



THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION COUNCIL

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The mission of the 3rd Judicial Circuit Family Violence Prevention Council is to increase awareness of the magnitude of family violence and to help all sections of our community work together, with the appropriate resources, in eliminating this problem.

The Third Judicial Circuit's Family Violence Prevention Council was convened by Chief Judge Nicholas Byron at a Symposium in June 1996. It now comprises six committees:

- Law Enforcement - Chair: Madison County Sheriff Robert Hertz
- Community Faith (formerly Clergy) - Chair: Reverend Tim Pate, Nameoki UMC
- Intervention/Prevention/Education - Chair: Margarett Trushel, Oasis Women's Center
- Health Systems - Chair: John Pruet, Director, Recovery Coach Program
- Court / Judicial - Chair: Honorable Barbara Crowder
- Bond County - Chair: Bond County State's Attorney Chris Bauer

The Council's workshops and events have included:

- "The Yellow Dress", a play performed in local schools illustrating the dangers of dating violence to over 2,000 students.
- Trainings held in the Spring and Fall of each year that deal with a wide range of topics including child abuse, the link between animal abuse and human violence, dating violence, elder abuse, preserving evidence for the prosecution, compassion fatigue, and internet safety.
- Creating the Madison County Silent Witness Exhibit and displaying the silhouettes at many community awareness events.
- Developing resource cards and guidelines on Dating Violence, Elder Abuse, New Parents' Resources, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Methamphetamine, Domestic Violence in the Workplace, Teachers, and Pastoral Counseling.
- Producing Evidence-Based Prosecution Cards for law enforcement officers to assist them at the scene of domestic violence incidents.
- Developing a Lethality Checklist to assist in determining the risk of lethality in domestic violence situations.
- Producing small tri-fold brochures with valuable information on safety and resources available for both victims of domestic violence and teenagers.
- Holding memorial services for victims of domestic violence and their families.
- Advising local businesses on how to deal with domestic violence in the workplace.
- Presenting regular training sessions at SIUE Dental School, in hospital emergency rooms and health clinics on how to screen patients for domestic abuse.
- Writing and producing *I Got Roses Today*, a national award-winning video on dating violence that is shown on cable television and in schools.