

Family Resource Agency

Family Violence Program



FVP NEWS...

Helping Make Holidays Happy

The holidays season is definitely upon us. For most of us this is a very joyous time. Thoughts of family get-togethers, decorations and elaborate meals bring smiles to our faces. However, for many of the families torn apart by domestic and sexual violence, this season is a painful reminder of the happy homes they do not have. Some will spend their holiday in a women's shelter. Others will remain locked in a cycle of violence and control.

We at the FVP do our best to make these times as pleasant as possible for the individuals we serve. We often provide gifts and holiday meals for the ladies and children in our shelter. Please consider donating new toys, gift cards and your favorite holiday food items to make this Christmas season a memorable one for the families we help. Do your part to raise awareness of the services we provide, so we all can have a Happy Holiday season.

For more information about our program services or to make a donation, contact Angie Faulkner: 303-3525

December 1, 2007

- * November 29th—Advisory Board Meeting
- * November 29th—First HEALING Group Meeting
- * December 24-25—FRA Closed for Christmas Holidays
- * December 31-January 1st—FRA Closed for New Year's Holidays



Upcoming Events and Important Dates

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT



Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season! From the FVP Staff

* Shelter Christmas Wish List *

New Toys for Kids of All Ages
Gift Items for Teenagers and Ladies
Wal-Mart Gift Cards & Phone Cards
Holiday Food Items
Office Shredder & AA Batteries
New Towels, Washcloths and Loofahs
Ethnic Hair Products

Volunteer Training

Have you been touched by what you've read in these newsletters? Do you wish there was some way you could help? Please join us in January for our next volunteer training. Our program relies heavily on the work donated by our volunteers. In our last volunteer training, we prepared 21 individuals to help us by working in the office, assist with support groups, accompany clients to court, answer the hotline, help at the shelter and offer other needed support services.

There is no counseling experience necessary to become a volunteer. All we ask is that you have a heart for helping people. If you have been looking for a way to get involved with an organization that changes lives, please contact us about this exciting opportunity.

For more information about volunteering, contact Sherry Hayes: 303-3515

TCADSV Grant

The Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (TCADSV) has been awarded a grant to spread awareness of the new law stating that victims of sexual assault can not be billed for forensic exam costs. The Tennessee Victims Compensation fund is billed directly for those services and does not require that the victims press charges in order to receive those funds.

This change in the law is exciting, but the word needs to be spread in order for victims to access this new service. With this grant, the Coalition will be developing an informational website for victims and service providers to answer questions about how this new law works and any requirements that go along with it. They will also be developing posters and other advertisements to raise awareness. We will keep you updated as we hear more about this educational opportunity.

For more information about our Rape and Sexual Assault services, contact Liz DeStasio at 303-3522



Program Information

Office: 479-9339 Opt: 2
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Office Hours: 9am-5pm
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Domestic Violence Support Group

Every Monday at 6:30pm

Please Contact Sherry Hayes For More Info: 303-3515

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