



COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

Domestic Violence Council

FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 WORK PLAN

AND

2008-2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Accepted by the Domestic Violence Council April 3, 2009

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2009 DVC MEMBERS:

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Domestic Violence Council (DVC) mission is to act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors to assure safety and restoration for victims of domestic violence, cessation of the violence, and accountability for batterers.

The Domestic Violence Council (DVC) will do this by:

Improving coordination among agencies, departments, courts, members of the community and victims in matters of family violence and abuse; promoting effective prevention, intervention and treatment techniques that will be developed based upon research and data collection; improving the response to domestic violence and abuse in order to reduce incidents thereof; and educating the public about the need to end domestic violence.

The vision of the Domestic Violence Council is to end domestic violence in Santa Clara County.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The DVC was established as a County Commission in 1991 in an effort to improve the coordination among agency service providers, County departments, courts, community leaders and victims in matters of family violence and abuse.

In February 2008 the DVC ordinance was amended. The changes will take the 34 members of the DVC are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and represent various government, non-profit, advocacy and community-based organizations to a 22 member body by July 1, 2010. Currently there are 26 members.

The purpose of the DVC is to serve as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors in matters pertaining to domestic violence. The Council makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding policies, programs and legislation and promotes effective prevention, intervention and treatment techniques to reduce domestic violence in our community.

This year in addition to our on-going projects, the DVC has chosen to focus on the impact of domestic violence on children and data collection. This is particularly important at this time because of the large and growing immigrant community in Santa Clara County, the federal, state and local attention on the difficulties children face when they witness domestic violence, and the ongoing efforts to create long-term policies to address issues throughout the county which are sometimes lacking a domestic violence perspective.

FISCAL YEAR 2009 WORK PLAN

GOAL/OBJECTIVE	PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	PRIORITY RANKING	TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION
<p>1. Address the impact of DV on children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a patient handout on effects of abuse on children (to mail to county pediatricians after approval of BOS) • Work with one to two test site libraries to determine a strategy for county-wide distribution of multilingual DV resources, particularly around teen dating violence • Develop a handout for use in the courts in SCC re: children & DV and resources available in the community • Develop a strategic plan to involve the education system in the response to DV • Develop a resource guide for the education community with relevant services to address the needs of children exposed to DV 	<p align="center">1</p>	<p align="center">June 2010</p>
<p>2. Address data collection issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Gaps Analysis of domestic violence data • Develop a strategic plan to address gaps analysis • Develop a <i>Best Practices Database</i> for Batterers' Intervention Treatment 	<p align="center">2</p>	<p align="center">June 2010</p>

FISCAL YEAR 2009 WORK PLAN CONTINUED

GOAL/OBJECTIVE	PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	PRIORITY RANKING	TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION
<p>3. Collaborate w/City of San Jose Family/Domestic Violence Advisory Board and other County commissions to support efforts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk • Collaborate on media campaign around teen dating and violence • Explore issues around language access for victims • Work with Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) on U-Visa issues • Collaborate with CSW, Human Relations Commission, Social Services Advisory Board, and Child Abuse Council to more efficiently address policy areas of common ground 	<p align="center">3</p>	<p align="center">June 2010</p>

PRIOR YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Goal/Objective	Activities Supporting Goal	Status
1. Address the impact of DV on children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a handout for the Courts for children and domestic violence and provide resource information • Engage the DV community for a representative to serve on the newly created children’s seat of the DVC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed • Completed
2. Address issues of language access to victims of DV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore feasibility of providing 24-hour hotline interpretation services to victims at the scene of a domestic violence incident • Explore feasibility of providing on-scene interpretation in the field to victims of domestic violence • Review printed materials for victims at various locations for accuracy and literacy • Engage the DV community for a representative to serve on the newly created immigrant voice seat of the DVC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going • On-going • Completed • Completed
3. Address housing issues for DV victims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit annual report using Housing Committee’s data collection tool to assess emergency and transitional housing availability for local survivors • Conduct presentations on the annual housing report and implementation plan • Organize quarterly trainings to increase knowledge base of domestic violence shelter and transitional housing staff on how to help victims obtain safe, secure and affordable housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In progress • In progress • Completed

4. Collaborate w/City of San Jose Family/Domestic Violence Advisory Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk • Collaborate on media campaign around teen dating and violence • Explore issues around language access for victims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed • On-going • On-going
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ONGOING PROJECTS

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES
Raise Community Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual DVC Conference in October • Support of DVIR workshops throughout county • Annual Retreat • Support committee projects
Collaborate with City of San Jose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk • Collaborate on media campaign around teen dating and violence • Explore issues around language access for victims
Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Housing Report • Medical Survey Follow Up 2009 • Legislative review of bills that are directly or indirectly associated with domestic violence