

# Family Resource Agency

## Family Violence Program



# FVP NEWS...

### We're Here to Help

FVP NEWS is the new way that we here at the Family Violence Program have been keeping in touch with members of the community. Through this bulletin we hope to be able to better inform the community of important program needs and events. This bulletin will continue to be distributed during the first week of every month to those who are interested. Please let us know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about any program activities. We would love to hear from you.

As well as serving the immediate safety needs of our clients, the FVP also provides emergency shelter, a hotline, crisis counseling, support groups, court advocacy, community education, and information and referrals. All our services are free to those affected by domestic and/or sexual violence.

**For more information about our program or services, please contact Angie Faulkner: 479-9339 ext. 25**

### Orders of Protection

An Order of Protection (OOP) is a document issued by the court (a court order) that can help someone immediately protect themselves from someone who is abusing or harassing them. An OOP is different from a restraining order and is more effective in domestic and sexual violence situations. An OOP can protect someone by stopping an abuser from abusing or threatening them and from contacting them in any way. It can also require an abuser to leave the home, receive counseling, and/or pay court costs or child/spousal support. An OOP can also award custody of the children and require supervised visitations. If an abuse violates this court order, they can be arrested without a warrant.

Here at the FVP we have a staff member that serves as a court advocate and regularly assists with matters concerning Orders of Protection.

**For more information about court advocacy or OOPs, please contact David Dodson: 479-9339 ext. 32**

### March 1, 2007

- \* March 14—Project Safe Conference
- \* March 26—Lee Univ. Presentation
- \* April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)
- \* April 1—Begin "Flush-Out" Sexual Violence Campaign

↑ **Upcoming Events and Important Dates** ↑

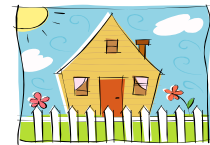
### MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

#### Shedding Light During Storms

The FVP would like to thank the current shelter staff for always keeping the Harbor Safe House in top shape and for caring for our clients so effectively!

You guys are doing such great work!!!

Naomi Boothe  
Selena Shope  
Deanna Wooden  
Tanya Varnum  
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### National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)



#### Program Information

Office: 479-9339 ext. 25  
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Office Hours: 9am-5pm

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Cleveland, TN 37323

Domestic Violence Support Group  
Every Monday at 6:30pm  
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Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is observed in April (first observed in 2001) and is the month dedicated to making a concerted effort to prevent and end sexual violence and to create awareness through special events. Recognizing SAAM each year highlights sexual violence as a major public health problem and reinforces the need for prevention efforts.

The purpose of SAAM is to increase the public's understanding about sexual violence in our society. This effort can help communities support sexual assault survivors, victims, and their friends and families. It is also a time to encourage the public to take steps to address sexual violence. Teal is the color most often associated with sexual violence awareness. Please refer to [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org) for more information.

This year the FVP has some great events in the works for SAAM events in this community. We are planning a "Flush-Out" Sexual Violence campaign that involves posting flyers in public restrooms, there will be increased media involvements throughout the month, and we will hold a conference/training on sexual assault for medical and legal professionals. We are also very excited about holding our first ever "Healing Through Arts" event at the Cleveland State and hopefully Lee University campuses. Specific dates and information will soon be announced. Please let us know if your group or organization would like to help or if you want help in planning an event of your own.

**For more information about SAAM activities, please contact Elizabeth Gates: 479-9339 ext. 22**

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