



Hamilton County Chattanooga Family Justice Center

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October 2021



Hamilton County Chattanooga
Family Justice Center
We accept walk-ins
8:30AM-5PM
5705 Uptain Rd.
Chattanooga, TN 37411
423-643-7600

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<https://www.facebook.com/CHAFJC>



The month of October has been an exciting and busy month here at the Hamilton County Chattanooga Family Justice Center. On top of serving our community, which keeps us very busy, we have had successful, well attended events to help raise awareness for domestic violence.

We kicked off the Domestic Violence Awareness Month on October 1st with the reading of the proclamation by Mayor Copping and Mayor Kelly who were introduced by our own executive director, Regina McDevitt.

You can watch the entire pre-recorded video here:

<https://fb.watch/8OKURRHKc9/>







Proclamation:

This is the proclamation that was read by both our county and city mayors:





We rolled out a calendar of events flyer and were eager to dive into each event.

Chattanooga Hamilton County Family Justice Center

Presents:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- OCT 1**
 - ▶ Pinwheel display at FJC, representing the 90 domestic violence murder victims in TN in 2020
 - ▶ Proclamation (Recorded)
 - ▶ October: Month of Domestic Violence Awareness
 - ▶ Purple lighting display of the FJC
 - ▶ #WeAreResilient
- OCT 13**

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

 - ▶ email will be sent with more details
- OCT 20**

Domestic Violence Advocates Appreciation Day

 - ▶ email will be sent with more details
- OCT 21**

National Wear Purple Day
- OCT 29**

Domestic Violence Training Conference

"Ripples in the Pond: How Domestic Violence Affects Us All"

9am - 4pm

Open to all professionals

Registration opens October 1, email adm@fjc@chattanooga.gov

#WeAreResilient



If you are in an abusive relationship, remember:

- 1.) You are not alone.
- 2.) It is NOT your fault.
- 3.) Help is available.



OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



The Hamilton County Chattanooga Family Justice Center was beautifully adorned with purple lighting.



We displayed domestic violence awareness signs around our parking lot and building and 90 purple pinwheels representing the 90 domestic violence murder victims in Tennessee in 2020.

We even had help from Legal Aid of Tennessee.

Pictured: Teresa Allen & Nicole Benjamin





We even got a little auspicious and enthusiastic with our decorating the FJC, knowing we are spreading awareness.





Our front door was festooned with ribbons written in by our partners, survivors, families, and staff.



It was an honor for Hamilton County Chattanooga Family Justice Center staff, Patti, Deana, and Mimi Nikkel, Founder of Love's Arms, to speak at the Tennessee Coalition's Judicial Commissioner's Training on October 5, 2021.



This workshop was intended for women only. October is recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month so Partnership Services for the Deaf, Deaf/Blind, and Hard of Hearing teamed up with A Step Ahead Chattanooga to provide this Healthy Relationships Workshop for women. Women got the tools and information they need to create and maintain healthy relationships, along with other resources related to reproductive health. Women joined for this very important topic. ASL/Voice Interpreter was provided.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP

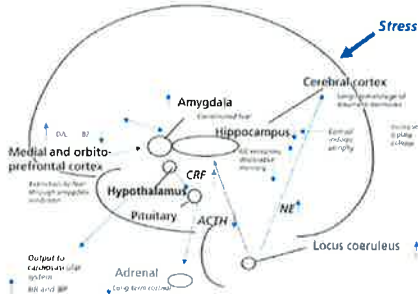
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TIME: 6:00-7:00

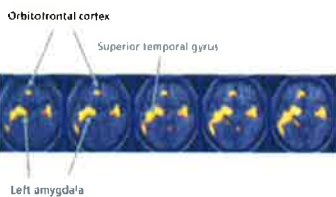
WHERE: ZOOM

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness month, A Step Ahead Chattanooga and Partnership Services for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing are coming together to provide a women's relationship workshop. This workshop will equip you with the tools needed to navigate healthy relationships and provide you with resources to live a healthy reproductive life.

CONTACT DONNA | VP 423-602-2449 OR TEXT 423-664-6234



Increased blood flow with fear acquisition versus control in abuse-related PTSD



Yellow areas represent areas of relatively greater increase in blood flow with paired vs unpaired US CS in PTSD women alone, $z > 3.09$, $P < 0.001$

Scientists believe that effects of trauma can be resolved, and that the brain can be successfully rewired.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day!!



Advocate Appreciation Day!



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VOICES Rock Garden



Visitors and Allies...

Thank You to
Silverdale Baptist Church
for supplying the
Appreciation Bags for
Law Enforcement and
Advocates



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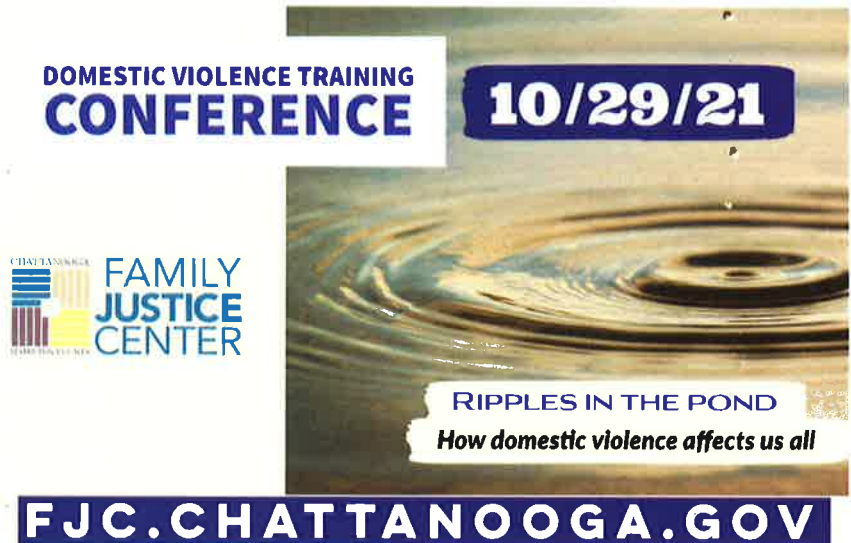
Our

Grand

Finale

Our Domestic Violence Training Conference

RIPPLES IN THE POND



The conference was a great success and was well attended by 76 participants. We had introductions by Executive Director Regina McDevitt and the welcoming by Mayor Tim Kelly. Dr. Mary Lambert the Director of Chattanooga Community Health, Dr. Sean Dugan Medical Director of California Forensic Medical Training Center as keynote speakers, nine breakout training sessions, and a survivor panel.