THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT IN 2005. FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER FUNDING IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE PROGRAM.



THE FAMILY JUSTICE
CENTER MOVEMENT
WILL PLAY A POWERFUL
ROLE IN THE YEARS TO
COME IN PROVIDING
HELP TO VICTIMS OF
FAMILY VIOLENCE.
WHEN I VISITED THE
SAN DIEGO FAMILY
JUSTICE CENTER,
THE INNOVATION,
DEDICATION, AND
COMPASSION I SAW
THERE WAS TRULY
REMARKABLE."

U.S. Senator
JOHN KERRY

"100% of randomly identified Family Justice Center clients described strong support for a co-located, multi-agency model and for the services they received. Six survivors expressed criticism related to additional services they believed should be on-site and the level of staffing to provide the needed services."

Gwinn, C., Strack, G. (2010). Dream big: A simple, complicated idea to stop family violence. Wheatmark Press.



"The Family Justice Center increased the filing of and convictions for misdemeanor domestic violence from 45% to 81% in three years after opening in Alameda County, CA."

Gwinn, C., Strack, G. (2010). Dream big: A simple, complicated idea to stop family violence. Wheatmark Press.





#### THE FIRST THREE DAYS AFTER THE VIOLENCE:

- I INSTALLED AN \$800 SECURITY SYSTEM;
- I RETAINED A LAWYER FOR \$7,500;
- I FILED A 50B EX PARTE RESTRAINING ORDER;
- I PURCHASED PEPPER SPRAY;
- I SPENT THE FIRST NIGHT ON THE COUCH WITH A KNIFE AND THAT PEPPER SPRAY ON MY COFFEE TABLE;
- I WAS SO AFRAID THAT THE SECURITY SYSTEM WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH TO STOP HIM;
- I FILLED OUT NINE FORMS;
- I TOLD MY STORY **EIGHT** TIMES;
- I SLEPT IN THREE DIFFERENT BEDS;
- I SPENT ALMOST **\$9,000**;
- I MADE AT LEAST SEVEN PHONE CALLS (NOT INCLUDING FRIENDS AND FAMILY);
- I WAS GIVEN A PAMPHLET WITH THIRTY REFERRALS;
- I MISSED THREE DAYS OF WORK;
- I DIDN'T EAT OR SLEEP;
- I CRIED;
- I TRIED NOT TO LET MY DAUGHTER SEE.

IMAGINE IF THE FIRST STONES IN THE FOUNDATION OF A VICTIM'S FUTURE WERE PUT INTO PLACE BY THE TEAM FROM OUR FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER.

#### **AUDRA**

Survivor, North Carolina Family Justice Center Planning Process



THE TRAUMA OF BEING ABUSED IS BAD ENOUGH AND GOING TO SCARY LOCATIONS IN TOWN ONLY MAKES A DIFFICULT SITUATION EVEN WORSE.

SURVIVOR Ventura County Family Justice "Family Justice Centers offer emotional support to survivors from collaborating community agencies and increase the likelihood of survivors seeking help again in the future."

(Fleury-Steiner, Bybee, Sullivan, Belknap, & Melton, 2006)

https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2006-04903-006;

Gibson, K. F. (2008). Through the Eyes of Survivors: An Exploration of the San Diego Family Justice Center. Alliant International University San Diego, CA USA.

"The FJC framework contributed to a 90% drop in domestic violence homicides in the City of San Diego, a 75% reduction in domestic violence homicides in Alameda County (CA), and a 51% drop in Brooklyn (NYC)."

Gwinn, C., Strack, G. (2010). Dream big: A simple, complicated idea to stop family violence.

Wheatmark Press.



"Natural disasters can become an opportunity for Family Justice Center development which improve services for domestic violence survivors."

Jenkins, Pamela, and Brenda Phillips. "Domestic violence and hurricane Katrina." Katrina and the women of New Orleans 20.3 (2008): 65-69.

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AUTHORIZED THE FIRST \$20 MILLION OF FEDERAL MONEY FOR FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS IN 2003.

OPRAH WINFREY PROFILED THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER FRAMEWORK IN 2003 DURING TWO NATIONAL BROADCASTS OF HER SHOW. WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF THE BROADCASTS, SITE VISITORS FROM 77 COUNTRIES VISITED THE SAN DIEGO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER.

"The Family Justice Center collaborative model is the product of nearly 20 years of local and national work to end family violence and has been informed by the work of child advocacy centers, domestic violence response teams, coordinated community responses, community-oriented policing, domestic violence courts, specialized units, community-based programs, and domestic violence shelters."

Gwinn, C., Strack, G., Adams, S., & Lovelace, R. (2007). The family justice center collaborative model. St. Louis U. Pub. L. Rev., 27, 79.



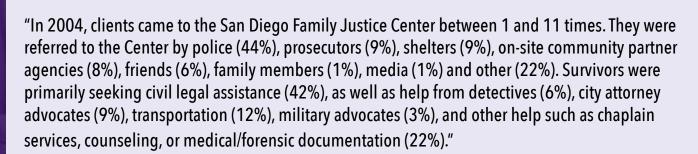
THE FAMILY JUSTICE
CENTER CONCEPT
IS THE LOGICAL
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POLICING. IT IS
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PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
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COME TOGETHER IN
A SHARED MISSION
TO ENHANCE PUBLIC
SAFETY BY PROTECTING
FAMILIES FROM
VIOLENCE AND ABUSE.

San Diego Mayor JERRY SANDERS



TO BE A MOVEMENT, THE DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ASSAULT VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION MOVEMENTS NEED TO MOVE. SILOED AGENCIES AND DISCONNECTED PROFESSIONALS MUST CONSCIOUSLY MOVE TOWARD CREATING A COMMUNITY OF CARE AND CULTURE OF HOPE FOR SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE AND ABUSE TO BELONG TO LONG AFTER THE CRISIS THAT BRINGS THEM TO US INITIALLY FOR HELP.

CASEY GWINN Family Justice Center Movement Visionary



Gwinn, C., Strack, G. (2006). Hope for Hurting families: creating family justice centers across America (Volcano Press).

**SWINN, CO-FOUNDERS OF ALLIAN** 

### AFFILIATES AS OF APRIL 2021 FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE LIST VISIT FAMILYJUSTICECENTER.ORG/AFFILIATED-CENTERS



Milwaukee ,WI

			INTERNATIONAL
One Place Metro Alabama Family Justice Center	Birmingham, AL	Buncombe County Family Justice Center	Asheville, N
One Place Family Justice Center	Montgomery, AL	Family Justice Center of Alamance County	Burlington, N
East Contra Costa Family Justice Center	Antioch,CA	Guilford County Family Justice Center	Greensboro, N
Central Contra Costa Family Justice Center	Concord, CA	Guilford County Family Justice Center	High Point, N
New Star Family Justice Center	Hawthorne, CA	Strafford County Family Justice Center	Rochester, N
Stanislaus Family Justice Center	Modesto, CA	Essex County Family Justice Center	Newark, I
Alameda County Family Justice Center	Oakland, CA	NYC Family Justice Center, Brooklyn	Brooklyn, I
One SAFE Place (Pending)	Redding, CA	NYC Family Justice Center, Queens	Kew Gardens, N
West Contra Costa Family Justice Center	Richmond, CA	NYC Family Justice Center, Manhattan	New York, N
Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center	Sacramento, CA	NYC Family Justice Center, Staten Island	Staten Island, N
Santa Ana Family Justice Center	Santa Ana, CA	NYC Family Justice Center, Bronx	The Bronx, N
Family Justice Center Sonoma County	Santa Rosa, CA	Palomar: Oklahoma City's Family Justice Center	Oklahoma City, C
StrengthUnited Family Justice Center	Van Nuys, CA	Family Safety Center	Tulsa, C
Ventura County Family Justice Center	Ventura, CA	York Region Centre for Community Safety (Pending)	Markham, Ontar
Rose Andom Center	Denver, CO	A Safe Place Family Justice Center for Clackamas Co	unty Oregon City, C
PorchLight, A Family Justice Center (Pending)	Lakewood, CO	14th Circuit Victims Services Center (Pending)	Okatie, S
The Center for Family Justice	Bridgeport, CT	Jean Crowe Advocacy Center	Nashville, T
HOPE Family Justice Center of Greater New Haven (Pending) New Haven, CT		Metro Nashville Family Safety Center	Nashville, 1
Nampa Family Justice Center	Nampa, ID	One Safe Place	Fort Worth,
Family Peace Center	Rockford, IL	One Safe Place	Grapevine, 1
Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County	South Bend, IN	The Heights (Pending)	Midlothian,
Family Justice Center of Acadiana	Lafayette, LA	Bexar County Family Justice Center	San Antonio,
New Orleans Family Justice Center	New Orleans, LA	Thurston County Family Justice Center	Olympia, V
Dee Kennedy Family Justice Center	Boston, MA	Spokane Family Justice Center	Spokane, W
Prince George's County Family Justice Center	Upper Marlboro, MD	Crystal Judson Family Justice Center	Tacoma, V
Greene County Family Justice Center	Springfield, MO	Sojourner Family Peace Center	Milwaukee ,\

**Sojourner Family Peace Center**