

YWCA RICHMOND

is dedicated to empowering
women and eliminating racism.



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Our focus areas are anchored in our conviction to advocate for justice and related opportunities

Provide short-term and long-term support services to empower survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence

Provide educational programs to help prevent violence

Empower women by creating leadership opportunities and recognizing women's achievements

Provide quality early childhood education and infant care through the Sprout School

Advocate for justice and related opportunities in the Richmond community



**24/7 Regional
Hotline
804-612-6126**



**Hospital
Accompaniment**



**Emergency &
Permanent Housing
Support**



Court Advocacy



Case Management



**Individual and Group
Counseling**



Safety Planning

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Collaboration within YWCA for Prevention, Education and Outreach

Demand for our services and strategic partnerships continue to grow

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
EmpowerNET Hotline calls received and outgoing case coordination	11,726	14,637	14,903
People engaged through Outreach and Prevention programs	5,638	9,946	17,004
Emergency shelter nights provided	1,238	1,421	981
Free counseling sessions	150	163	170
Children receiving counseling	9	35	48
Counseling session hours for adults and children	1,152	1,671	1,235
Youth received Prevention education (includes 190 in the Care for Kids program)	707	766	896
Clients received Court Advocacy services	264	396	574

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The Family Justice Center Approach

A **multiagency, multidiscipline service center** where public and private agencies assign staff members on a full-time or part-time basis in order to provide services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and human trafficking from **one location** in order to reduce the number of times a victim must tell their story, reduce the number of places victims must go for help, and increase access to services and support for victims and their children.

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- Taking existing resources, putting them together under one roof to eliminate runaround.
- Providing MORE access to services and MORE coordinated services.
- Services provided by Partners.
- Replacing or duplicating programs.
- Creating more hurdles for survivors and partners.

Why a Family Justice Center for Richmond: From Survivors



“I wish we had a Family Justice Center when I called the police for help. The last thing you want to do when you are in trauma and in fear is to take your kids from place to place to tell your story over and over again. It’s a daunting process and you just end up giving up and going back to your abuser.”

“We need a space to just be – read a book, shower, breathe.”

“I only stayed in an abusive relationship because it was too hard to get the help I needed to get away. I had to ask too many people for help, there were too many hoops to jump through, and it was going to be too hard to make it on my own. It was easier just to continue living with the violence.”

Why a Family Justice Center for Richmond: From our Community Partners



"The FJC Model will not only better meet the needs of survivors but also build education of the public, what is domestic violence, even for victims --- they may not know they are being abused or be an abuser."

"We have extensive services and existing collaboration; however, an FJC can create a whole new version of services that may not already exist, building new pathways, new partnerships."

"This will allow us to change the mindset from not sharing to open up to servicing clients better by sharing across service providers with client's permission."

Why a Family Justice Center for Richmond: From Leaders



“In Virginia 1/3 of homicides are related to domestic violence. Our work is to create a future where the needs of victims are met, where children are protected, families heal and thrive, and hope is realized.” --Mayor Danny Avula

*“Family Justice Centers exist in towns and cities across this country, and are changing lives, streamlining services, and providing a sense of hope for victims of domestic violence.”
--Deputy Chief Syndey Collier, Richmond Police Dept.*

“If Norfolk, and a hundred other communities, can have a Family Justice Center, then Richmond should have a Family Justice Center. We have the resources here to make that a reality.” --Colette McEachin, Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney

AWARENESS

2019



- Visit and initial conversation Salt Lake City Area Family Justice Center, YWCA Utah

CONCEPT–DISCOVERY–IDEATION–SOCIALIZATION

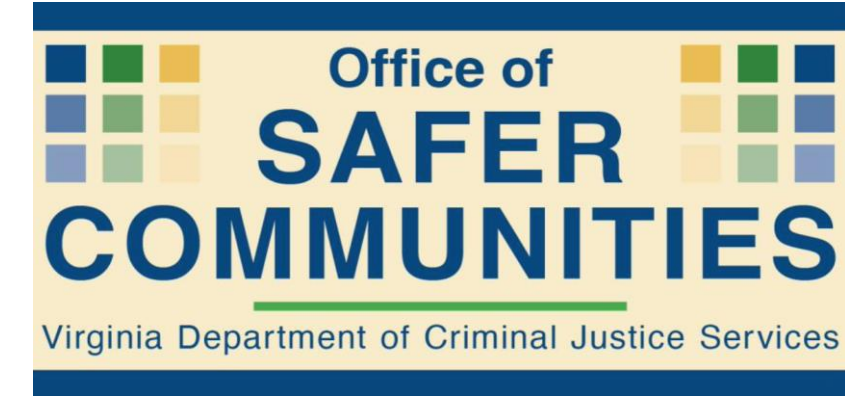
2020 - 2023



- Connected with Alliance for Hope International
- Heard from State and Local Funders of need and excitement for concept
- Explored Regional Options
- Engaged CPS and DSS Officials
- Transition of RPD Leadership/Gained Support of Law Enforcement
- Engaged Community Partners
- Attended NC FJC Conference
- Visited Guilford County, NC FJC

PLANNING

2024



- Received Safer Communities Grant
- Launched Steering Committee
- Formally engaged Alliance for Hope International
- Distributed Community Survey
- FJC visit to Greensboro, NC
- Continued building Community Partner & Leader support

OUR RICHMOND FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER JOURNEY



Family Justice Centers Strengthen and Empower Communities

A Family Justice Center provides a centralized, coordinated approach to addressing domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, human trafficking, and other forms of trauma.

By bringing needed community services like police and prosecution protections, court advocacy, counseling, housing assistance, and medical care under one roof, a Family Justice Center makes it easier for survivors to access the help they need without navigating complex systems.

Collaboration through a Family Justice Center improves response times, increases efficiency and reduces duplicated efforts, and enhances the effectiveness of intervention and prevention.

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Steering Committee for Richmond Family Justice Center

With two years of Safer Communities funding, the Richmond Family Justice Center Steering Committee has:

- Completed a comprehensive local needs assessment
- Conducted community engagement with 300+ stakeholders
- Built a ready-to-launch implementation plan

Richmond has done the work.
The plan is in place.
The community is unified.

Now we need your support to fund a Family Justice Center for Richmond.



Richmond Police
Department



Commonwealth's Attorney for
the City of Richmond



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Impact of Family Justice Center

The Family Justice Center model is considered an evidence-based best practice in the field of domestic violence intervention and prevention services by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

The Family Justice Center framework contributed to a 90% drop in domestic violence homicides in the city of San Diego, a 75% reduction in Alameda County (CA), and a 51% drop in Brooklyn (NYC).
– Gwinn C. Strack (2010)

Significantly Reduced Domestic Violence Homicide Rates

Increased Service Provider Collaboration

Increased Efficiency in Collaborative Services

Improved Survivor Outcomes

Reduced Fear and Anxiety for Survivors and Their Children

Reduced Recantation and Minimization by Victims

Source: Alliance for Hope www.allianceforhope.org

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Challenges: Why Survivors Fall Through the Cracks

- RPD's own Lethality Assessment Protocols (LAP) data: 620 out of 1,020 cases were screened in as high-risk. These survivors need immediate, coordinated intervention.
- High-risk survivors must navigate 10-15 separate agencies with no central coordination.
- Most survivors access fewer than 3 of 8 services they qualify for.
- Repeated trauma: survivors retell their story at every stop.
- Services operate in silos - no coordinated safety planning
- Domestic violence is the third leading cause of eviction in Virginia.
- Transportation, childcare and language barriers cause drop-off.



No coordinated intervention for the abusers.

Transportation, childcare, and language barriers cause drop off.

SURVIVOR JOURNEY WITHOUT FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

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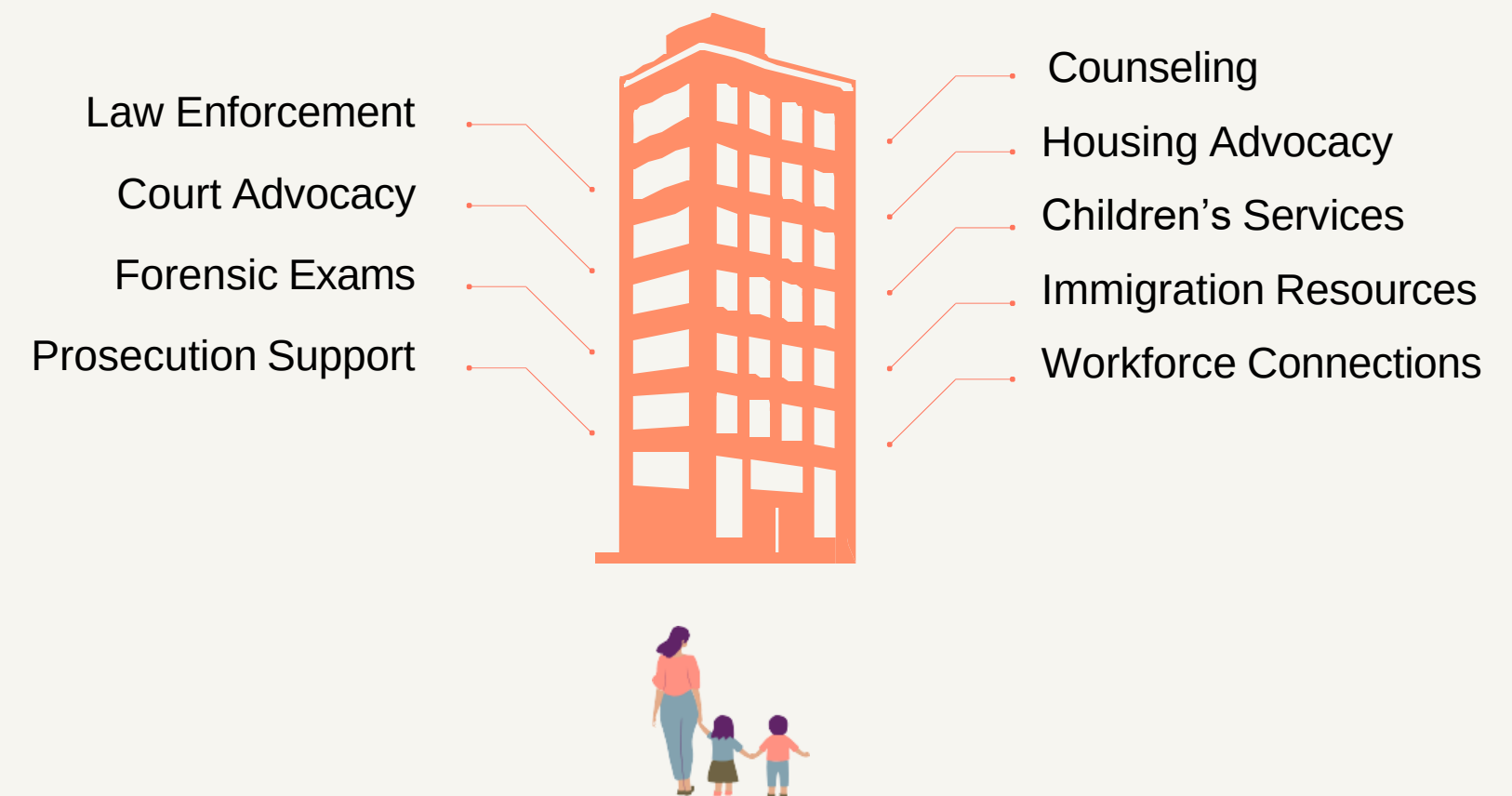
Solution: Family Justice Center Model

A Family Justice Center is a co-located, multi-agency service hub where domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and human trafficking survivors access **all services under one roof, in one visit.**

Research indicates that the most dangerous time for a battered woman is after she ends the relationship. In the United States, research indicates that women who leave their batterers are at a 75% greater risk of being killed by their batterers than those who stay.

The Julian Center, [Women in the US](#);
Casa de Esperanza, [Myths and Facts](#).

Family Justice Centers are crucial in reducing domestic violence homicides. Survivors accessing these centers dramatically lower their risk of being murdered compared to those in communities without such resources.



FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER MODEL

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PLANNING CONTINUES

2026

- Intensification of Grass Roots engagement
- Buy-in for solution-focused approach
- Visited FJCs in Salt Lake City, UT Norfolk, VA, Charlotte, NC, Guilford County, NC, San Diego, CA and Billings, MT
- 160 Community Partners attended April Study Tour, Focus Groups, and Strategic Planning Session, 75+ survivors were surveyed
- Alliance Community Assessment & Planning
- Established Richmond Steering Committee and Voices Advisory group for Survivors
- Finding funding for our City to establish a Family Justice Center



April Study Tour



Northern Lights
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Billings, MT



San Diego Conference and FJC Visit

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Let's DREAM BIG Together

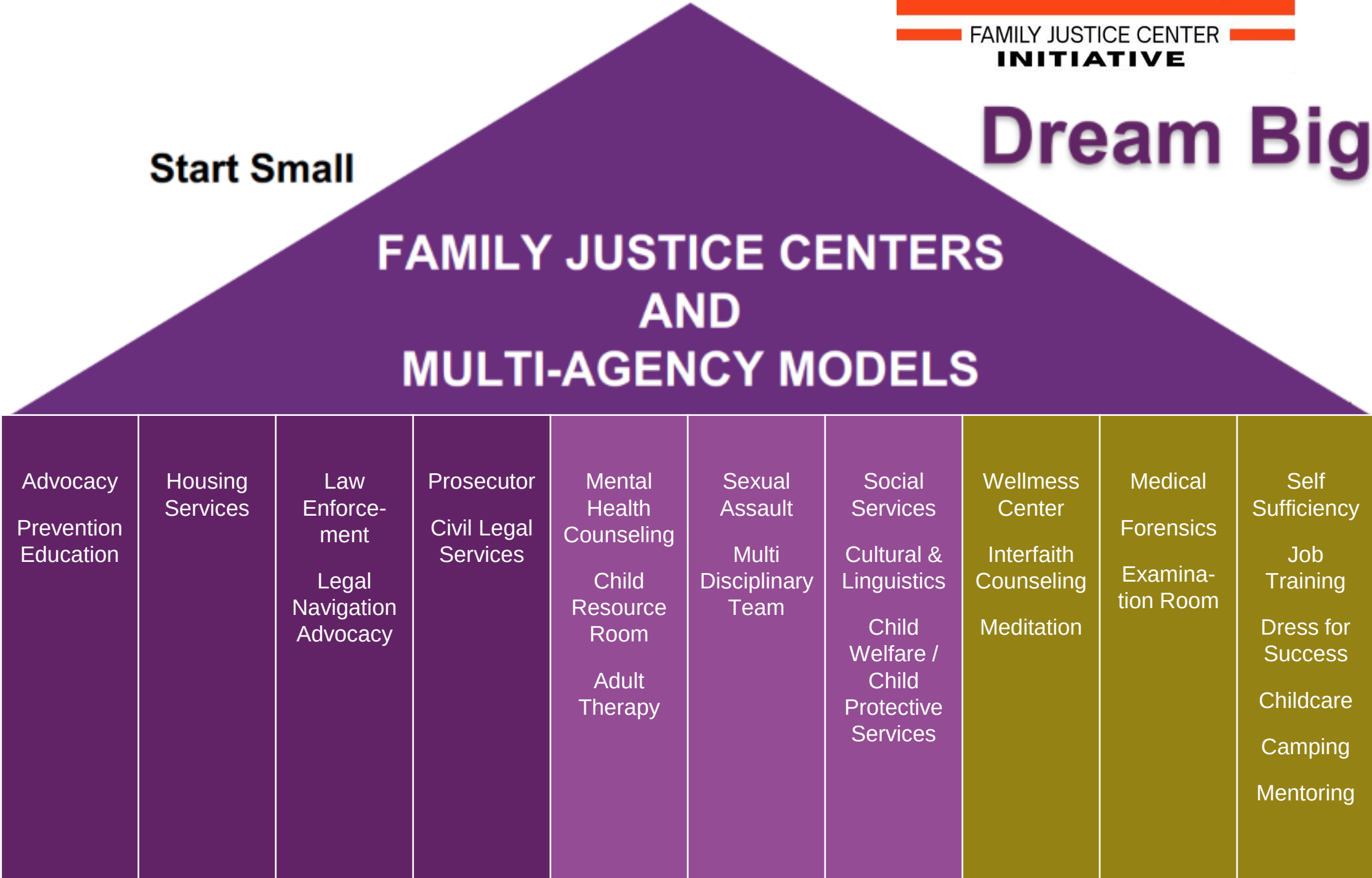


Share your **insights and perspectives** about survivor needs and services.

Keep doing what **you do best**.

Be **fully engaged** with each other.

Bring **collaboration, coordination and integration** to the next level.



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Projected Annual Budget for Richmond Family Justice Center

Category	Items Included	Amount
Personnel	Supervisor of Investigations, Supervisor of Advocacy, Prosecutors, Paralegal, Advocates, Intake Specialists, Manager/Coordinator, Finance Manager/Grants Coordinator	\$1,000,000
Operations	Software Integration, Community Engagement, Client and Employee Parking, Transportation to Court/Medical Appointments	\$300,000
Physical Space	Virtual Courtroom, Employee Offices, Reception/Waiting Area, Intake/Client Meeting Tenant Upfit, Rent/Occupancy, Office Furnishings, FNE Exam Room, Forensic Interview Room, Conference Rooms, Child Space, Break Room, Touchdown Flex Workspaces	\$400,000
Supplies /Equipment	Laptops, Monitors, Docking Stations, Cell Phones, Secure Video Court System, Copiers, Printers, Scanners	\$300,000
Total Budget		\$2,000,000