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Funding and Sustainability for
Family Justice Centers

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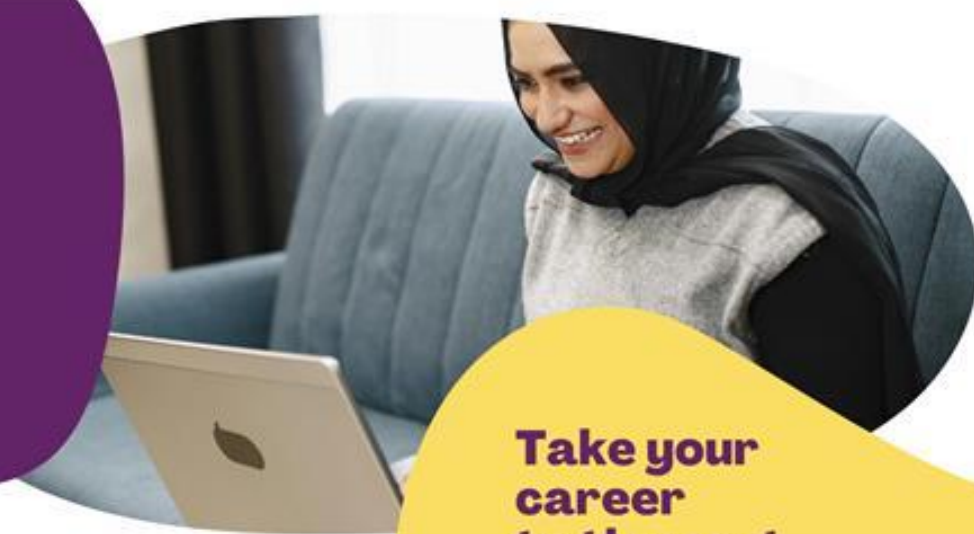
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Hybrid Family Justice Center Leadership Bootcamp

August 26 & 27, 2025

Lakewood, CO (*PorchLight - A Family Justice Center*)

Dear Family Justice Center Leader,

We are excited to announce that the 2025 Family Justice Center Leadership Bootcamp is two days of intensive training focused on the fundamentals of leading a Family Justice Center or other multi-agency collaborative. This hybrid training will be available in-person, as well as virtually (please select the correct registration type during the registration process). The in-person bootcamp will be held at PorchLight Family Justice Center in Lakewood, Colorado. Topics include governance, centralized intake and confidentiality, fostering strong partnerships and harnessing the power of collaboration, developing a high risk team, and staff management.

This bootcamp is for new directors, directors of developing centers, prospective directors, and any leader associated with the family justice center movement that wants to learn more about the ins and outs of running a Family Justice Center.

There is no fee to register, but you must register to attend!



Family Justice Center Directors Bootcamp – Next Week!

- **Porchlight Family Justice Center in Lakewood, CO**
- August 26-27, 2025
- **Hosted in a Hybrid Format with In-Person Attendance and Virtual Attendance Available**
- See a dynamic Family Justice Center in operation
- Contact JessicaK@allianceforhope.com for more information.
- Hands-On Training for New Family Justice Center Directors and Supervisors
- Great Opportunity to Dialogue on Challenges in Leading a Collaborative
- Experienced Family Justice Center Directors to Answer Questions and Brainstorm Solutions

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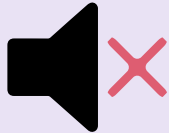
A few ZOOM tips to help make this training enjoyable

BE ON TIME



- We are committed to starting and ending on time.

MUTE YOURSELF



- We are using ZOOM webinar which means everyone will be muted and we cannot see you.

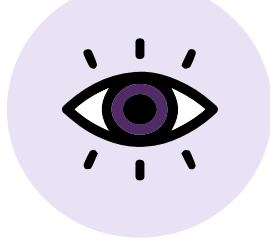
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BE PRESENT



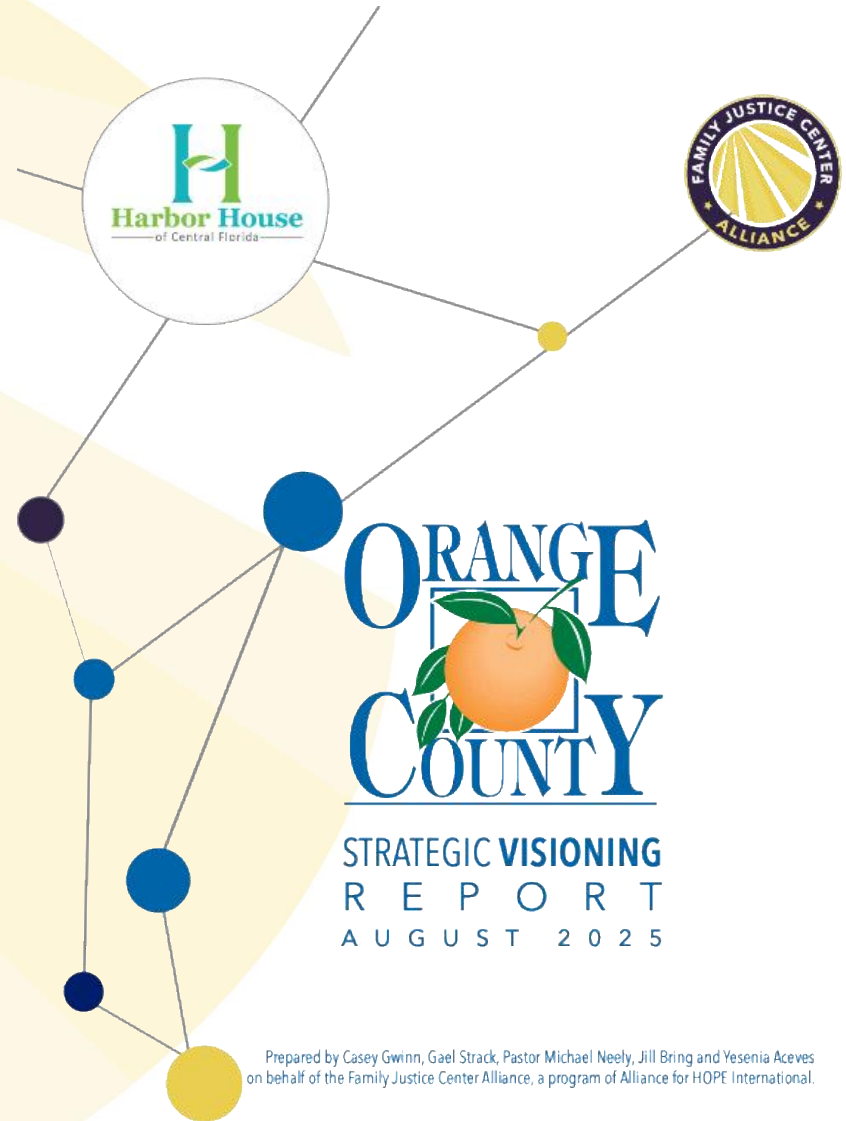
- Throw yourself in and learn as much as we can

PRACTICE
SELF-CARE



- During this presentation, we will likely share information that may be difficult. We understand. Please take good care of yourself.

**Create and Follow a
Strategic Plan!!!**



Make the business case for Family Justice Centers...

Current Pathway for DV Victims



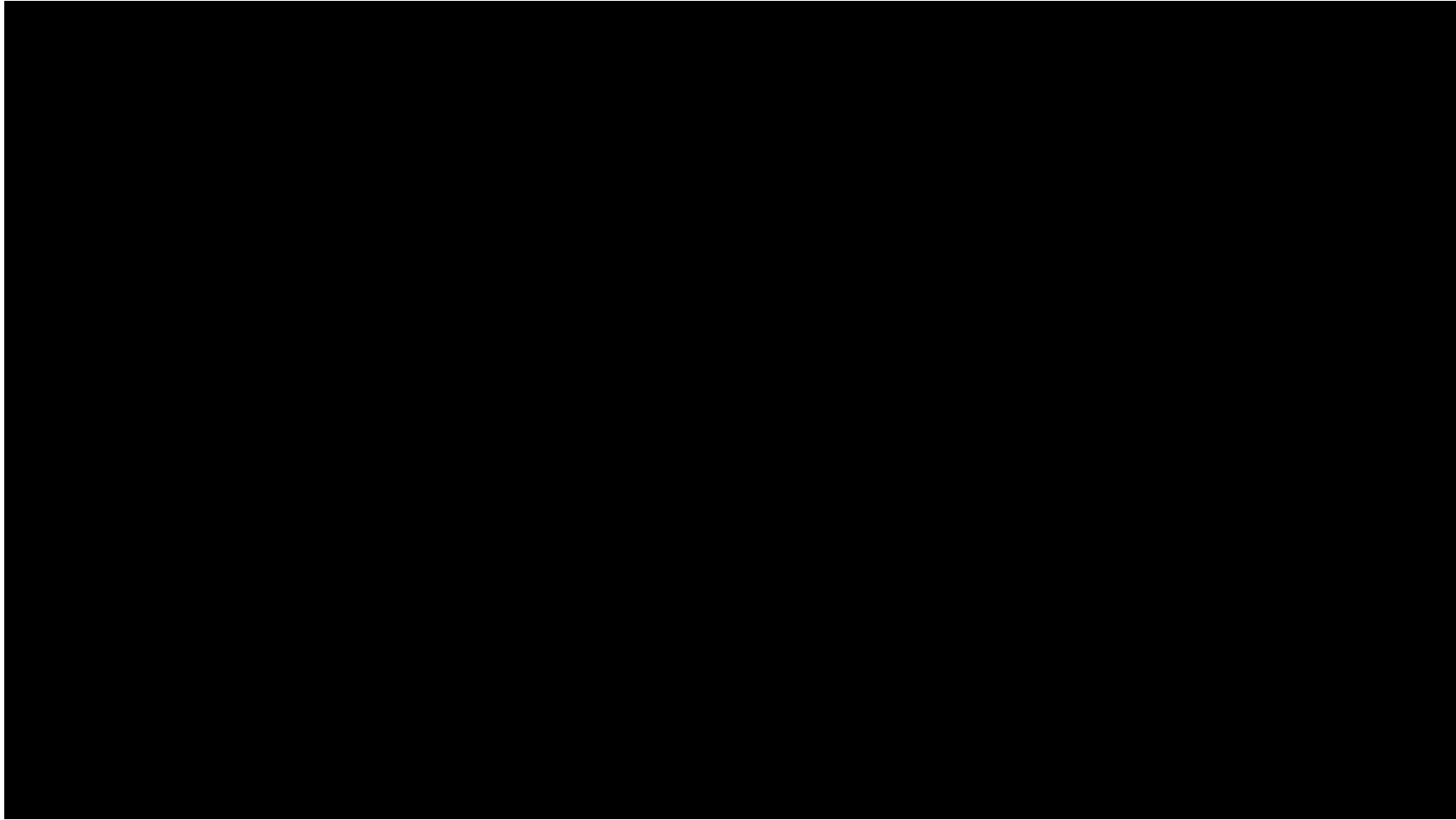
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Domestic Violence,
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Business Case

- Women dying without effective intervention and accountability for dangerous offenders
- Connection of Family Violence to Community Violence
- Cost of DV Homicide
- Cost to System of Repeat Offenders
- Failure of criminal justice system to protect victims
- Impact of violence on children and youth
- Healthcare costs of Domestic and Sexual Violence

Tell Your Story...with stories...

Are you in?



Five Focus Areas of Funding and Sustainability



Funding Inventory

- City
- County
- State
- Federal
- Foundations
- Small Donors/Major Donors
- Bond/Tax measures/New Market Tax Credits
- Special Events
- Community Groups

1. New Market Tax Credits
Milwaukee, Fort Worth, Tulsa
2. Court Fees
Tennessee
3. Levy, Sales Tax, Bonds, District Funds, etc. to Fund FJC
Shawnee, Prince Georges, Irvine, Alameda County, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus FJCs in California

Creative Funding Sources for Family Justice Centers

Specific Example:

\$1.7 Million of Louisiana criminal justice reform money was reinvested in victim services

\$750,000 was invested to establish a **Family Justice Center** in East Baton Rouge



Consider the Funding Needs of Your Partners

- Collaborate on grants
- Offer to write letters of support for each other
- Understand each other's funding needs – Know everyone's holy money
- The Family Justice Center team should assist with grant writing for all partners
- Create a Shared Funding Policy (see Alliance Shared, Sustained Funding Policy in OVW-sponsored Resource Library)

Funding and Sustainability

Public/Private Funding Mix

Shared Funding Policies/Grant Strategies

Government Funding Level/In-Kind Support

Private Philanthropy

Integration of the FJC Framework Into All Levels of County Government and Cities in the County

Statistics/Data/Evaluation Committee

Methodology and Measurements/Publications

Adults Services/Children's Services

Adult Protective Services

The Science and Power of HOPE

ACE Scores/Polyvictimization Screening

Storytelling

City/State/National Awards and Recognition

Funding and Sustainability

- What role will the lead agency play in fundraising?
- If the lead agency is a non-profit, should their role be re-evaluated?
- What will be the public and private funding mix?
- How can government best support the vision for the FJC if it is not the lead agency?
- How will you use the Alliance's Shared, Sustained Funding Policy with partners?
- What will your branding and messaging look like? How will you tell your story?
- Will you have multiple sites? Will you start with a Phase I Family Justice Center?
- At what point will you develop a Funding and Sustainability Plan?
- Who will take the lead on funding – Public? Private?
- What will the mix be between public and private funding?

The Journey to Developing The Umbrella Center





The Umbrella Center

Safety. Justice. Healing.

The Non-Profit Led Model

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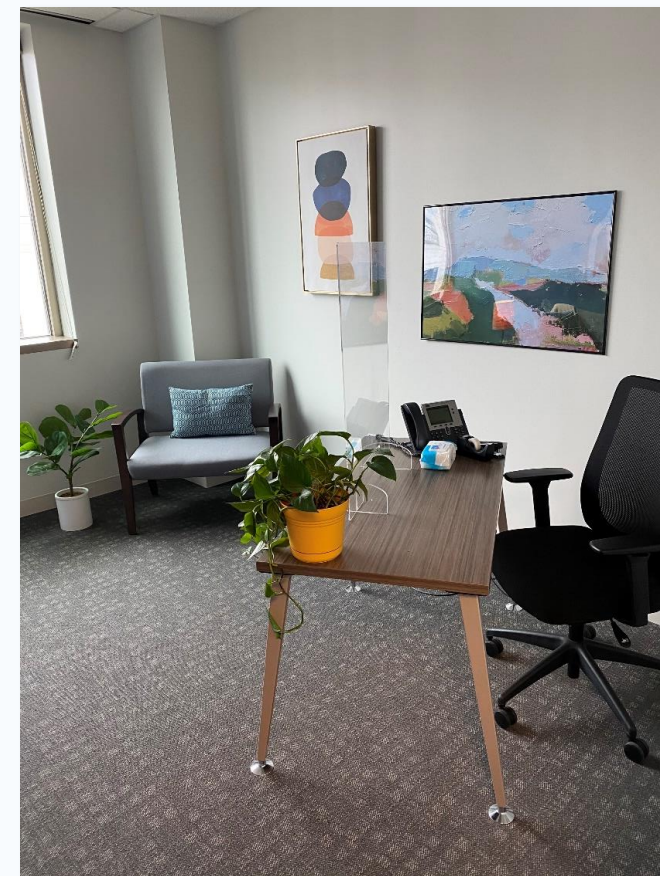
ABOUT SAFE ALLIANCE



WHERE WE STARTED



WHERE WE ARE



WHERE WE'RE GOING



FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS



FJC
CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN

FJC
OPERATIONAL
COSTS

NON-PROFIT
FUNDING

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

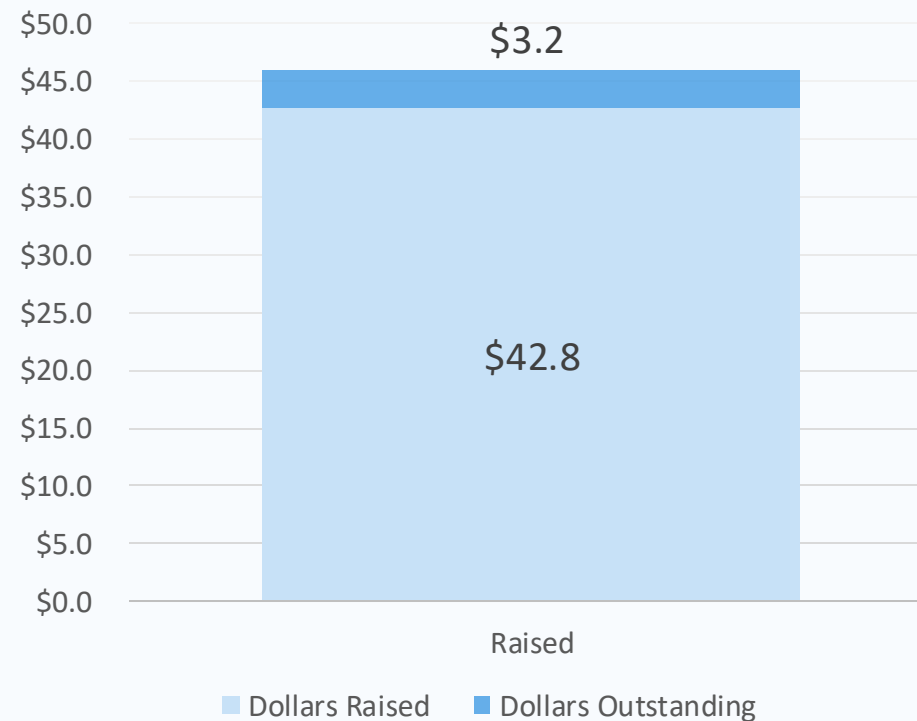


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Philanthropy ingenuity



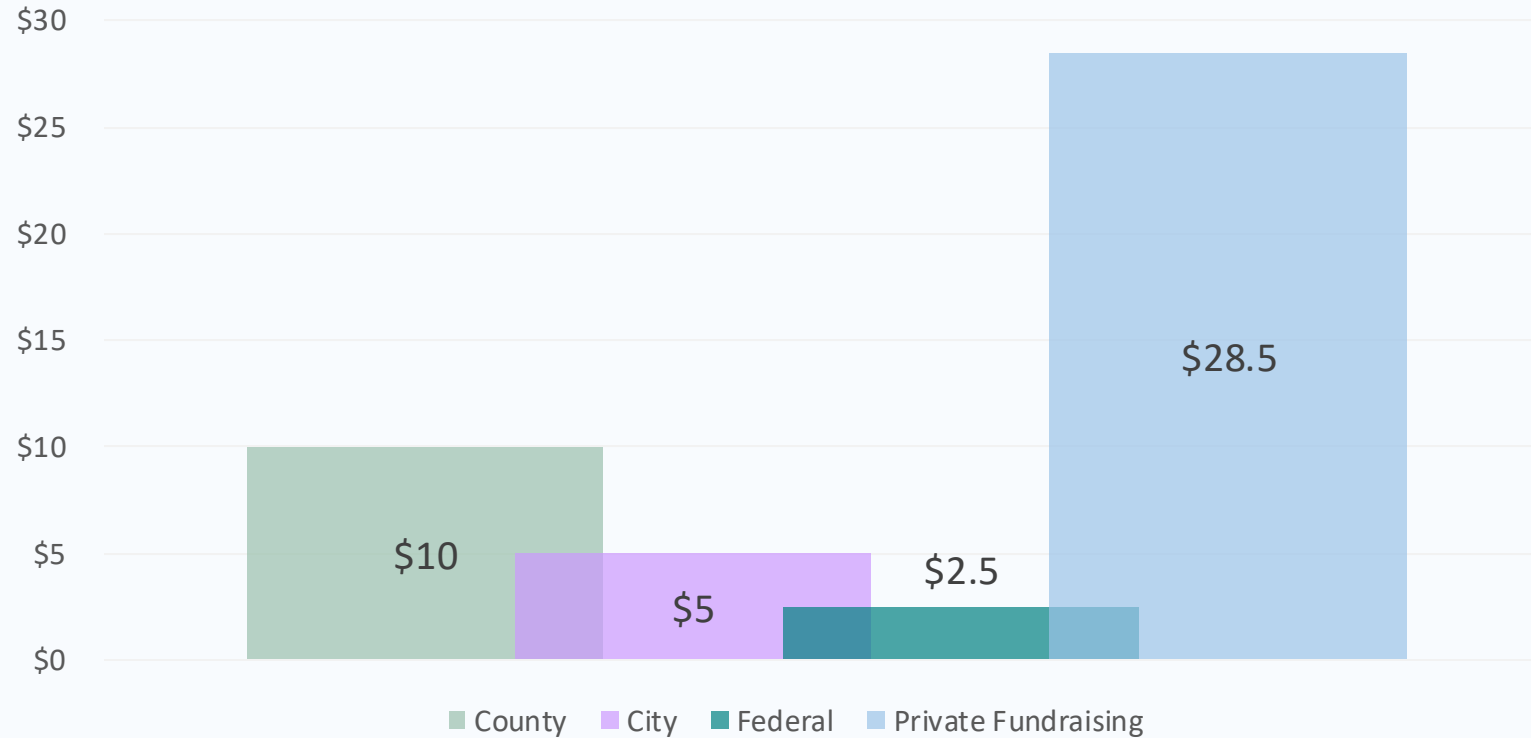
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS (MILLIONS)



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



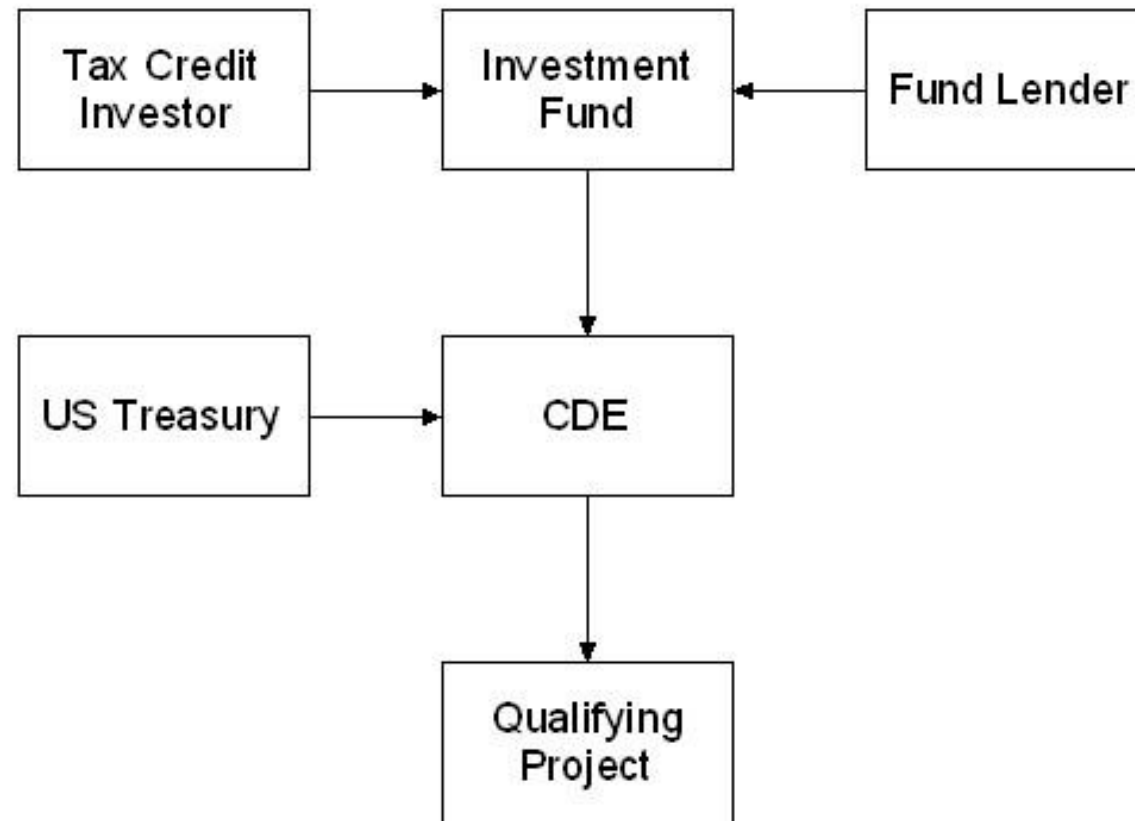
CONTRIBUTION BREAKDOWN
(MILLIONS)



NEW MARKET TAX CREDITS



What it looks like:



NEW MARKET TAX CREDITS



What it feels like:



FJC COST BREAKDOWN



Public-Private Partnership

Mecklenburg County	Safe Alliance	Partner Agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Owns the building• Providing all upkeep (janitorial, maintenance, utilities, internet, etc.)• Covering all upkeep costs over \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administrative Lead• Holds Master Lease with County• Facilitates pass-through payments to the County and other vendors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold subleases with Safe Alliance• Pay operational costs proportional to their square footage in building

FJC OPERATIONAL COSTS



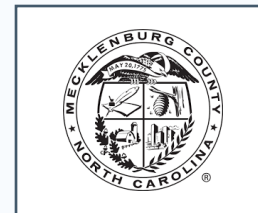
County Courts



DA's Office



Sheriff's Office

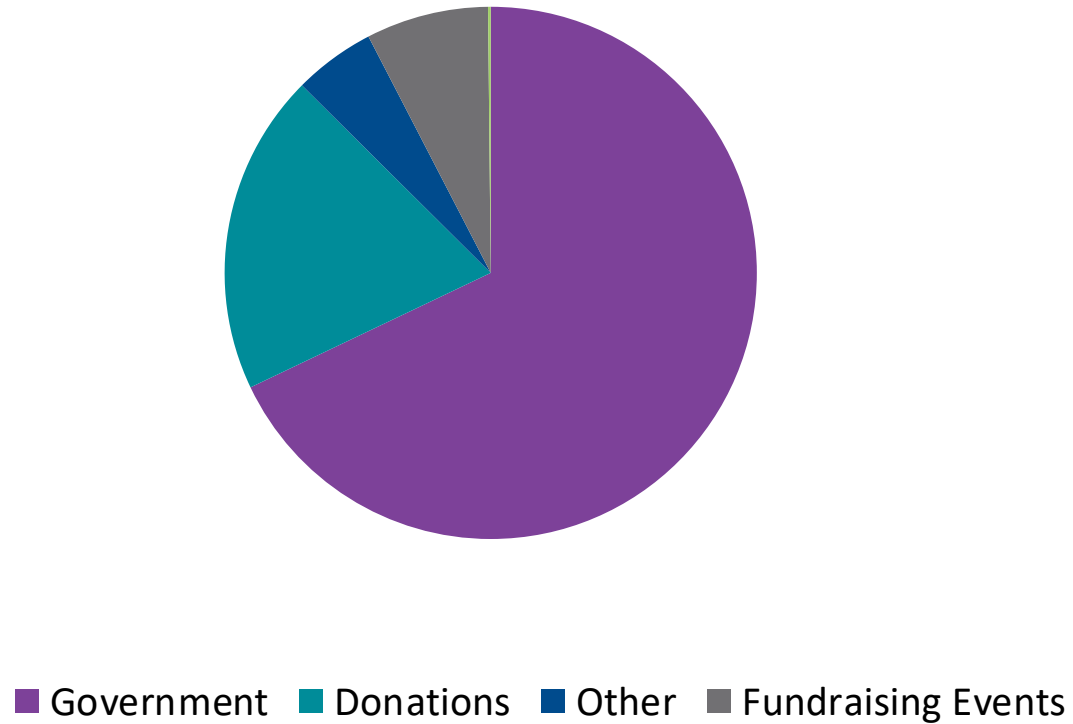


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Revenue Breakdown



The Journey to Developing and Operating One Safe Place – North County San Diego

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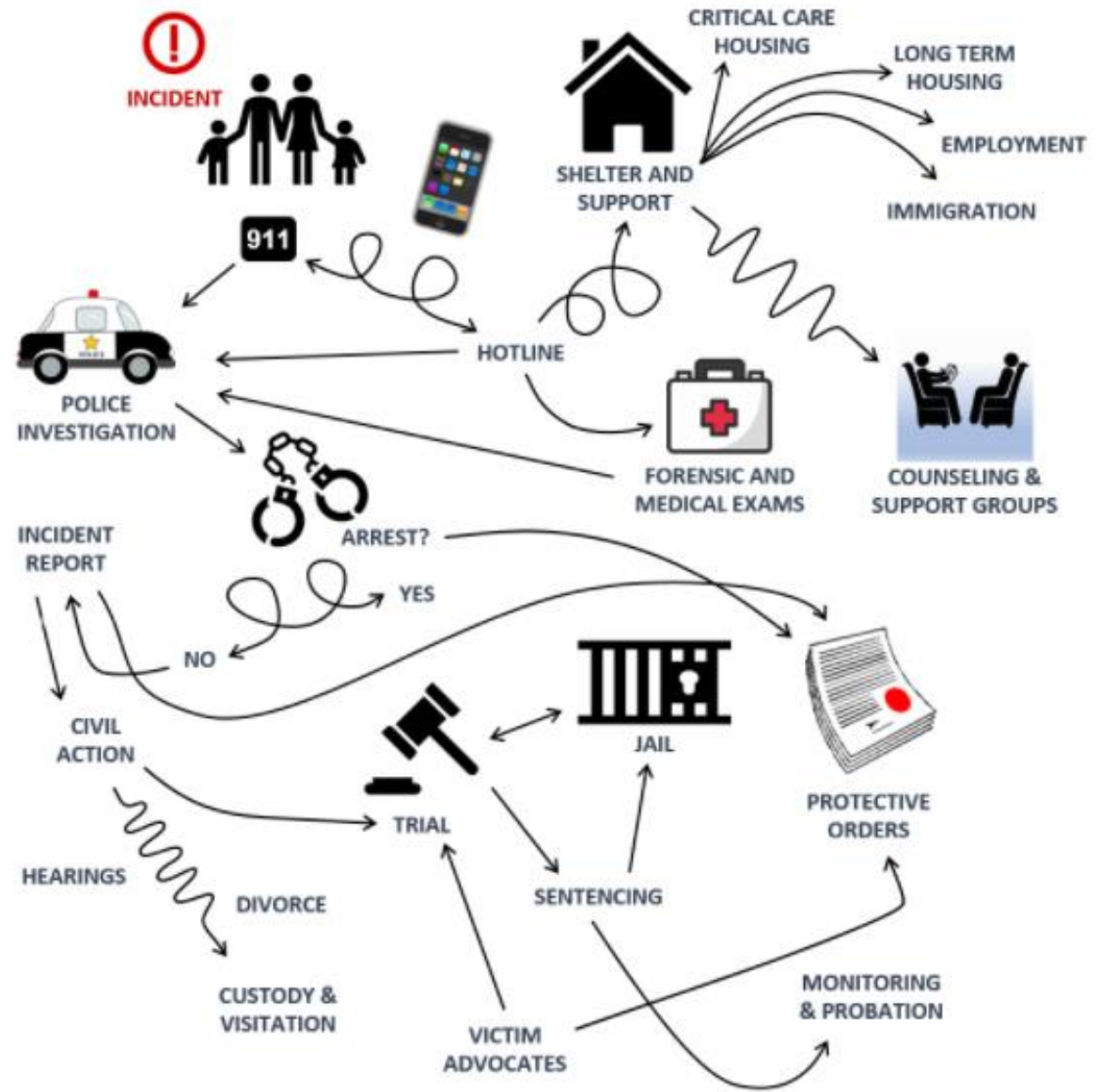


The Prosecutor Led Model

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Traditional Pathway to Victim Services



TRADITIONAL VICTIM PATH TO SERVICES

All Under One Roof

Anchors:

Law Enforcement
Hospital/Health
Partners
Legal Services
Therapy/Case
Management

Hospital Based
Care Teams

Forensic Service
(SART exams)

Child Advocacy
Center Onsite

Law Enforcement

Domestic Assault
Forensic
Exams/Strangulation

Case Management
and Advocacy

Individual and
Family Therapy

Temporary
Restraining Order
Clinic

Housing Navigation

Child Welfare
Services

Traumatic Brain
Injury Clinic

Clothing and Food

Transportation

Workforce readiness

Educational
opportunities

What does “Prosecutor-Led” look like?



ELECTED OFFICIAL AS CONVENER



ELECTED OFFICIAL PROVIDES
STAFFING



ELECTED OFFICIAL LEVERAGES
RESOURCES (INTERNAL, COUNTY,
GRANTS, SOMETIMES NON PROFITS)



Example: One Safe Place



Summer Stephan (San Diego County DA) convener



Built with prop 172 public safety monies and General Purpose revenue (tied to sales tax and property tax)



Leased a building for 13 years requiring County Board of Supervisor Authorization



Convenes 103 partners via MOU agreement including health care and law enforcement



Provides no cost space, internet, security to partners

What are the Positives of DA Led Model

**Access to sustainable
funding sources
(government)**

**Political will to
leverage other funding
sources (grants, public
private partnerships)**

Stable staffing

**Victim Advocacy
already imbedded in
the culture**

**Natural convener for
all aspects of family
justice (prosecutors,
prevention, protection)**

**DA in the business of
safety and risk**

What are the
challenges/opportunities
of DA-led model

Brady v. Maryland potential issues

Rules and regulations for elected officials re: fundraising

Rules and regulations for counties re: purchases, contracts, and risk
(child care, Camp Hope)

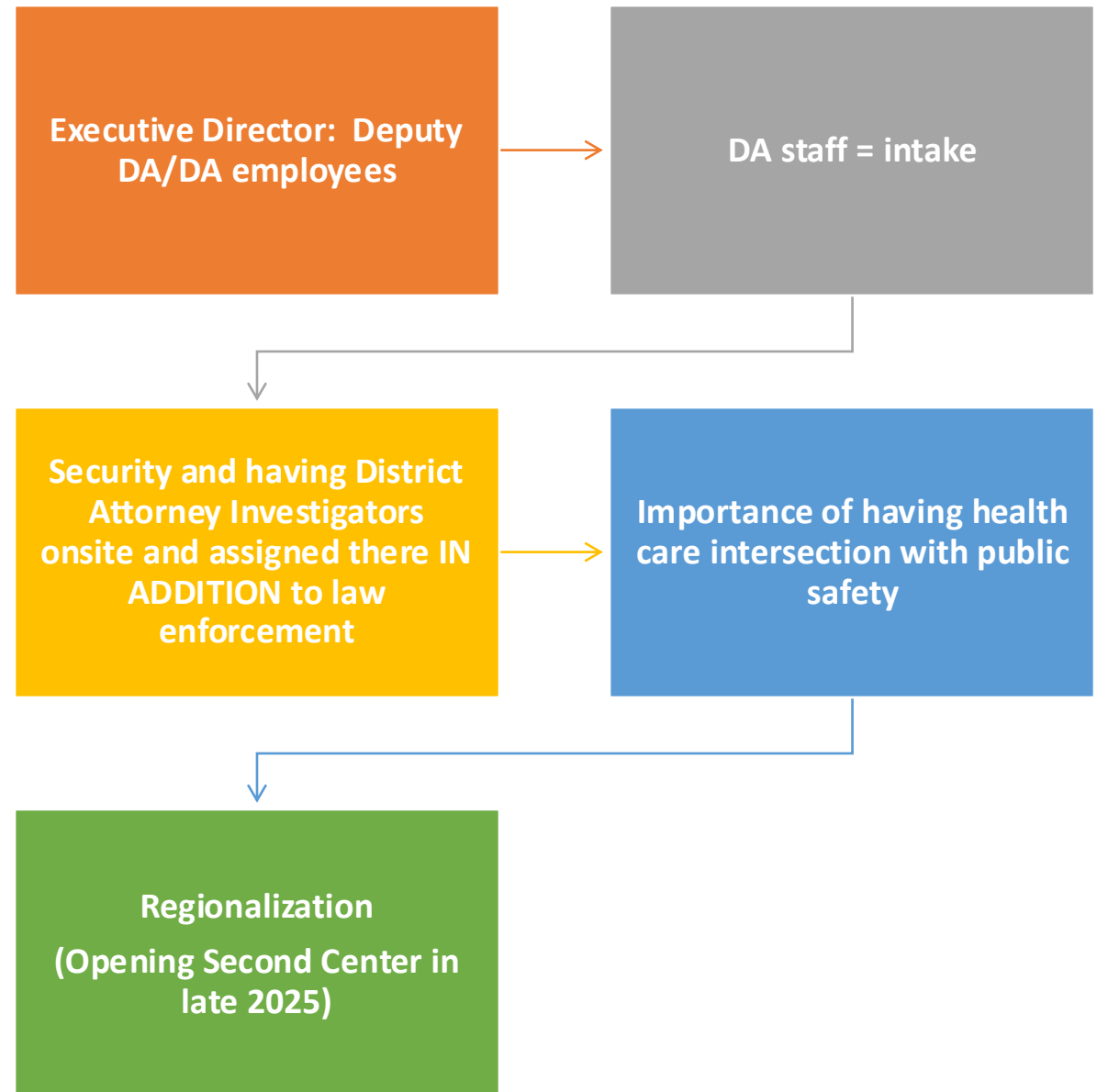
Economy and county budgets

The reality of politics

The reality of county process

Delicacy of partners who compete for funding

Other Aspects – DA-Led FJC





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