

2023 Virtual ADVOCACY DAY

California Family Justice Network

About the California Family Justice Network

The California Family Justice Network (CFJN) is a statewide alliance of Family Justice Centers in California which annually meet the needs of over 70,000 victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse and human trafficking.

CFJN advocates for victims of interpersonal violence in the State of California and provides education, training and coordinated assistance to California's Family Justice Centers.

CFJN Victim Services

- Emergency Safety Planning
- Restraining Orders
- Family Court Assistance
- Health Care Services
- Referrals to Safe Shelter and Affordable Housing
- Financial Stability/Assistance
- Trauma Informed Therapy and Services for Children and Adults
- Canine and Equine Therapy
- Countless special needs as they arise in the moment

A Model for Reducing Violence

The best way to reduce community violence is to support families in crisis, including children who are severely traumatized from experiencing or witnessing abuse. The Family Justice Center (FJC) model supports victims of violence through their initial trauma emergency and longer term recovery with coordinated services under one roof.

Each FJC provides a safe environment where survivors and their dependents can be connected immediately to services, seek justice, begin healing, reclaim their lives and end the interconnected cycle of violence for their families and communities.

The Cost of Domestic Violence for Children

Children exposed to domestic violence suffer from lasting physical and psychological effects. They are at higher risk for poor health and educational outcomes, as well as participating in physical bullying and using violence later in life.

According to the CDC, experiencing four or more adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) can lead to a 4- to 12-fold increase in health risks, such as alcoholism, drug abuse, depression, and suicide. The more ACEs an individual experiences, the higher their risk for negative health outcomes, including heart disease, cancer, chronic lung disease, skeletal fractures, and liver disease.

The Hidden Cost of Child Maltreatment: A Trillion Dollar Burden

Adverse Child Experiences (ACEs) in the United States have a high economic cost, with child maltreatment estimating \$428 billion annually in lifetime costs based on substantiated incident cases in 2015. However, when accounting for investigated annual incident cases, the economic burden is estimated to be a whopping **\$2 trillion**.

Adults with four or more ACEs experience significantly higher healthcare costs, with a lifetime cost of healthcare estimated at \$18,200 higher than those with no ACEs. ACEs can also lead to lost productivity, lower earnings, higher criminal justice costs, and increased need for social services. ([Source](#))

Supporting Child Victims of Violence

FJCs put victims, especially kids, first. Trauma-informed therapies, programs and services provided to children at FJCs include:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Testing
- Counseling through county Behavioral Health Departments
- [Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy](#)
- [Camp Hope](#)
- Nurturing Parenting
- Motivational Interviewing
- Working with humane education and equine therapy
- Multidisciplinary Child Protection Teams

California Family Justice Centers By The Numbers

- CA has 26 FJCs, with four more under development
- CA FJCs serve more than 70,000 victims of violence a year
- 20% of victims served by CA FJCs are children
- CA's FJCs have seen a 30% increase in victim requests for services since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic

CFJN Background

Founded in 2009, with support from the Alliance for Hope International, Blue Shield of California, and the California State Legislature, CFJN has grown into a statewide network of 26 Family Justice Centers. CFJN works to support the provisions and intent of [CA Penal Code 13750](#) which defines Family Justice Centers. It provides statewide coordination of victim's services and training, promotes best practices, and assists with research and outcome evaluations.



California's Family Justice Center Network

ALAMEDA

Alameda County Family Justice Center

CONTRA COSTA

West Contra Costa Family Justice Center / Richmond

Central Contra Costa Family Justice Center / Concord

East Contra Costa Family Justice Center / Antioch

IMPERIAL/EL CENTRO

Imperial County Family Justice Center

KERN

Kern County Family Justice Center

LOS ANGELES

Strength United / Van Nuys, San Fernando, Santa

Clarita Valley

New Star Family Center / Hawthorne

MONTEREY

Monterey County Family Justice Center

(in development)

NAPA

Monarch Justice Center

ORANGE COUNTY

Orange County Family Justice Center Foundation

RIVERSIDE

Riverside County SAFE Family Justice Center/

Riverside Office

Riverside SAFE Family Justice Center / Indio Office

County of Riverside Southwest Justice Center /

Murrieta

SACRAMENTO

Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center

SAN DIEGO

Your Safe Place, City of San Diego Family Justice Center

One Safe Place

SAN JOAQUIN

San Joaquin County Family Justice Center

SANTA CLARA

Family Justice Center - North County / Sunnyvale

Family Justice Center - South County / Morgan Hill

Family Justice Center - Central County / San Jose

SHASTA

One SAFE Place / Redding

SOLANO

Solano Family Justice Center

SONOMA

Family Justice Center Sonoma County

STANISLAUS

Family Justice Center of Stanislaus County

VENTURA

Ventura County Family Justice Center

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