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Fall 2007



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The mission of the Family Crisis Center is to partner with the community by providing safe refuge and comprehensive services responsive to the individual needs of women, children, and men who are experiencing domestic violence, sexual, assault or child abuse.

Prevention Education And Community Empowerment

The Prevention Education and Community Empowerment (PEACE) program is in the beginning stages of program development at the Family Crisis Center. The goal of the PEACE program is to increase awareness on the dynamics of family and dating violence among young males and African American families. The program will create a strong volunteer base that will work with the community to identify system barriers for these populations; assist and recommend changes in protocol or policy; increase awareness, education and knowledge through training; and increase identification of victims and access to services throughout the four counties.

The first part of the PEACE program will address the root causes of violence by providing specialized prevention education geared towards young males in the four county area. There are currently no programs at this time to empower young males to live violence free lives and to challenge abuse. Presentations will occur in after school programs, such as sports leagues, Boy Scout troops, and Boys and Girls club. The second part of the PEACE program will address family violence in African American Families through community presentations to students in grades K-12 and to families at local African American churches. It will utilize pre-existing partnerships with the local ministerial alliance and provide them with training on how to support victims that come to them for help. The program will also provide anti-violence and anti-victimization presentations to the local parishioners, business community organizations, city councils and school boards. Presentations will begin in the winter and spring of 2008. Systemic changes in the community will occur by encouraging schools and businesses to adopt anti-violence anti-victimization policies and procedures for their students and employees.

Center Services FY 2007

- **479** Prevention (anti-violence & anti-victimization) programs presented to **5,240** elementary & **4,538** middle/high school students.
- **151** volunteers provided **14,253** hours of service
- **3,009** individuals received crisis services
- **5,633** hotline called were answered
- **7,127** nights of shelter for **192** adults and **213** children
- **27** adults and **35** children received supportive housing
- **105** shelter children received counseling
- **181** non-residential children received SHAPE counseling
- **104** adults received counseling
- **226** adults participated in Adult Violence Intervention Program & **63** adults participated in the protective parenting group.
- **23** sexual assault victims were accompanied by advocates for SANE exams

Providing a Safe Place for Change



Established in the fall of 2000, the transitional housing complex has been providing a continuum of care that includes reduced rent, counseling, case management, transportation, life skills, legal aid assistance and employment training and assistance. Clients can stay in the transitional housing program up to two years and in this time receive all of the above services. The wide range of supportive services is designed to assist clients in moving into safe, stable and affordable housing in the community. In order to qualify for the program, the individuals must be clients of the Family Crisis Center. They do not have to be in the emergency shelter first, but

those who are in shelter receive priority for transitional housing. The program has recently experienced some positive growth and made great strides in helping victims during their transition. In January, the housing was 40% occupied, and as of August, it increased to 86% full with only three vacancies. The program has had 6 families successfully complete the program and transition into permanent housing. Two inspections performed this past year evaluated the program in service delivery and outcomes. A file audit showed that files are

consistent and are compliant with Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) standards. The Housing and Urban Development's required Uniform Physical Conditions Standards inspection assessed the physical condition of the housing. The Center scored 84% with only minor suggestions for improvement. The program continues to improve on itself and help victims as they transition out of violent situations.

Raising Youth Awareness



The Prevention Education program has two school-based prevention education components: Teen Violence Intervention Program (middle and high school students) and Child Abuse Prevention Program (elementary school) that are offered throughout the four county area of Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette and Lee. The presentations educate students on how to recognize early warning signs of danger and avoid bullying, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual abuse, relationship violence, date and acquaintance rape. If a child makes an outcry of abuse to one of the presenters, the incident is reported to the proper authorities and the

victim is referred to counseling or other relevant agency services. The Prevention and Education Team has taken on a new four session presentation series called "Expect Respect". This teen violence prevention series is geared to students in 8th through 12th grades. Over the four-day span, they cover all aspects of teen dating violence from equality, domestic violence, jealousy, boundaries, etc.... The series has been expanded from one day to four days because there is a more meaningful impact on the students when they hear about these issues over more than a one-day presentation.

Recently the local paper showed one of the positive outcomes that come as a result of programs like these. One story was a young girl who had been touched inappropriately while sleeping at a friend's house. She kept the incident a secret until she participated in the Center's prevention education presentations at her school. After participating, she got up the courage to come forward and tell her mother. Charges were then filed that resulted in a 40-year prison sentence for the assailant.

Communities Against Family Violence

The Center's new *Communities Against Family Violence* program started in July of 2006 as a collaborative between the Center and the Combined Community Response Team (CCRT) and the faith community. The CCRT consist of the Family Crisis Center, District/ County Attorneys, Municipal (Magistrate) judges, County Courts of Law, law enforcement, Chiefs of Police, other social service agencies. The Team meets quarterly to staff domestic violence cases, coordinate

activities, reviewing and enhance policies and protocols, facilitate training, education, and evaluation pertaining to their county. The goal of this program is to reduce and prevent violence against women while holding offenders accountable without compromising victim safety. This goal will be accomplished by providing support services to victims; linking the four county CCRT; identifying and tracking offenders; coordinating efforts to maximize resources,

partnering with Bastrop County Ministerial Alliance; and streamline information sharing and training between law enforcement and the Family Crisis Center. The program's Family Violence Specialist tracks the domestic violence cases and works to ensure that offenders are being held accountable. If a victim's rights have been violated, the Specialist works with prosecutors, state agencies and state attorneys while the Center's advocates promote the needs and desires of the victim.



Shelter Summer Youth Program

Region XIII Education Service Center provides funds annually to the Family Crisis Center through the McKinney Homeless Assistance Project that are used to effectively meet the needs of students experiencing homelessness via our center's emergency shelter and supportive housing programs. This year's funding helped the Center to purchase school supplies, therapeutic materials for counseling activities, summer recreational programming and entertainment, summer camps, parent involvement opportunities, and other supplies for the emergency shelter children. A combined total of 107 children benefited from the summer recreational program. These outings or "field trips" allow young people an opportunity to undergo new recreational and educational experiences, socialize with other children living in similar realities, and the occasion to experience appropriate boundaries, limit setting, and consequences for their choices. This is a great opportunity for children to enjoy activities outside of the shelter with others such as bowling, swimming, tours of public libraries and museums, and 'day camping' at local state parks. Children are given time to heal in a supportive environment.

Protective Parenting

The Center's Protective Parenting program is designed for individuals who want to enhance their parenting skills or individuals whom the courts or CPS have referred. The goal of this education program is to empower parents with new positive guidance skills and to prevent child abuse or neglect. This program is 12 weeks long and meets governmental agency requirements for parenting classes. One of the main focus is to teach

non-violent parenting as well as the effects of violence on children. The Protective Parenting Program, run by the Family Crisis Center, has been a successful tool for parents referred for group counseling. Some comments from participants are as follows: "This class can help all parents", "I think anyone who has kids or is thinking of having kids should take this class", "Wasn't sure at the beginning but after

being taught by [counselor], the class was very helpful", "Great Program! Teacher was wonderful and allowed personal issues with class requirements".



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Do all you can with what you have, in the time you have, in the place you are.

-- Nkosi Johnson

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As a **hotline volunteer** you can volunteer from the comfort of your own home. You will receive ongoing training from the agency that will allow you to **provide this critical service from your home**. The hotline is forwarded to the volunteer's home weekdays after 5 p.m. (after office hours) and on weekends and holidays. Hotline volunteers provide information and resources to callers as well as connect victims with the on-call Crisis Advocates. If you prefer to work with people **face to face, volunteering as an advocate** may be the job for you. Volunteer advocates provide support services, intakes and screening to walk-in individuals seeking assistance. There are also volunteer opportunities that focus on working with children. We need volunteers to help with educational and group activities for children. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Bernie Jackson at 512-321-7760 or berniej@familycrisiscenter.us.

About Our Organization...

The Bastrop County Women's Shelter, dba Family Crisis Center started in 1981 from a coalition of rural Texas women with a shared vision of offering hope, support, and assistance to women and children victimized by domestic violence, sexual assault or child abuse. Since becoming an incorporated nonprofit in 1983, the Family Crisis Center has evolved into a community leader for specialized services for rural victims. The Center provides the following services: prevention/education, crisis intervention, counseling, emergency shelter, housing, and violence intervention /prevention.

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