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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHCROFT ANNOUNCES \$1,248,008 FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AREA THROUGH PRESIDENT BUSH'S FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER INITIATIVE**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Attorney General John Ashcroft announced today that the Department of Justice is awarding \$1,098,008 to Hillsborough County and \$150,000 to the Bay Area Legal Services under President Bush's Family Justice Center Initiative to prevent and respond to violence against women. The President's Family Justice Center Initiative, unveiled by President Bush in October 2003, is an unprecedented pilot program that will make a victim's search for help and justice more efficient and effective by bringing professionals who provide an array of necessary services together under one roof. The Justice Department's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) has taken the lead on this pilot program to develop comprehensive domestic violence victim service and support centers in these 15 communities across the country. Altogether, \$20 million is being distributed today as part of this initiative, through awards to 15 communities across America for Family Justice Centers and through technical assistance grants to five communities for providing specialized expertise and consultation to the 15 new centers.

"The Family Justice Center Initiative Awards will make a tremendous difference for women in these communities who are victimized by domestic violence, allowing those who desperately need help to find it in one place," said Attorney General John Ashcroft. "The cause of justice is served not only when we prosecute criminals, but also when we reach out to the victims of crime. The Family Justice Centers will ease their burden and demonstrate that the most compassionate way of helping victims can also be the best and most effective way."

"Offering centralized, comprehensive services to domestic violence victims is the coordinated community response at its best," said Office on Violence Against Women Director Diane M. Stuart. "Whether it's obtaining a protection order, talking to an advocate, or meeting with a prosecutor, these centers will enable victims to get the assistance they need to put their lives and their children's lives back on track."

Often, the services designed to help these victims are uncoordinated and scattered throughout communities. The President's Family Justice Center Initiative sites are designed to bring together advocates from non-profit, non-governmental domestic violence victim services organizations, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, probation officers, governmental victim assistants, forensic medical professionals, civil legal attorneys, chaplains, and representatives from community-based organizations into one centralized location.

The Department of Justice selected the recipients of the Family Justice Center Initiative Awards based on several criteria, including geographic distribution, economic and cultural diversity, service to underserved populations, and coordination with Native American communities. The 15 communities receiving the awards are:

**2004 PRESIDENT'S FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER INITIATIVE  
AWARD AMOUNTS AND CONTACTS**

<u>Site</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>County of Alameda</b> Oakland, California Joline Owyang, (510) 272-6217	<b>\$ 1,227,250</b>	<b>Ouachita Parish Police Jury</b> Monroe, Louisiana Kim Golden, (318) 323-9300	<b>\$ 1,034,220</b>
<b>Family Violence Law Center</b> Julia Arno, (510) 540-5370	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>Legal Assistance for Victims</b> Kim Golden, (318) 323-9300	<b>\$ 150,000</b>
<b>Bexar County</b> San Antonio, Texas Kaye Whitcomb, (210) 335-2342	<b>\$ 1,217,000</b>	<b>Sitka Tribe of Alaska</b> Sitka, Alaska Alicia Gassman, (907) 747-3207	<b>\$ 1,115,000</b>
<b>Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid</b> Michele Clark, (512) 447-7707	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault</b> Kari Robinson, (907) 586-5643	<b>\$ 150,000</b>
<b>City of Boston</b> Boston, Massachusetts Cathy Greene, (617) 619-4265	<b>\$ 1,046,880</b>	<b>Somos Familia Family Institute, Inc.</b> Las Vegas, New Mexico Angelina Salmeron, (505) 425-8120	<b>\$ 726,470</b>
<b>Greater Boston Legal Services</b> Barbara Mitchell, (617) 603-1550	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>St. Joseph County</b> South Bend, Indiana Catherine Wilson, (574) 245-6635	<b>\$ 1,047,591</b>
<b>Defiance Municipal Court</b> Defiance, Ohio Pam Weiner, (419) 784-9558	<b>\$ 1,214,086</b>	<b>Legal Assistance for Victims</b> Catherine Wilson, (574) 245-6635	<b>\$ 150,000</b>
<b>Legal Aid of Western Ohio</b> Pam Weiner, (419) 784-9558	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>City of St. Louis</b> St. Louis, Missouri Anna Ginsburg, (314) 622-4623	<b>\$ 1,250,695</b>
<b>County of Erie</b> Buffalo, New York Amy Rockwood, (716) 858-4941	<b>\$ 945,712</b>	<b>Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Inc.</b> Cyra Lohman, (314) 534-7888	<b>\$ 150,000</b>
<b>Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc.</b> Alexis Dickerson, (716) 847-0655	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>City of Tulsa</b> Tulsa, Oklahoma Monica Hamilton, (918) 596-7413	<b>\$ 1,079,321</b>
<b>Hillsborough County</b> Tampa, Florida Vicki Adelson, (813) 301-7352	<b>\$ 1,098,008</b>	<b>San Diego Family Justice Center Foundation</b> San Diego, California Comprehensive Technical Assistance Provider Casey Gwinn, (619) 236-6220	<b>*\$ 1,606, 950</b>
<b>Bay Area Legal Services</b> Richard Woltmann, (813) 232-1222	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>City of Indianapolis</b> Indianapolis, Indiana Technical Assistance Provider Liz Allison, (317) 327-3552	<b>*\$ 143,125</b>
<b>City of Knoxville</b> Knoxville, Tennessee Judith Martin, (865) 215-2040	<b>\$ 1,077,000</b>	<b>Hennepin County</b> Minneapolis, Minnesota Technical Assistance Provider Cathy McMahon, (612) 348-6202	<b>*\$ 143,125</b>
<b>Legal Aid of East Tennessee, Inc.</b> David R. Yoder, (865) 637-0484	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>Safe Havens</b> Boston, Massachusetts Faith-Based Technical Assistance Provider Anne Marie Hunter, (617) 227-6992	<b>*\$ 414,198</b>
<b>City of Nampa</b> Nampa, Idaho Sabrina Bowman, (208) 468-5419	<b>\$ 915,566</b>		
<b>Idaho Legal Aid Services</b> Kelly Miller, (208) 336-8980	<b>\$ 150,000</b>		
<b>City of New York</b> Brooklyn, New York Dina Doriotis, (212) 788-6815	<b>\$ 1,227,000</b>		
<b>Sanctuary For Families, Inc.</b> Hilary Maddux, (212) 349-6009	<b>\$ 150,000</b>		

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**National Network to End Domestic Violence**

Washington, D.C.

**\*\$ 125,000**

Technical Assistance Provider

Lynn Rosenthal, (202) 543-5566

**Total:**

**\$ 20,604,197**

**\*Technical Assistance Grant for providing specialized expertise and consultation to the 15 new Family Justice Centers.**

More information about the President's Family Justice Center Initiative and other initiatives involving the Office on Violence Against Women is available on OVW's website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo).

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