



NEW ORLEANS FAMILY
JUSTICE CENTER

2014 SUMMARY
REPORT

New Orleans Family Justice Center

Vision

Our vision is a future where we all work together to meet the needs of **domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking** survivors through comprehensive and accessible services, education and perpetrator accountability. Through a coordinated and co-located model we strive to break the vicious generational cycle and community impact of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Mission

New Orleans Family Justice Center is a partnership of agencies dedicated to ending **domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking** through prevention and coordinated response by providing comprehensive survivor-centered, empowerment services in a single location.

Service Pledge

We promise to:

- Provide survivor-centered services.
- Provide community outreach and education.
- Create an atmosphere and culture of empowerment.
- Enhance partner collaboration and excellence.

New Orleans Family Justice Center has been an important part of the lives of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking -and their families - in New Orleans for the past 8 years. We are operated by the New Orleans Family Justice Alliance (501 c3 organization), and affiliated with the National Family Justice Center Alliance, the agency responsible for the family justice center model in America and world-wide.

Locally, **New Orleans Family Justice Center** provides services to survivors and their children with a variety of needs and circumstances related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The survivors we serve include those in need of emergency safe shelter, counseling, civil legal assistance, and trauma recovery services.

At **New Orleans Family Justice Center**, we believe that with support, survivors that receive services at our center will reclaim their lives, and live free from abuse and trauma. Our goal is to assure that in New Orleans, survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking are empowered and our community will support our efforts to break the cycle of violence.



A Community Partnership That Cares For Hurting Families

New Orleans Family Justice Center

FUNDING AGENCIES

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF SURVIVORS

Identification of the realities surrounding the problem of domestic violence in New Orleans should be framed by issues of poverty, race and community violence. Like all forms of violence, domestic violence is a serious concern in New Orleans. While domestic violence spans all socio-economic strata, the barriers experienced by those who are most severely impacted by poverty and race are decidedly more at risk and have fewer options available for escaping an abusive relationship. The NOFJC dismantles educational, financial and housing barriers to empower survivors, giving rise to safer and healthier families in Greater New Orleans.

Domestic violence is a public health crisis causing \$5 billion in lost wages and hospital visits annually. New Orleans Family Justice Center responds to the issues facing survivors and their children by providing ***comprehensive wrap-around domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking services***. The services include counseling (individual and group), children's trauma services, civil legal services, crisis intervention, case management, education and employment assistance, emergency safe shelter, transitional housing, and teen services.

Without our funding partners, services would not be possible:



CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
Mitchell J. Landrieu, Mayor



Office of Community Development

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PARTNER AGENCIES



**IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES
PROJECT SAVE**



**City of New Orleans Health Department
Blueprint for Safety Project
Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)**



Serving the Public. Serving the Profession.

**Access to Justice Projects and Training Counsel
LIFT Attorneys
*Legal Innovators for Tomorrow***



New Orleans Children's Advocacy Center



Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (SLLS)



LAW SCHOOL

**Tulane University School of Law
Domestic Violence Law Clinic**



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PARTNER AGENCIES



New Orleans Police Department
Domestic Violence Unit
Sexual Assault Unit



Orleans Parish District Attorney



NEW ORLEANS FAMILY JUSTICE ALLIANCE

CRESCENT HOUSE

Emergency Shelter and Advocacy Services

MOVING FORWARD

Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing

INVEST IN YOURSELF

Education and Employment Program

TRAUMA RECOVERY SERVICES

Trauma Counseling for Adults and Children

SPEAK UP!

Community Outreach, Teen Dating Violence Prevention

A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP THAT CARES FOR HURTING FAMILIES



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Your Financial Support is Critical to our Work!

Thank You!

FOUNDATIONS AND MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

BAPTIST COMMUNITY MINISTRIES	\$84,582
AVON FOUNDATION	\$65,000
GREATER N.O. FOUNDATION – IMPACT GRANT	\$20,000
MARY KAY FOUNDATION	\$20,000
VERIZON FOUNDATION	\$15,000
MCCLURE FOUNDATION	\$10,000
V-DAY FOUNDATION	\$ 6,900
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN	\$ 4,500
SPORT FAMILY FOUNDATION II	\$ 3,000
BAPTIST COMMUNITY MINISTRIES	\$ 3,000
Match for Sport Donation	
MUSES ORGANIZATION	\$ 3,865

UNITED WAY OF SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA

2014 ALLOCATION	\$93,354
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL	\$17,842



PRESENTING SPONSOR:

VERIZON FOUNDATION	\$7,500
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Additional Sponsors:

Delta Administrative & Personnel Services	\$5,000
Steven Herman	\$1,000
Baptist Community Ministries	\$1,000
Magellan Behavioral Health	\$875

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Entergy Louisiana	\$ 750
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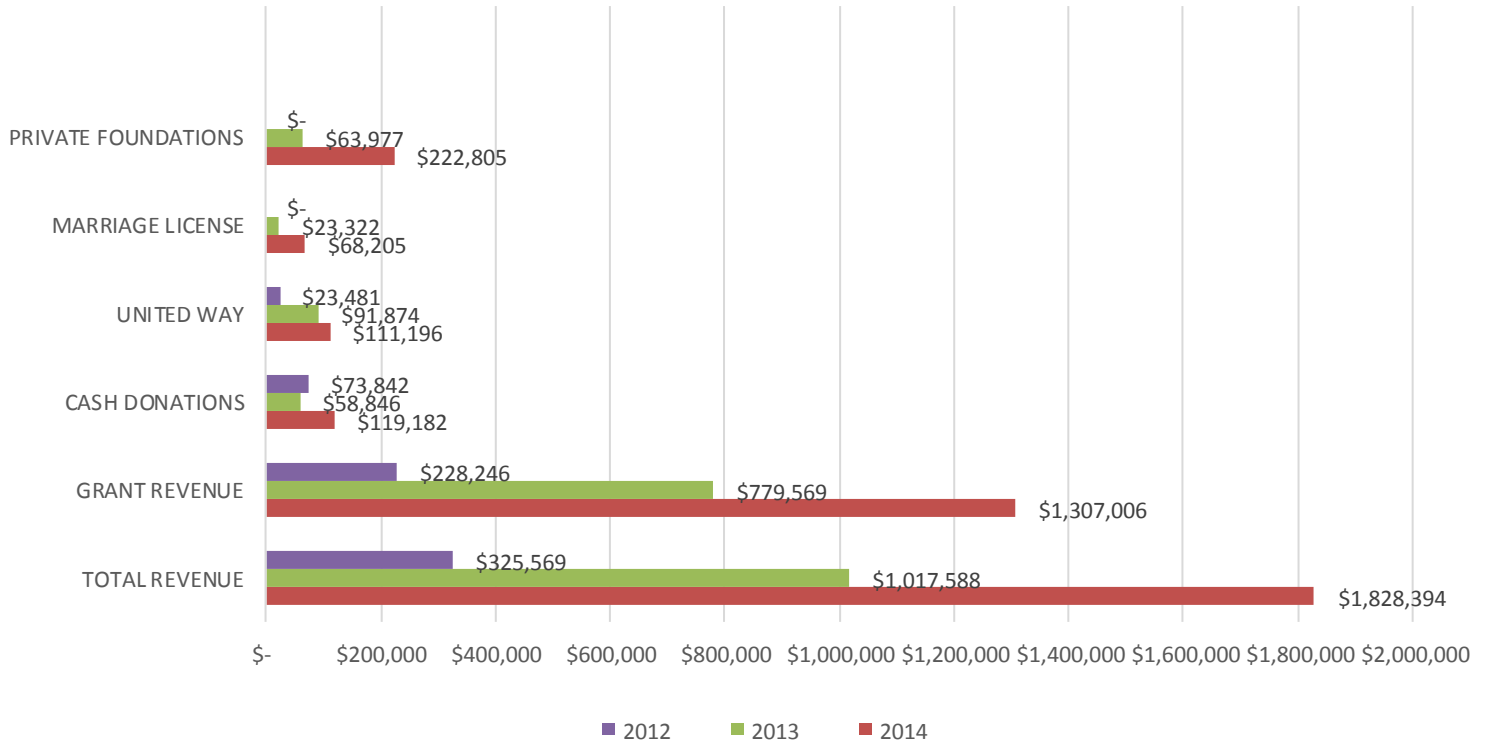
APPA Conference
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New Orleans Sport Bikeriders, Inc.
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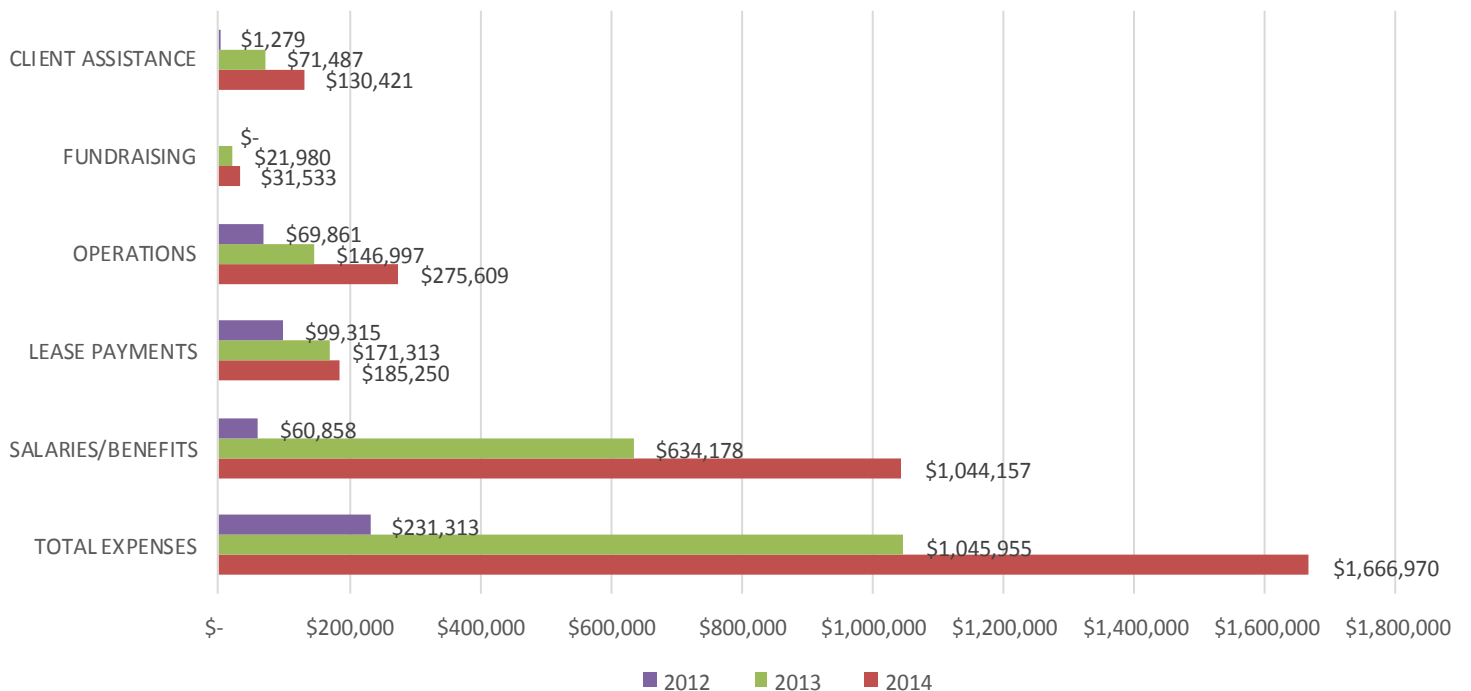
2012* - 2014 Financials

*FY 2012 – only represents 6 months

2012 - 2014 REVENUE SOURCES



2012 - 2014 EXPENSE CATEGORIES



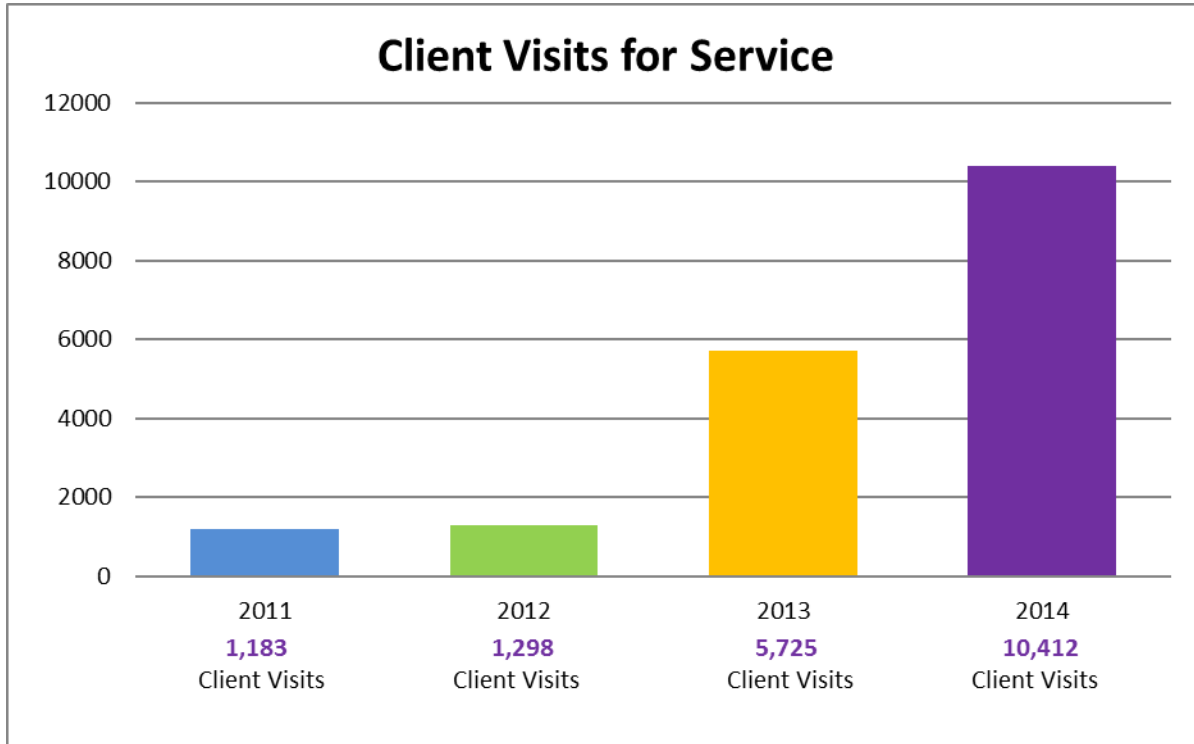
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2014 Survivor Services

OF SURVIVORS SERVED: **1,825**

OF SERVICES PROVIDED: **10,412**

TYPES OF SERVICES	
Services	Number Provided
Case Management/Advocacy	1185
Catholic Charities Immigration Program	89
Domestic Violence Counseling	2019
Child Individual Counseling	1074
District Attorney	74
Group Counseling/Support Group	359
Job Development	329
N.O. FJC Intake	554
Civil Legal Service (Project Save, SLLS, Tulane Law)	361
Sexual Assault Counseling	589
TRO Assistance/Court Advocacy	150



New Orleans Family Justice Alliance Programs

2014 Prevention Programs

Speak Up! Dating Abuse Prevention Program

Overview

During preteen and teens years, young people are learning the skills they need to form positive, healthy relationships with others. This is an ideal time to promote healthy relationships, and prevent patterns of relationship violence that can last into adulthood. [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Understanding Teen Dating Violence".] Rates of dating violence among teens continue to increase in our community and the **New Orleans Family Justice Center's Speak Up! Dating Abuse Prevention Program** is at the heart of prevention and awareness efforts in the metropolitan area.

Speak Up! strives to combat the issue of dating abuse by providing resources to schools and communities, teaching dating abuse curriculums, coordinating assemblies, participating in community/school events, and generating & conducting research.

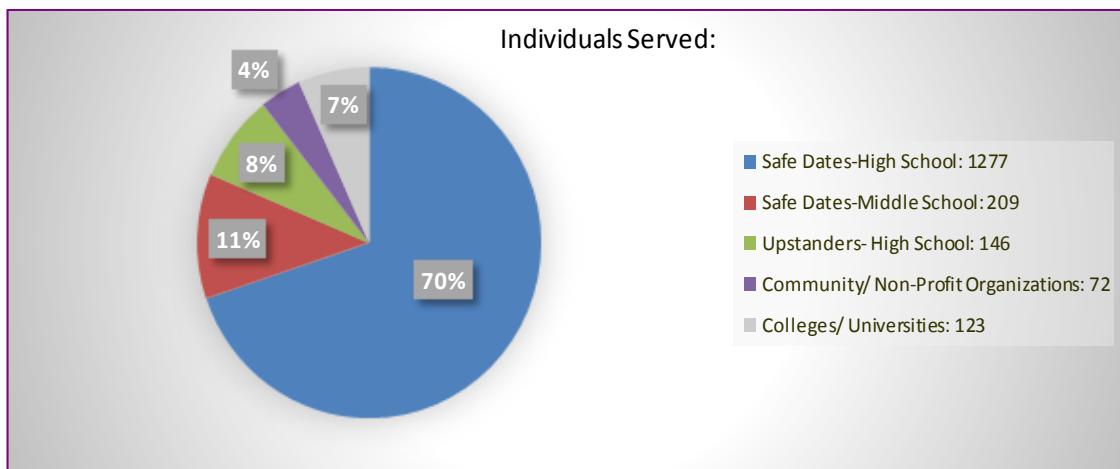
1 in 3 girls in the U.S. is a victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence.

Davis, Antoinette, MPH. 2008. Interpersonal and Physical Dating Violence among Teens. The National Council on Crime and Delinquency Focus.

43% of teen dating abuse victims reported that the dating abuse they experienced occurred in a school building or school grounds.

Lockyer, B., & O'Connell, J. (2004). A preventable epidemic: Teen dating violence and its impact on school safety and Academic Achievement California Attorney General's Office and the California Department of Education.

Services/Programs Delivered



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2014 Prevention Programs – Made possible with funding from:



Safe Dates: An Adolescent Dating Abuse Prevention Program is a 50-minute, 10-session dating abuse prevention curriculum that addresses the attitudes and behaviors that are associated with dating abuse and sexual abuse. This is a research-based curriculum that has been shown to have powerful long-term outcomes and teens that participate in the *Safe Dates* program have shown 56-92% less dating abuse victimization and perpetration than teens that have not been involved in the curriculum.

Upstanders: Helping Teens Take A Positive Stand is an evidence-informed bystander intervention curriculum that focuses on the prevention of the perpetration of sexual abuse. *Upstanders* is designed to assist 11th and 12th graders in an age-appropriate manner while developing positive social skills that will help them take a positive stand and act on behalf of themselves and others.

Love Is Not Abuse: College Edition is a dating violence and abuse prevention curriculum designed for college students. The goals of the curriculum are to increase students' understanding of dating abuse, enable students to reach out to provide support and help to a friend or family member who may be involved in an abusive relationship, increase help-seeking behavior among students involved in abusive dating relationships, and promote healthier approaches to dating relationships and conflicts.

Care ♥ageous Kids™ is an evidence-based primary prevention curriculum with a focus on the prevention of the perpetration of sexual violence. It is designed to assist children in an age-appropriate manner with developing positive social skills that will reduce their likelihood of perpetration.

Community Education and Prevention Training is a 2-3 hour training for professionals who want to enhance their skills, knowledge and response to the issues of teen dating violence. This training will increase the attendees' capacity to recognize, respond to and prevent violence to create social change.

Teen Dating Abuse Survey

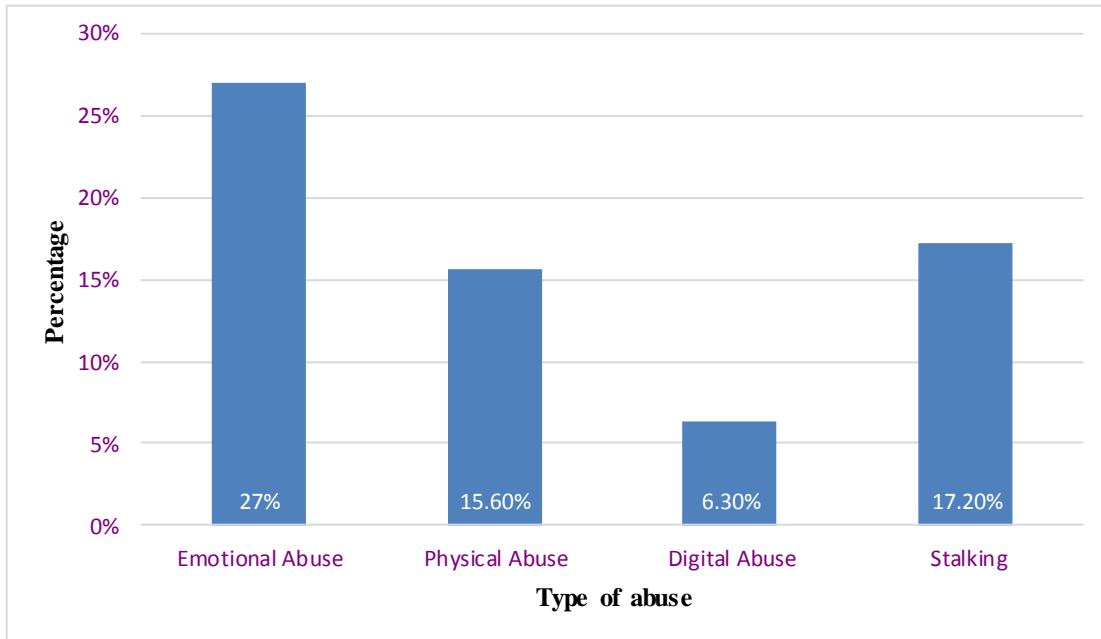
The **Knowledge, Perceptions, and Prevalence of Teen Dating Violence and Available Resources in Orleans Parish Survey** began as a collaborative effort with a Tulane University Public Health Undergraduate student/ NOFJC 2014 Intern, Sara DeStafano and the Tulane School of Public Health and Mary Amelia Women's Resource Center in generating and evaluating data in ongoing teen dating violence programming. According to the 2013 High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Louisiana displayed the highest score for teens' experiences in physical dating violence (among 778 teens, 14.8% revealed experiencing physical dating violence one or more times during the 12 months before the survey, including being hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with among students who dated or went out with someone during the 12 months before the survey.)

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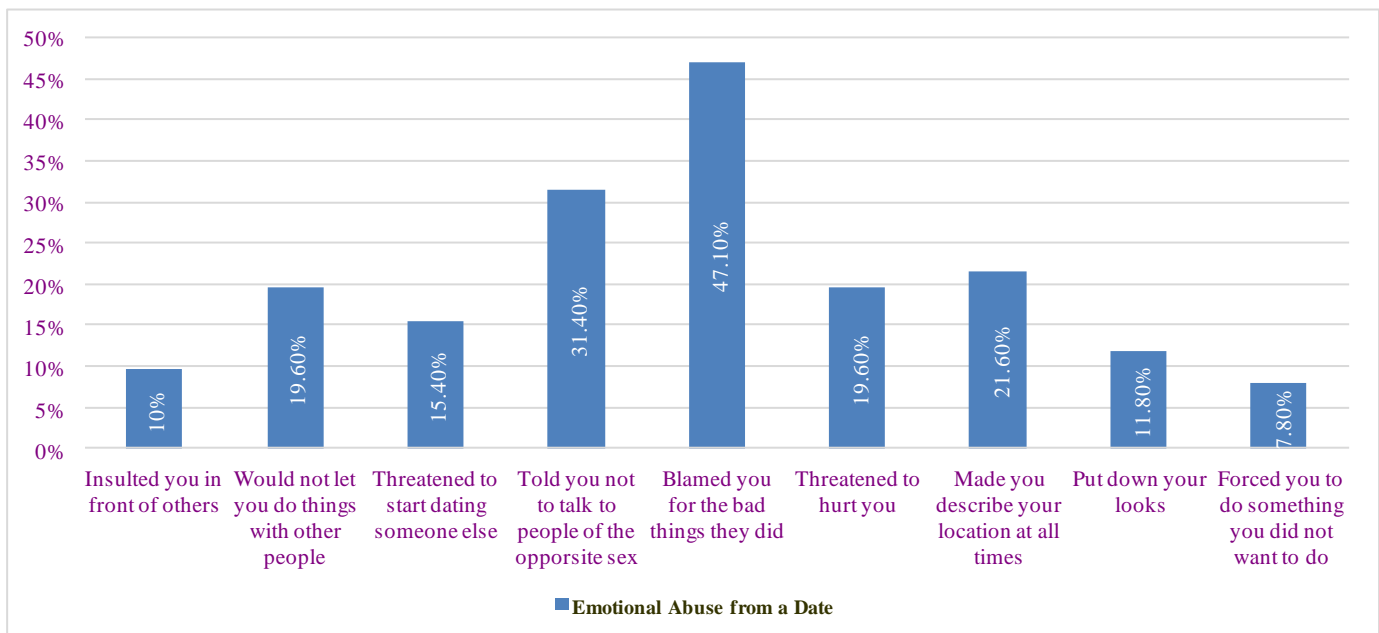
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Resources in Orleans Parish Survey Results

Frequency and percent of self-reported abuse by a date, student survey participants, New Orleans, January/February, 2015. n=65, missing=1



Frequency and percent of self-reported emotional dating abuse by a date, student survey participants, New Orleans, January/February, 2015. n=65, not applicable=11, missing=2



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2014 COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND IMPACT

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

15 Presentations were conducted at USPS and Internal Revenue Offices upon invitation.

Impact: Employees were made aware of the New Orleans Family Justice Center and its services that are provided to survivors and their children of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking within our community. Awareness helped employees of these offices determine the need of their contributions to our agency through United Way.

FAITH BASED COMMUNITY

25 Local Churches received presentations from the New Orleans Family Justice Alliance. In addition, the Association of African American Baptist Churches, consisting of 30 churches known as Cornerstone MBCA, sent representatives to tour the NOFJC and received domestic violence information.

Impact: Congregants were made more knowledgeable of the subject matter and felt compelled to distribute information to families in the community seeking assistance. Partnerships have been established and an increase in donations from the faith based community has been realized.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIRS

Participants at *five (5) area events* were made aware of the agency and information on Domestic Violence and where to receive assistance was distributed.

MEDIA PRESENCE

The New Orleans Family Justice Center has become the local expert on issues related to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in the New Orleans Region. In 2014, there were **54 occasions** where the Director or a staff member was either interviewed on television or quoted in a newspaper article.

Additionally, the survivors who have received services were involved extensively in legislative committee hearings as well as local coverage on these issues.

FJC REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

300 Participants received 3 days of best practice training of sexual assault conducted by national experts and trainers in the field.

872 Participants received intensive training on the dynamics of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, trauma informed services, understanding trauma and developing workplace policies and procedures.

3 Groups from around Louisiana were hosted by the NOFJC to share information about the FJC model and to assist with planning efforts to expand this co-location model in other jurisdictions.

TOURS

30 Tours totaling 500 people introduced to the services at the NOFJC.

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2014 Demographics

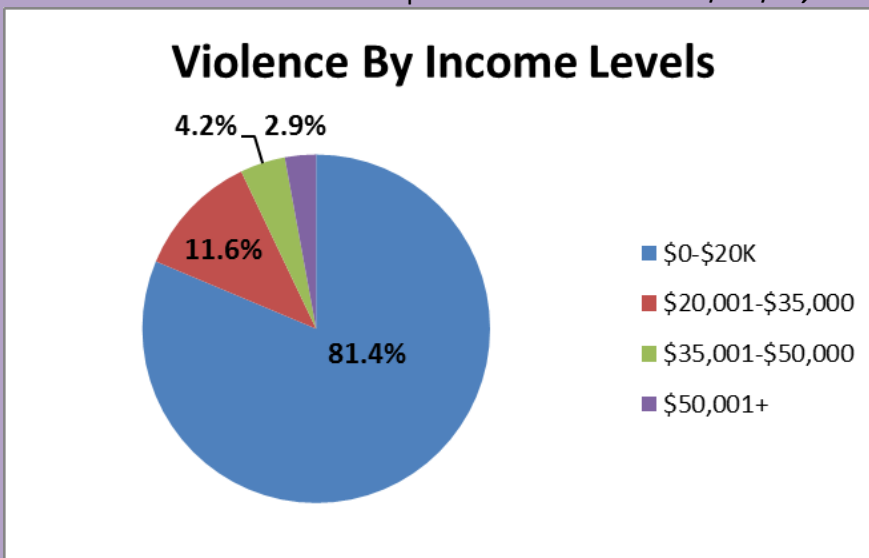
Violence by Socio-Economic Status

Exposure to violence transcends socioeconomic status, and affects all levels of **income, education, and employment**. Some research provides evidence of an increased exposure to and severity of violence among lower socioeconomic groups (American Psychological Association, 2014).

<http://www.apa.org/pi/ses/resources/publications/factsheet-violence.pdf>

Violence by Income Levels

- 81.4% of N.O. FJC survivors report an income between **\$0 - \$20,000**.

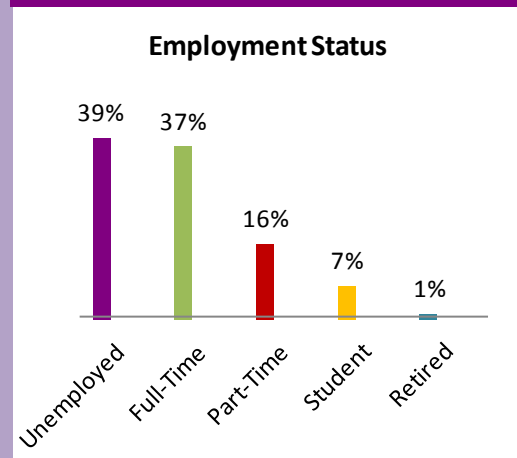


Violence by Highest Educational Attainment

- 23% of N.O. FJC survivors report having obtained a **high school diploma or GED**.
- 8% report having obtained a **bachelor's degree**.
- 5.6% report having obtained an **advanced degree**.
- 34.8% report having **some college** (did not graduate).
- 17.4% report **some high school** (did not graduate).
- 6.2% report **vocational/technical training**.
- 5% report having an education of **8th grade or less**.

Violence by Employment

- 39% of N.O. FJC survivors reported being **unemployed**.



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2014 Demographics

Relationship to Abuser

- **49.1%** of N.O.FJC Survivors reported abuse while in a current or former dating relationship.
- **42%** of N.O. FJC Survivors reported being abused by a current or former spouse or intimate partner.
- **5.3%** reported abuser was unknown.
- **1.8%** reported abuse by other family members or household members.
- **1.3%** reported abuse by acquaintance (neighbor, employee, student, co-worker, etc).
- **0.5%** reported abuse by stranger.

Violence by Race/Ethnicity

- **74%** of New Orleans FJC survivors are **Black/African American**.
- **17.7%** of survivors are White/Caucasian.
- **5.3%** of survivors are Hispanic/Latina.
- **3%** of survivors represent other races (Asian, American Indian, or Multi-racial).

Violence by Gender

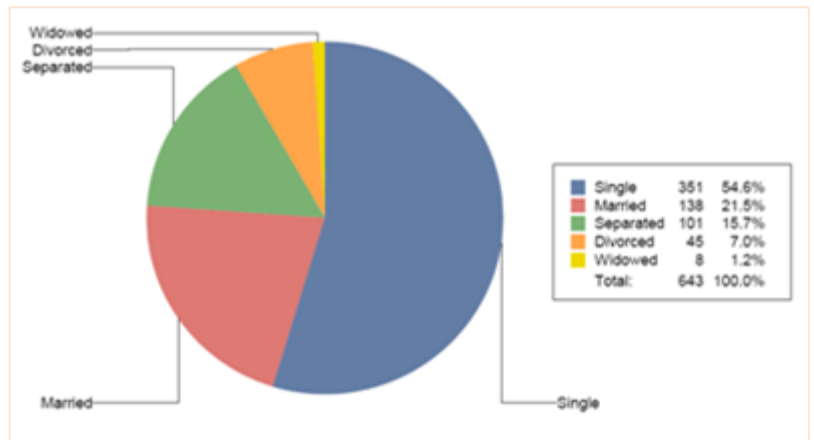
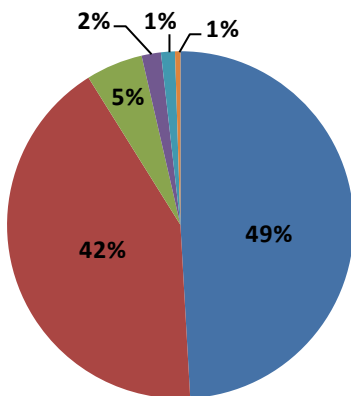
- **91%** of survivors seeking services at the N.O. FJC are female.
- **9%** of the survivors are male.

Violence by Marital Status

- **54.6%** of survivors seeking services at New Orleans Family Justice Center are single.

Relationship to Abuser

- Current/Former Spouse/ Partner
- Dating Relationship
- Family Member/Household Member
- Acquaintance
- Stranger
- Unknown



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2014 HIGHLIGHTS

Governor Jindal Signs Sweeping Statewide Reform Bills into Law

History was made in 2014 as Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal signed seven bills into law aimed at stopping domestic violence. These bills make up the most aggressive package ever introduced and passed by the state legislature to address the issue.

House Bills 747, 750 and 753 authored by Rep. Helena Moreno, provide for stricter criminal penalties for domestic abuse battery and for violation of protective orders, including dispossession of a firearm during a protective order and for 10 years following any conviction of domestic abuse.

Senate Bills 291 and 292 authored by Sen. J.P. Morrell, provide for the award of exemplary/punitive damages for serious physical and mental health injuries caused by domestic abuse and for an immediate divorce and support.

HB 1052 authored by Rep. Moreno, creates the Domestic Violence Prevention Commission. This Commission will assess the state's resources and needs for preventing domestic abuse and recommend legislation and other measures to fill the gaps.

HB 1142 authored by Rep. Roy Burrell (D) Shreveport, provides that a domestic violence victim may be able to have some input in whether bail is set or not for the victim's abuser. Now called Gwen's Law, it's named after Gwen Salley of Caddo Parish. In April, her husband spent less than 24 hours in jail for a domestic violence incident after posting bond. Forty-eight hours later, he shot Gwen.

*A Special Thank You to our 2014 Public Policy Champions
United Way of Southeast La, Senator J. P. Morrell, Rep. Helena Moreno,
Charmaine Caccioppi and Kim Sport*



The New Orleans Family Justice Center was recognized at the 20th Anniversary VAWA event as a resilient and a best practice organization in New Orleans for the work on domestic violence sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking issues.



Vice-President Joe Biden invites you to a special event honoring the 20th anniversary of the historic Violence Against Women Act. Please join us September 9, 2014, at 2 PM at the National Archives, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20408.

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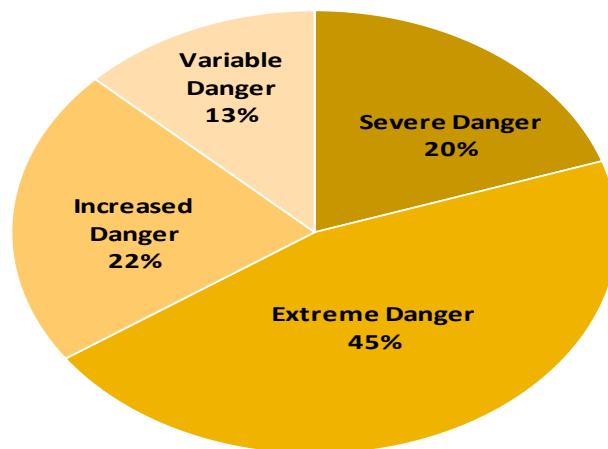
Danger Assessment – When HOME is not a SAFE PLACE

The Danger Assessment is an instrument that helps to determine the level of danger an abused woman has of being killed by her intimate partner.

- The tool was originally developed by Jacquelyn Campbell (1986) with consultation and content validity support from battered women, shelter workers, law enforcement officials, and other clinical experts on battering.
- There are two parts to the tool: a calendar and a 20-item scoring instrument.
- The 20-item instrument uses a weighted system to score yes/no responses to risk factors associated with intimate partner homicide. The levels are:

Score	Level
Less than 8	Variable Danger
8 – 13	Increased Danger
14 – 17	Severe Danger
18 or more	Extreme Danger

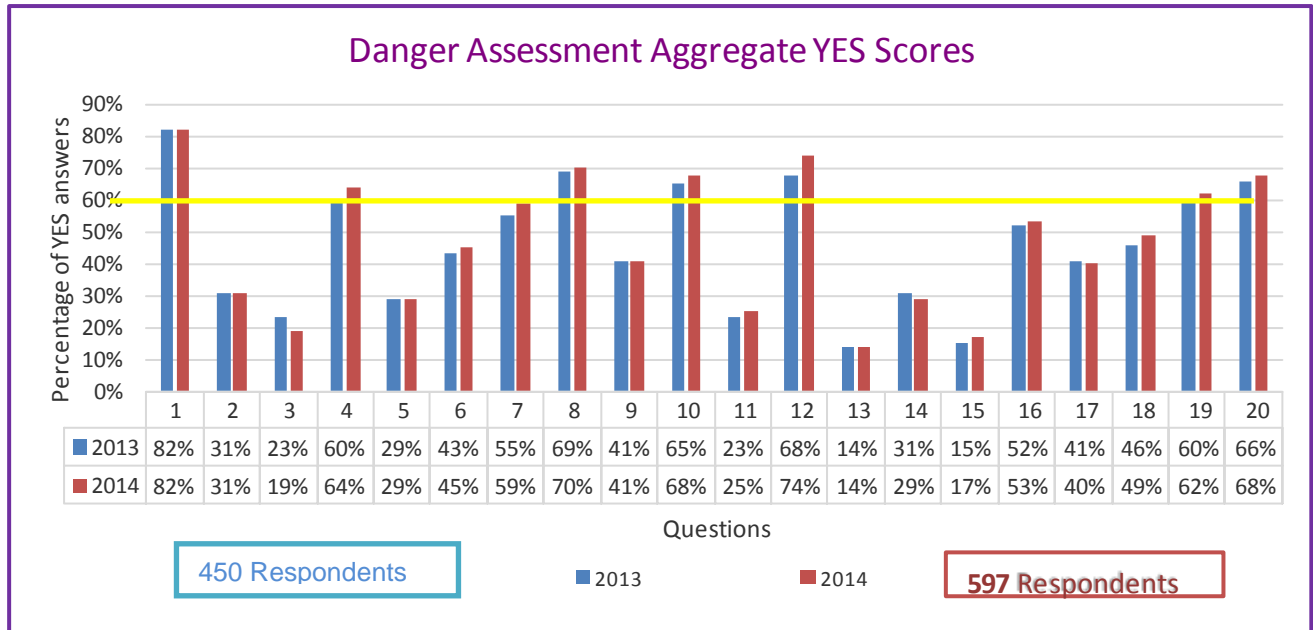
2014 N.O. FJC Client's Level of Danger



Indicates that survivors at high risk are getting to the NOFJC and are receiving services they need to remain safe

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Danger Assessment – Aggregate Scores – 2013 and 2014



DANGER ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

1. Has the physical violence increased in frequency or severity over the past year?
2. Does he own a gun?
3. Has he ever used a weapon or threatened you with a weapon?
4. Does he every try to choke you?
5. Has he ever forced you into sex when you didn't wish to?
6. Does he use drugs ("uppers" or amphetamines, speed, angel dust, cocaine, crack, street drugs, heroin, or mixtures)?
7. Does he threaten to kill you?
8. Do you believe he is capable of killing you?
9. Is he an alcoholic or problem drinker?
10. Does he control most or all of your daily activities? (For instance, does he tell you who you can be friends with, how much money can you take with you shopping, or when you can take the car?)
11. Have you ever been beaten by him while you were pregnant?
12. Is he violently and constantly jealous of you?
13. Have you ever threatened or tried to commit suicide?
14. Has he ever threatened or tried to commit suicide?
15. Does he threaten to harm your children?
16. Do you have a child that is not his?
17. Is he unemployed?
18. Has he avoided being arrested for domestic violence?
19. Have you left him after living together during the past year?
20. Does he follow or spy on you, leave threatening notes, destroy your property, and/or tell you when you don't want him to?

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Why it matters – 2014 Program Outcomes

THE PROBLEM

Calls for Service for a Domestic Disturbance in Orleans Parish	12,787
Number of Arrests and Warrants for Arrest in Orleans Parish	2,601
Number of Intimate Partner Homicides in Orleans Parish	3

Number of Orders of Protection in Orleans Parish: **4,030**

Municipal Court (Misdemeanor charges)	1,809
Criminal Court (Felony charges)	666
Civil District Court	1,555
Temporary Restraining Order	1,388
Protective Order (18 months)	166

THE RESPONSE

Total number of survivors connected to life saving resources	1,825
Safety Planning and access to services	
Number of new survivors completing the danger assessment	597
388 Survivors (65%) reported being in EXTREME OR SEVERE DANGER	

Indicates that survivors at high risk are receiving services

ALL SURVIVORS REMAINED SAFE WHILE THEY WERE RECEIVING SERVICES WITH US

➤ **Added Trauma Informed Counseling Services for Children**

Children exposed to domestic violence receiving trauma counseling 160

Children and survivors reported decreased anxiety, reduction in anger displays, improvements in maladaptive behaviors at home and school and overall improvement in emotional self-management and self-regulation.

➤ **Started the first Attorney Incubator Program located in an FJC in Louisiana in Partnership with The La. Bar Foundation and Southeast La. Legal Services:**

Legal Innovators of Tomorrow (LIFT)

3 Private Practice Attorneys embedded on site at the NOFJC

➤ **Increased victim safety and batterer accountability:**

Most significant public policy gain – Gun possession unlawful for those with criminal history of domestic violence and those with civil protective orders