

Applying FJC Principles to Suburban and/or Medium Communities

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Overview

- About our Family Justice Centers
- Selecting a Governing Structure
- Funding Sources to Start Up and to Sustain
- Creating Partnerships



Crystal Judson Family Justice Center
Opened December 14, 2005
Grand Opening January 20, 2006



Pierce County, Washington



Pierce County Facts



- Population of 773,000
- Highest Violent Crime Rate in the State
- County has urban, suburban and extremely rural areas and a large military population
- In 2003, the Chief of Police for Tacoma murdered his wife and then killed himself

Family Justice Center: From Concept to Reality



- Developing the concept was only the beginning
- It took time, patience and commitment to move from concept to reality
- Cooperation, coordination and communication were critical to our success

Vision Statement



Our vision is to provide a safe location where all the needs of victims are met, where children are protected, where violence stops, where families heal and thrive, where hope is realized and where professionals all work together.

Governing Structure



- Initial Funding from City of Tacoma and Pierce County (not a PFI site)
- Interlocal Agreement between City and County created FJC as a governmental entity with an Executive Board of Directors
- Funding from City of Tacoma and Pierce County sustains the essential functions of the FJC

Funding



- 2008 Administrative Budget – \$646,000
- Total Budget for 2008 – \$1,400,000
 - The Administrative Budget funds FJC essential functions such as rent, salaries, and other infrastructure costs.
 - Other funding sources include local cities, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, federal grants, private grants and donations. These sources of other funding vary from year to year.

Client Service Numbers



- Client Visits to the FJC
 - 2006 – 1,405
 - 2007 – 1,860
 - 2008 – 2,654
- Client Calls to the DV Helpline
 - 2007 – 2,258
 - 2008 – 3,137

~ Developing ~ Opening ~ Operating ~



- Every stage of the journey offers an opportunity to learn and improve
- Change is inevitable
- Create an environment that supports innovation and creativity (no more “We’ve always done it this way, so we can’t change it now.”)

Impressions as We Enter Our Fourth Year of Operation



- Would we do it again? YES
- Would we do it differently? In some respects
- Less physical separation between government and community partners

Impressions, cont.



- As you consider whether to create an FJC, remember it is but one part of the equation. The FJC is right for some and not for others.
- Client numbers at our partner agencies have not diminished with the opening of the FJC...meaning together we are reaching more victims.

In Their Own Words



- *“I never thought something like this would happen to me. If it wasn’t for the Family Justice Center, I’m not sure where I would have turned. Thank you so much!”*
- *“I felt so alone before coming here. Everyone here made me feel like there is hope and that things will get better. Thank you so much for the help and support.”*

Photo Tour





BEFORE



After







Marketing Campaign

- Our agency initially faced the challenge of spreading the word that we exist
- Working with an advertising agency, a marketing campaign was created
- The concept developed as a result of numerous focus groups and market research
- Response has been amazing



FJC Governing Structure Options

What is Right For Your
Community



Funding...

At Start Up and Beyond



Building and Sustaining Partners



Open Discussion



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