

Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council



16th Judicial Circuit

Serving DeKalb, Kane
and Kendall Counties

*If you or someone you know is in
need of services or information,
contact one of these 24 hour crisis
lines.*

✓ **Northern Kane County**

Community Crisis Center
1-847-697-2380

✓ **Southern Kane County
and Kendall County**

Mutual Ground
1-630-897-8383

✓ **DeKalb County**

Safe Passage
1-815-756-5228

✓ **DCFS**

24-hour Hotline
1-800-252-2873

The 16th Judicial Circuit Family
Violence Coordinating council
provides a forum to share and
discuss information in order to
promote a coordinated response
to family violence in DeKalb, Kane
and Kendall Counties.

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Family Violence Coordinating Councils (FVCC), at both the state and local judicial circuit level, is to establish a forum to improve the institutional, professional and community response to family violence including child abuse, intimate partner/domestic abuse, and elder abuse; to engage in education, prevention, and coordination of intervention and services for victims and perpetrators of child abuse, intimate partner/domestic violence and elder abuse, and to contribute to the improvement of the legal system and the administration of justice.

What is the Family violence coordinating Councils

Representatives from health, clergy, school, law enforcement, judiciary, public defenders, state's attorneys and social services all combine to meet our purpose.

Description of Committee Structure & Membership of the Council

The 16th Judicial Circuit's FVCC is made of 5 Committees: Steering, Abuser Services, Child/Youth Safety, Elder Abuse, Faith, and Law Enforcement. The Steering Committee is made up of the Chairs of the standing committees, State Attorneys from each county and representatives of public agencies including the county Board of Health, and the IL Dept of Human Services. In addition the Directors of the three Domestic Violence Shelters serve on the Steering Committee. Most of the committees meet monthly.

Each committee has a chairperson who oversees the monthly meetings and the work of the Committee. Membership of each committee is drawn from representatives in that field including child advocacy agencies, ministers, church nurses, domestic violence & sexual assault prevention workers, social service agencies, victim advocates from the Kane County States Attorney's Office, Kane and Kendall County Health Departments, representatives of police departments throughout the circuit.

Accomplishments of the Council

The Council convenes at least two public Symposiums every year. Symposiums are based on the arena of each committee. Last year the Faith Committee sponsored a symposium on The Faith Community's Response to Domestic Abuse, the Elder Abuse Committee held a seminar for Emergency Medical Technicians on elder abuse. These symposiums offer opportunities for interested people and professionals to obtain information, to network and to increase resources regarding services related to family violence.

Our committees also provide trainings that are geared toward the groups represented by the committee. Last year over 300 people attended trainings. These people included public safety employees, church related employees, elder services employees and child advocates.

How You Can Help

If you have an interest in stopping family violence, you are welcome to attend our conferences sponsored by our committees. You can also join one of our working committees.

- Law Enforcement Committee
- Faith Community Committee
- Child/Youth Safety Committee
- Abuser Services Committee
- Elder Abuse Committee

Committee Member Responsibilities

- ✓ Attend scheduled meetings
- ✓ Participate in committee events
- ✓ Continue your own training through FVCC and agency sponsored trainings.
- ✓ Support your committee in gathering information, identifying resources, and help implementing the committee's annual goals.

For more information please contact

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