

Holding on to Hope County of Monterey Family Justice Center

Newsletter

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We are excited to announce that we officially opened the Holding on to Hope, County of Monterey Family Justice Center located in King City at 250 Franciscan Way on April 1, 2024. Thank you to the YWCA of Monterey County and Monterey County Behavioral Health, who have been working out of the District Attorney's Office and will continue their services as partners of Holding on to Hope in King City. We also have our District Attorney Victim Assistance Advocate on-site 5 days a week. Additionally, our forensic interview room is also available for South County agencies to conduct forensic interviews of child and dependent adult victims. We would like to welcome the following agencies to the Holding on to Hope rotation in King City: Monterey County Rape Crisis Center, Alliance on Aging, Monterey County Department of Child Support Services, Legal Services for Seniors, and Monterey County Department of Social Services. The Monterey County Superior Court Self-Help is also on-site in King City the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. We also share a building with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office South County Sub Station.

Thank you to the partners who are not able to be on-site at this time for providing us with informational materials and point of contacts, so that we are still able to provide the best possible assistance to victims seeking services. We look forward to scheduling more partners on-site as soon as the additional space is available.

New Partner Alert



County of Monterey
Department of Child Support Services



Please welcome: Alliance on Aging, Cake4kids, Girl's Inc, Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley, Inc, Monterey County Department of Child Support Services, Monterey County Free Libraries and Set Free Monterey Bay to the Family Justice Center partners. We are very grateful for all the support from our partnering agencies and look forward to adding more amazing organizations.

New Logo



Holding *on to* Hope
FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

A very special thank you to Professor Amir Attia and his Design Fundamental Class at California State University, Monterey Bay for designing this amazing logo. This logo encompasses all the Family Justice Center hopes to offer survivors. The holding of the hands symbolizes care, support and safety. The dandelion represents hope, growth and healing. The square shape symbolizes trust, balance, confidentiality and orientations. The curved corner reflects flexibility and change. The colors represent awareness for domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse and sexual assault. We appreciate all the time and care put into creating such a beautiful design. We will be proudly displaying it on all Family Justice Center related items.

Kaiser Foundation Grant



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PRESS RELEASE

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MONTEREY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE RECEIVES KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITAL GRANT FOR FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that the Monterey County Family Justice Center was the recipient of the Kaiser Foundation Hospital Fund for Community Benefit Programs - Gun Violence Prevention Grant. The award amount is \$100,000 and will begin January 1, 2024. Monterey County's first Family Justice Center, *Holding on to Hope*, will be located in King City at 250 Franciscan Way. The Kaiser Foundation Hospital grant will focus on increasing the community's awareness on the relinquishment of firearms and remedies to better protect victims of interpersonal violence and will also promote local partnerships with law enforcement agencies, public systems, and community advocates to implement Senate Bill 320.

The mission of the Monterey County Family Justice Center, *Holding on to Hope*, is to provide one place for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking to receive services from governmental agencies and community-based organizations in order to aid in the breaking of generational violence. Family Justice Centers co-locate, coordinate, and integrate services where victims and their children travel to fewer places and reduce the number of times they tell their story. With a commitment towards healing, community, and safety, Family Justice Centers strive to integrate partners to create a comprehensive service network to alleviate or prevent future crimes of violence.

The Family Justice Center model's documented and published outcomes, include reduced homicides, increased victim safety, increased autonomy and empowerment for victims, reduced fear and anxiety for victims and their children, increased efficiency and coordination among service providers, increased prosecution of offenders, dramatically increased community support services to victims and their children, and reduced recantation and minimization by victims when they receive this level of support.

Kaiser Foundation Grant Continued...

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VIOLENCE**

We are very thankful to the Kaiser Foundation Hospital Fund for the Community Benefit Programs at the East Bay Community Foundation for this \$100,000 grant towards Gun Violence Prevention. This grant will focus on increasing the community's awareness of firearm relinquishment remedies that focus on protecting intimate partner violence victims by conducting outreach presentations, offering workshops on Senate Bill 320 and distributing brochures with information and resources. This grant will also support local gun relinquishment efforts and collaborative meetings with various agencies.

Coming Soon



Our Holding on to Hope website is almost ready. The community will be able to find information about the services provided, information on the partnering agencies, know when partners will be on-site, upcoming events and so much more.

Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter!
If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact us.
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