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## Location, Location, Location

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## Your host today:



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## Selecting the Right Location for Your Center



## Our Vision

- **A future where...**
  - All the needs of victims are met
  - Children are protected
  - Violence fades,
  - Aggressors are held accountable
  - Economic justice increases,
  - Families heal and thrive,
  - Hope is realized, and
  - We ALL work together...



## Dreaming Big

- What services do survivors want?
- How can a Center create a community?
- How will you avoid “us” and “them” in the Center?
- How to create a community instead of building a building?
- How to create a collaborative bigger than what the space will hold?
- How to share the vision, the credit, the glory, and the space with other agencies and service providers?
- What will offer hope, healing, and joy?
- What will make the Center pulse with celebration, laughter, encouragement, and support?



## Tulane University Survey Range of Co-Located Services in Centers

- **Criminal Justice**
- **Medical Services**
- **Civil Legal Services**
- **Child Care/Child trauma/Advocacy Services**
- **Child Welfare**
- **Subject Matter Focus Areas: Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Stalking/Elder Abuse**
- **Living Provisions/Needs**
- **Financial & Employment Assistance**
- **Public Benefits**
- **Social Services**
- **Spiritual Support**
- **Community Education/Outreach/Prevention**
- **Camping/Mentoring Programs**



## Lessons Learned

- Police and prosecutors are important but survivors don't want to see them unless they need them
- Bathrooms should be plentiful
- Kids should want to have their birthday parties there!
- Security should be thorough but not intimidating
- Survivors should feel "safe and free"



## Lessons Learned

- Location should be anonymous (if possible) but need not be secret
- Location should be close to courthouse if lawyers will be located in the center
- Need bus line or easy access, free parking or validated parking
- Building options: Public building, private (rented building), Purchased building, Stand –Alone building, mixed use building





## Buildings



Anaheim FJC – 25,000 sq. ft.



Stand Alone – Just purchased by the FJC



## Tulsa FJC – First Floor (10,000 sq. ft.)



Privately-owned space – rented, mixed use



## South Bend FJC – 20,000 sq.ft.



Privately owned –rented office space



## San Diego FJC – 40,000 sq. ft.



Mixed use building – city rents space



## Ouachita Parish FJC – 15,000 sq. ft.



Two buildings – FJC in one, CAC in  
the other – rented office space



## Nampa Family Justice Center Launched November 30, 2005



• Located at 1305 Third St. South, Nampa, Idaho 83651

Stand Alone Building – Rented by the City of Nampa



## Crystal Judson FJC

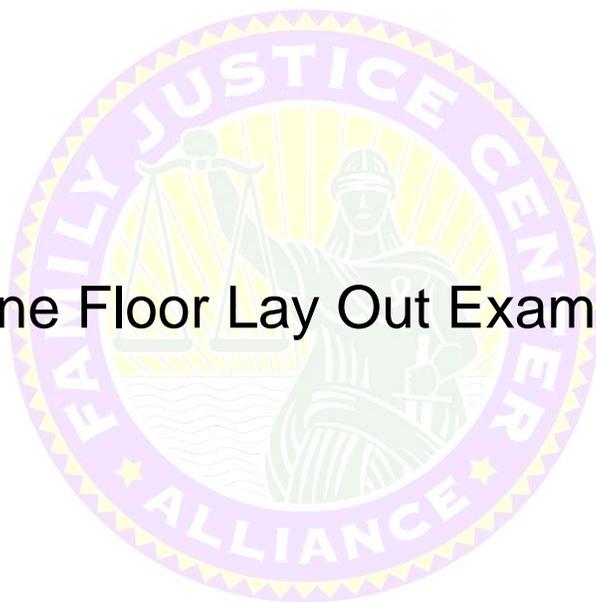


Rented by the City of Tacoma, Washington





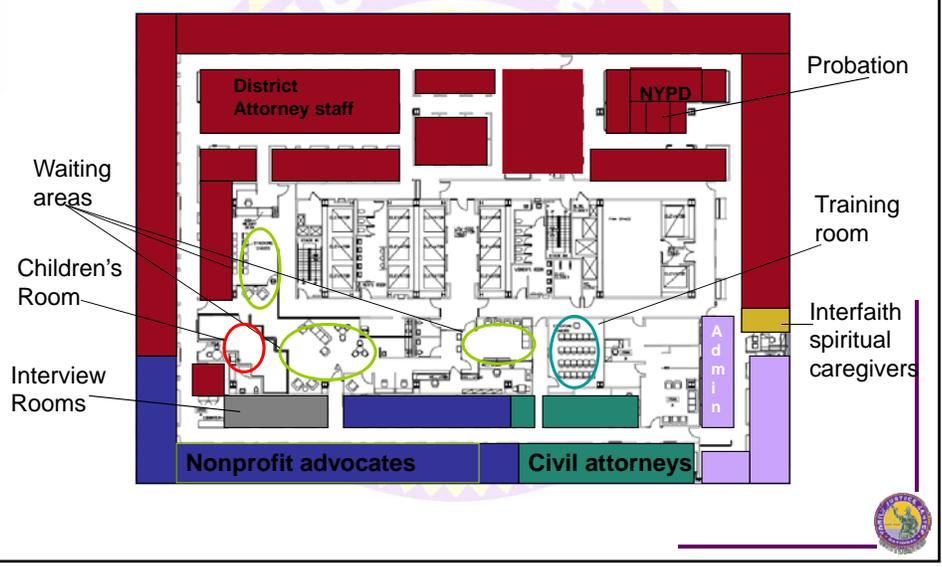
## Floorplans



## One Floor Lay Out Example



# Brooklyn FJC Floor Plan – One Floor



# Multi-Floor Lay Out



## San Diego FJC – Multi Floors



## Stand Alone Building

- Julian Harvey – Anaheim FJC
- Pros: Easy to find, more control, no multi-tenant issues
- Cons: May discourage some clients from coming if stigma attaches as soon as they drive into the parking lot; Less anonymity for clients



## Co-Location with Child Advocacy Center

- Rebecca Lovelace – Nampa FJC (Nampa ID)
- CAC and FJC under one roof
- Pros: Deal with victims and their children and overlapping child abuse and DV issues at the same time; Better systems coordination
- Cons: May intimidate victims afraid of CPS



## Free Building

- Ouachita Parish FJC (Monroe, LA)
- Pros: Allows more money for services; demonstrates the power of partnership and true collaboration; adds credibility to the project
- Cons: Perhaps the uncertainty that the business might have to reclaim the facility for their business purposes.



## Co-Location with Existing Shelter or Community-Based DV Agency

- Mosaic Counseling and Family Services – (Waterloo, Canada) – All housing and services on the same campus...
- Salt Lake Area FJC – Operated on the campus of the YWCA – All housing and services on the YWCA campus...



## Government Building

- Jennifer DeCarli – Brooklyn FJC (courthouse location)
- Pros: Sustainability with strong support from local government; Excellent security; Services can all be co-located and courtrooms are very accessible
- Cons: May be intimidating to enter building; Offenders come to the building

