

Project Overview

The focus of the Anaheim Family Justice Center is to co-locate as many resources as possible to effectively and efficiently address domestic violence, child abuse, elder/dependent adult abuse, and sexual assault. By utilizing a multi-disciplinary team approach to intervene in the vicious cycle of family and sex crimes, the Center will create new and innovative ways to support, contribute to, and enhance provision of crime victim services.

Current On-Site Partners

- Anaheim Police Department
- Anaheim City Attorney
- Orange County District Attorney
- County of Orange Social Services
- Adult Protective Services
- Children & Family Services
- Cal Works
- CSP Victim Assistance Programs
- Women's Transitional Living Center
- Chapman University Law School



Goals and Objectives

- Provide a safe, welcoming environment where victims of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse and sexual assault can go for support and services.
- Provide multi-disciplinary teams which consist of detectives, victim advocates, prosecuting attorneys and other social service providers as appropriate. The teams will work together to ensure client safety, help clients to access needed services and provide support for the investigation and prosecution of criminal cases.
- "Vertically prosecute" criminal cases. "Vertical Prosecution" allows the victim to deal with a single prosecutor committed to handling the criminal case from start to finish.
- Increase awareness and understanding of domestic violence, child abuse, elder or dependant adult abuse, and sexual assault issues through educational programs conducted by police detectives, victim advocates, and trained volunteers. This training will be offered to members of the community, and "in-house" to personnel who deal with family crimes and sexual assault cases. The programs will focus on prevention of abuse, law enforcement issues, and prosecution of cases.
- Prevent and fight domestic abuse, neglect, and exploitation of at-risk children, elder & disabled adults in the City of Anaheim through public awareness programs designed to make the citizens of Anaheim cognizant of the signs of abuse and how to obtain help for the victims.

A Message from the Chief

The prevention of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and sexual assault is a major priority of the Anaheim Police Department. As a police organization, we are committed to do as much as possible to break the cycle of family crime that inevitably results in a more violent society. In order to prevent these crimes, and respond to them in a more effective and efficient manner, victims and their families require a wide variety of diverse services and resources. Research has shown that timely intervention by police, prosecutors, victim advocates, housing, legal aid, restraining orders, counseling, crisis intervention, child protective services, elder/dependant adult protective services, medical attention / referral, faith based services, parenting programs and others enhances the chances of preventing future violence.

In 2004, the Anaheim Police Department developed a shared vision of creating an Anaheim Family Justice Center to meet these critical needs. We are now ready to make this shared vision a reality. The Center seeks to improve victim safety, interagency communication, information sharing, collaboration, cooperation with our community partners, and develop a true multidisciplinary approach to the prevention of, and response to, these serious crimes.

As a result of the outstanding leadership and support of our Mayor, City Council, and City Manager, we have been able to establish an Anaheim Family Justice Center, the first of its kind in Orange County. We do, however, have a great deal more to accomplish in order to ensure its continued success and growth.

The responsibility for the prevention of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and elder abuse does not rest with any one individual, group, agency, organization or department. It is a responsibility shared by all of our community members and partners. I welcome your active support for this important effort.

John Welter
Chief of Police



Did you know . . .

- In 2006, Children and Family Services received over 5,775 reports of suspected child abuse in the City of Anaheim.
- In Orange County, Adult Protective Services receives 500 reports of abuse each month.
- Victims of rape/sexual assault are twice as likely to report to a victim advocate than they are to the police.
- A report published by California State University at Fullerton indicates that domestic violence services are not currently "coordinated and integrated," and that Orange County lacks a "single, well-known point of access" to these services . . .

Until Now!



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