Although researchers have known for years that domestic violence and child maltreatment often coexist in families, only recently have communities and individuals from all professions begun to question the wisdom of responding to these forms of violence as if they were separate, unrelated issues.

Santa Clara County, one of six communities across the nation, is implementing and testing the recommendations of a groundbreaking report issued by the NCJFCJ in 2000. Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice (so named for the color of its cover).

More than 90 communities submitted proposals in the hope of being named a federal Greenbook demonstration site. The selected sites receive funding and technical assistance, and will take part in a comprehensive evaluation over the course of the three-year project.

The Greenbook Project offers communities a guiding framework for improving their responses to families experiencing domestic violence and child maltreatment. Conceived by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), it is funded by the federal government’s Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services.

One of the biggest barriers to stopping violence in the home is that the government and private-sector institutions we rely on usually treat the problems as if they were unrelated.

Courts, child protective services and other government agencies deal principally with child abuse. Their focus is to remove children from dangerous homes. Domestic violence programs or shelters deal principally with domestic violence. They counsel women, provide safe shelter,

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recognizing that some women will return to their partners.

These institutions have different methods, different constituencies, different funding, different experiences, and different outlooks. Too often, victims get caught in the middle as a result. Agencies sometimes fail to diagnose the full scope of the problem, overlooking critical dangers to family members. The agencies don’t cooperate sufficiently, and are inadequately trained to address the problem as a whole.

Santa Clara County Greenbook Project Goals

The project will increase collaboration among courts, child protective services, domestic violence agencies, law enforcement and community members through the following:

- Identify key stakeholders and develop partnerships in the community. Develop outreach plans and conduct needs assessment to identify community views of juvenile court, child welfare, law enforcement and domestic violence service providers.
- Provide domestic violence advocates in juvenile dependency court.
- Develop training for social workers, domestic violence service providers, court and law enforcement personnel on: the dynamics of domestic violence and child abuse; how to screen/assess for domestic violence; and resources available in the community.
- Improve batterer accountability and batterer services.
- Create a multidisciplinary response team consisting of law enforcement, child protective services and domestic violence advocates for cases involving domestic violence and child abuse.
- Develop policies and procedures to keep the non-abusive parent and child together whenever possible, hold the perpetrator accountable, identify service needs of all family members and create safe visitation guidelines.
- Improve coordination between juvenile, family and criminal courts.

For a detailed list of project activities please see page 4.

Community Partners

The Santa Clara Greenbook Project enjoys the full support of key leaders and institutions in the community:

Asian Americans for Community Involvement

Community Solutions

Department of Family & Children’s Services, Social Services Agency

Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence

San Jose Police Department

Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Department

Santa Clara County Superior Court

Support Network for Battered Women (WATCH)

Women and their Children’s Housing (WATCH)

Children’s Exposure to Domestic Violence (continued from page 1)

- Infants exposed to violence may not develop the attachments to their caretakers that are critical to their development; in extreme cases they may suffer from “failure to thrive.” Preschool children in violent homes may regress developmentally and suffer sleep disturbances. School-age children who witness violence may exhibit depression, anxiety, and violence towards peers. Adolescents who have grown up in violent homes are at risk for recreating the abusive relationships they have seen.
- While many children experience difficulties resulting from their exposure to violence, many children appear to cope with the experiences and show no fewer problems than comparison children. This is likely because the level of violence in families and children’s exposure to it vary greatly.
- Research shows that early intervention efforts are proving effective in reducing criminal and delinquent behavior. The social factors that these early intervention efforts address are similar to those found to be associated with domestic violence and child abuse, and the contribution of family violence to later youth violence is well documented.

For more information visit the Family Violence Prevention Fund web site at www.endabuse.org.
Upcoming Conferences and Events

4th Annual RFC Multicultural Conference
Unity: Out of Many, One
September 17 & 18, 2002
Santa Clara University
This conference will provide informative workshops for professionals, academics, community leaders, social workers/government staff, and policy makers. Hear about the latest updates regarding issues facing communities, families and workforce. Conference tracks will include Cross-Cultural Education, Health, Legal & Human Rights, and Spirituality. Learn to better understand different cultures and peoples. CEU’s available. Visit www.rfcommunity.org or call 408.521.5110 for more information.

Greenbook Quarterly Implementation Team Meeting
Friday, September 13, 2002
Hyatt Sainte Claire, San Jose
Join the Greenbook Project for their next quarterly meeting. Collaborate with fellow Greenbook Implementation Team members, hear presentations on county-based domestic violence and child maltreatment programs and updates on the progress of Greenbook. Please call 408.882.0900 x13 or email chunter@kidsincommon.org for more information.

Greenbook Members on the Road
Greenbook members were on the road every month this year giving presentations on the Santa Clara County Greenbook Project, collaborating with other Greenbook sites or attending conferences on the most current information on family violence.

- Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2002
- DVERT Conference
- Colorado Springs, CO

- Karen Asherah, Patricia Bennett, Lt. Robert Dominguez, Celeste McInerney, Jennifer Sweeney

- February 25-26, 2002
- Institutional Change: Safety and Accountability Audits
- Colorado Springs, CO

- Nicole Goold, Shawne Smith, Martha Vickers

- March 5-6, 2002
- Greenbook Policy Advisory Committee (GPAC)
- Sonoma, CA

- Roger Chow, Hon. Leonard Edwards, Lisa Breen Strickland

- March 19-20, 2002
- National Evaluation Team & Local Research Partner Meeting
- Fairfax, Virginia

- Jennifer Sweeney, Erica Wood

- April 11-12, 2002
- Improving Outcomes for Children Affected by Domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment
- Seattle, WA

- Jennifer Sweeney

- April 11-13, 2002

10th Annual Ending Domestic Violence:
A Decade of Progress
Friday, October 4, 2002
Fairmont Hotel, San Jose
The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors & Domestic Violence Council presents the 10th annual conference “Ending Domestic Violence: A Decade of Progress” on October 4th at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose. Keynote speakers include Loretta Frederick and Fernando Mederos. Call the conference hotline at 408.792.2898 or email dvconference@kennedyevents.com for more information.

5th Annual RFC Multicultural Festival
Unity: Out of Many, One
Saturday, October 12, 2002
San Jose Historical Park
The Multicultural Festival will bring different cultures together for a day of sharing through the arts. Live performances, music, cultural traditions, arts and crafts, and food from around the world. This year, there will be an interactive “Continents of the World” exhibit and the expanded children’s area will include FREE hands on cultural activities. Visit www.rfcommunity.org or call 408.521.5110 for more information.

Greenbook CPS Toolbox
Domestic Violence, Child Maltreatment, & the Juvenile Dependency Court: Best Practices
Monterey, CA
Ken Borelli, Hon. Leonard Edwards, Kathleen Krenek
April 29-30, 2002

FVPF Domestic Violence Advocate Retreat
Jennifer Hulbert, Kathleen Krenek, Erin O’Brien, Lisa Breen Strickland
May 6-7, 2002

Greenbook Project Directors Toolbox
Reno, NV
Jennifer Sweeney
May 17, 2002

Family Violence and the Courts: A Coordinated Response
Hon. Leonard Edwards, Nicole Goold, Kathleen Krenek
July 11-12, 2002

Greenbook Judges Toolbox
Boston, MA
Hon. Leonard Edwards, Hon. Eugene Hyman, Hon. Katherine Lucero
July 14-17, 2002

NCJFCJ 65th Annual Conference
Boston, MA
Hon. Leonard Edwards
July 19, 2002

Greenbook CPS Toolbox
Washington, DC
Ken Borelli
Since its creation in 1991, the Domestic Violence Council has had a remarkable impact on the way domestic violence is addressed within Santa Clara County. Perhaps the most visible achievement of the Council is the Annual Conference held in October each year.

The Council continues to grow and broaden its reach. It is nationally recognized as a model organization and has hosted a national conference bringing together leaders interested in starting councils in their own jurisdictions. Council members know that there is much more to be done and are committed to continuing their efforts indefinitely.

To join one of the DVC committees listed below please contact the committee chair. Please visit www.growing.com/nonviolent for more information.

**BATTERER’S INTERVENTION**
3rd Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.
District Attorney’s Office
70 West Hedding Street
West Wing, 4th Floor, San Jose
CHAIR: Nancy Marshall 408.946.0339

**CHILDREN’S ISSUES**
1st Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.
1101 S. Winchester Blvd
Conference Room H-190, San Jose
CHAIR: Shawne Smith 408.279.7575

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION**
4th Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.
District Attorney’s Office
70 West Hedding Street
West Wing, 4th Floor, San Jose
CHAIR: Nancy Fomenko 650.940.7864

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**
4th Thursday, 7:30 a.m.
District Attorney’s Office
70 West Hedging Street
West Wing, 4th Floor, San Jose
CHAIR: Suzanne Jackson 408.354.3447

**COURT SYSTEMS**
3rd Tuesday, 12:15 p.m.
Superior Court Building
115 Terraine St, Dept. 67, San Jose
CHAIR: Hon. Leonard Edwards and Hon. Eugene Hyman 408.792.2451

**IMMIGRANT COMMITTEE**
3rd Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.
70 West Hedding Street, West Wing,
Lower Level, San Jose
CHAIR: Flavia Best

**POLICE/VICTIMS RELATIONS**
4th Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.
Pre-Trial Services
70 W Hedding, West Wing, San Jose
CHAIR: Dave Dehaan 408.866.2101

**SOUTH COUNTY DV COUNCIL**
1st Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.
Community Solutions
6980 Chestnut St, Gilroy
CHAIR: Karen Asherah 408.892.0623

**VICTIM SURVIVOR ADVOCACY**
2nd Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.
Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence
1181 N Fourth St, Ste A, San Jose
CHAIR: Kathleen Krenek 408.279.7555

**VICTIM’S VOICE**
(tentative schedule)
Social Services Agency
373 W Julian Ave, San Jose
CHAIR: Pam Butler 408.441.5848 or Patricia Brickman 408.441.5851
Greenbook Project Committees

For more information or to join a committee please contact:
Jennifer Sweeney, Greenbook Project Manager, (408) 882-0900 x15 jsweeney@kidsincommon.org OR
Cynthia Hunter, Greenbook Project Coordinator, (408) 882-0900 x13 chunter@kidsincommon.org.

Respect Culture & Community Initiative
Chairs: Hon. Katherine Lucero & Zonia Sandoval Waldon
The goal of this committee is to improve the cultural competency of the systems that deal with families affected by domestic violence and child maltreatment. This project also commits to developing outreach plans and conducting needs assessment to identify community needs around domestic violence and child maltreatment.

Initiative members are currently drafting a community leader engagement plan to gather community needs, educate leaders on resources for families and create an ongoing dialogue on domestic violence and child maltreatment. In addition, the initiative is working with the Greenbook local and national evaluators to gather client needs.

Next Meeting Sept. 3, 12-1:30,
Kids in Common, 1046 W. Taylor St, San Jose

Project 2 Cross Training and Building Internal Capacity
Chair: Marla Johanning
This project commits to researching and developing training for social workers, domestic violence service providers, court and law enforcement personnel on: i) the dynamics of child abuse and domestic violence; ii) how to screen/assess for domestic violence; iii) services and resources available in the community; and iv) Greenbook Project training needs.

The committee is currently drafting a training designed to educate community based organizations on new policies and practices at DFCS. The committee is also prioritizing the training needs of the Greenbook Project.

Next Meeting Aug. 19, 12-2:00,
DFCS, 373 W. Julian St, San Jose

Project 3 Batterer Accountability & Services
The Greenbook Project and the Batterer’s Intervention Committee of the Domestic Violence Council will collaborate to improve batterer accountability and services for batterers in Santa Clara County.

Next meeting Sept. 17, 7:30-9:00 a.m.
70 W. Hedding St,
West Wing, 4th Floor, San Jose

Project 4 Multidisciplinary Response
Chair: Lt. Robert Dominguez and Sgt. Dave Gordon
This project commits to assisting in the creation and implementation of a multidisciplinary response team consisting of law enforcement, child protection and domestic violence advocates that will respond to domestic violence and child maltreatment cases at the initial scene.

Committee members are currently drafting a proposal for an immediate response team pilot project in South County.

Next meeting Aug. 15, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Sheriff’s Office, 55 W. Younger Ave, San Jose

Project 5 Changing Agency Policy & Worker Practice
Chair: Ken Borelli
This project commits to developing policies and procedures within DFCS to keep the non-abusive parent and child together whenever possible, hold the perpetrator accountable, identify service needs of all family members, and create clear, detailed visitation guidelines which focus on safe exchanges and safe environment for visits.

The committee is currently conducting training for social workers on new policies and procedures that have been developed.

Next meeting Sept. 27, 3:00-4:30 p.m.,
DFCS, Union Ave, San Jose

Project 6 Courts
The Greenbook Project and the Court Systems Committee of the Domestic Violence Council will collaborate on: researching an improved coordinated system between juvenile, family and criminal courts; creating a Domestic Violence Dependency Court modeled after Drug Court; and will research how family court and dependency court can consistently provide supervised visitation to facilitate normalized relationships.

Next meeting Aug. 20, 12:15
115 Terraine St, Dept 67, San Jose
Domestic Violence Training for Parent Educators

Over the past year, the Parenting Programs Integration Committee of the Greenbook Project, chaired by Marla Johanning, completed three domestic violence trainings for approximately 85 parent educators.

Training Goals

- Participants will be able to identify the various types of domestic violence, dynamics of domestic violence and the origins of violence;
- Participants will understand the connection between child development, child abuse and domestic violence;
- Participants will understand the relationship between socio-cultural influences and domestic violence;
- Participants will understand the DFCS domestic Violence Protocol for service providers and clients
- Participants will learn two positive intervention strategies to end the intergenerational cycle of abuse;
- Participants will gain knowledge of basic safety planning skills; and
- Participants will gain knowledge of community resources for both victims and offenders.

As a result of the training, a curriculum was created and given to Staff Development at Social Services Agency for training new parent educators.

Thank you committee members and volunteers for your efforts in making the trainings a success!

Effective Interventions Training
April 19, 2002

Hon. Katherine Lucero, Cross Training Committee Chair

The Cross Training committee of the Santa Clara County Greenbook Project successfully implemented a daylong cross training for 163 local professionals on April 19, 2002 at the Hyatt Sainte Claire in downtown San Jose.

The training was well attended and included a diverse cross section of professionals. Judges, police detectives, social workers, attorneys, domestic violence advocates and other community members gathered in one room to learn about the Greenbook Project and the policy changes that this community is on the brink of engaging.

At the training we distributed two publications:
Effective Interventions in Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice and Knowledge of Immigrant Nationalities of Santa Clara County. Information on how to obtain these publications is listed below.

Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice, by Susan Schechter and Jeffrey L. Edleson, PhD, (1999, 132 pp). Effective Interventions include principles and recommendations for improving the policies and practices of child protection services, domestic violence services, and juvenile courts, which were adopted as official policy of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). Order your free copy online at the NCJFCJ web site http://www.dvlawsearch.com/pubs/.

Knowledge of Immigrant Nationalities of Santa Clara County (KIN), a vital community resource on the history, cultural background, and conditions of life of the 16 “largest and neediest” immigrant groups in Santa Clara County. KIN books are available from the Office of Human Relations at 408.299.2206.

Thank you Greenbook committee members and volunteers for your commitment and dedication to our first Greenbook cross training.

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Domestic violence is the escalating pattern of behavior where one partner in an intimate relationship controls another through force, intimidation or the threat of violence. Definition used by five domestic violence agencies for training Santa Clara County staff.

Domestic violence and child maltreatment are epidemic in the United States. Nearly one-third of American women (31 percent) report being physically or sexually abuse by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives, according to a 1998 Commonwealth Fund survey. An estimated 2.8 million children were reported as suspected child abuse or neglect cases in 1998 and more than 900,000 of them were confirmed as victims of child abuse and neglect. These problems are often connected. A national survey of more than 6,000 families found that 50 percent of men who frequently assault their wives also frequently abuse their children; and the more frequent the violence against the woman, the more likely it is that the children are abused.