

Family Resource Agency

Family Violence Program



FVP NEWS...

HEALING through the Arts

Begin making preparations now to submit an original art piece for inclusion in this year's annual "HEALING through the Arts" contest. Entries may be submitted between February 15th and April 15th and can be brought to the Family Resource Agency. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. All entries will then be displayed at the "HEALING through the Arts" event held at Cleveland State Community College where the winning pieces will be announced. Confidentiality will be maintained and winners will receive their prizes through the mail. Please leave your name and contact information including address and telephone number when submitting entries to ensure delivery of prizes.

For more information about this contest and other Sexual Assault Awareness Month Activities, contact Liz DeStasio: 303-3522

Program Information

Office: 479-9339 Option 2
24 Hour Hotline: 476-3886
Office Hours: 9am-5pm

3680 Michigan Avenue, NE
Cleveland, TN 37323

Domestic Violence Support Group

Every Monday at 6:30pm
Please Contact Sherry Hayes
For More Info:
303-3515

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

Thank you FVP Staff for making this program possible!

Angie Faulkner, *Program Director*
Sherry Hayes, *Group Spec/Vol. Supervisor*
Naomi Boothe, *Shelter Manager*
Liz DeStasio, *Sexual Assault Prog. Assist.*
Nikki Crouse, *Court Advocate*
Tricia White, *Court Advocate*
Amanda Casteel, *Shelter Substitute*
Dinah Dziolek, *Shelter Substitute*
Trina Fitkin, *Shelter Substitute*
Elizabeth Gates, *Shelter Substitute*
Miranda Sullivan, *Shelter Substitute*
Tanya Varnum, *Shelter Substitute*

Full-Time Court Advocate Position Filled

The wheels have already been put into motion for implementing the new Arrest Grant awarded to us by The Coalition. Tricia White has joined the FVP team again as our full-time court advocate after having worked at our domestic violence shelter a few years ago. Tricia has a degree in Psychology from Lee University and comes to us after having worked with DCS since 2002. Due to her extensive work with foster care and family services, Tricia possesses a great deal of knowledge concerning the judicial system and has already worked with several of the key players for our justice system here in Bradley County. She will be working primarily with the criminal cases handled at the Justice Center and will be developing ways to increase arrests for those who have violated Orders of Protection. We are very pleased to have her here!

For more information about our program services and this new program contact Angie Faulkner: 303-3525

A Word About Orders of Protection

Much of the work done by our court advocates here at the FVP centers around issues related to orders of protection (OOP's). An order of protection is a document signed by a judge offering protection to victims from individuals who have been previously violent or who have had threats of violence made against them. In order for an OOP to be granted, the person filing for an order (the petitioner) needs to be able to show that there is clear and present danger of violence being committed against them, and that there is some type of relationship between them and the person they are taking the order out against (the respondent). Orders of protection are generally handled through the civil court and are available to both victims of domestic and/or sexual violence. There are no charges initially for filing an order of protection, however there are some court costs associated with the process. These costs are generally charged to the respondent if the order is granted. OOP's are generally granted for a one-year period, however they may be extended at times when the fear of abuse exceeds beyond that.

For more information about our court advocacy services and filing for OOP's, contact Nikki Crouse: 303-3532

February 1, 2008

- * January 29th, 31st, and February 5th—Volunteer Training at FRA
- * February 14th—Valentine's Day
- * February 15th—Begin submitting original artwork for "Healing Through the Arts" Contest
- * February 18th—FRA closed for President's Day

↑ Upcoming Events and Important Dates ↑



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