

In cooperation with the Mc Henry County State's Attorney's Office, have held trainings at many law enforcement agencies in the county on the investigation of domestic violence.

In cooperation with other county agencies, have sponsored the Candlelight Vigil on the Woodstock Square, an event which remembers victims of domestic violence in the county.

Developed and distributed a *Key Indicators Sheet*, which outlines signs of abuse and provides a listing of county agencies providing assistance and support. This information is available in both English and Spanish.

Sponsored training for the clergy in the prevalence, recognition and response to domestic violence within their congregations.

Is cooperatively engaged with Elder Services providers to present training on Elder Abuse.

Streamlined procedures for obtaining protective orders for victims.

Continues to address issues surrounding domestic violence and firearms

Pathways to Assistance

Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Councils
www.IFVCC.org

Illinois Domestic Violence Help Line (24 hour, multilingual) (877)863-6338 www.ilcadv.org

Mc Henry County Crisis Line (24 hour)
(800)892-8900 www.mchenry-crisis.org

National Center for Victims of Crime Helpline
(800)394-2255 www.ncvc.org

Stalking Resource Center www.ncvc.org/src/

National Domestic Violence Hotline
(800)799-7233 www.ndvh.org

Child Abuse Hotline (DCFS) (800)252-2873

VOICE (sexual assault services/24 hours)
(800)892-8900 www.pioneercenter.org/newvoice

Elder Abuse Hotline (866)800-1409
Senior Services Associates (800)339-3200

Local Hospitals

Centegra (Mc Henry) (815)344-5000
Centegra (Woodstock) (815)338-2500
www.centegra.org

Mercy (Harvard) (815)943-5431
www.mercyhealthsystem.org

Turning Point - Mc Henry County (815)338-8081
www.mchenrycountyturningpoint.org

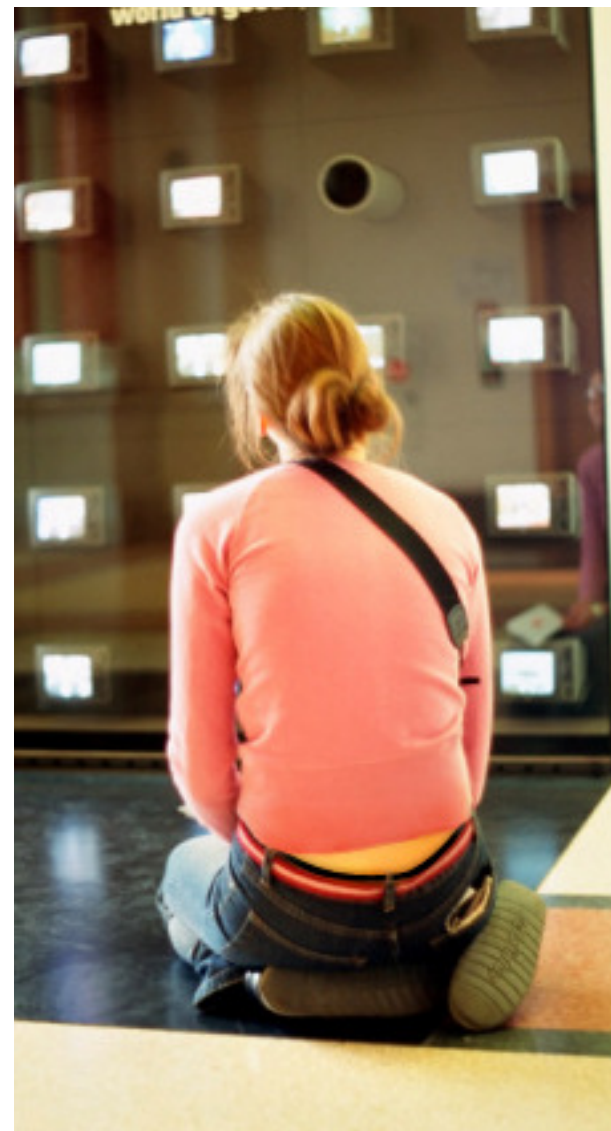
providing English and Spanish language services to victims of domestic abuse, including counseling, shelter, and protective order assistance.

Emergency Assistance is always available at:

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The 22nd Judicial Circuit's Family Violence Coordinating Council

Advancing the multi-disciplinary and coordinated response to victims of domestic violence throughout Mc Henry County. www.co.mchenry.il.us/familyviolencecouncil



Illinois Family Violence

Coordinating Councils (FVCC) were established through an initiative of the Illinois Supreme Court and now include 28 local councils in 22 judicial circuits representing 102 counties. All councils are presided over by the Chief Judge of their respective circuit. Illinois is the only state in the country with a judicially led network of family violence coordinating councils.

The residents of Mc Henry County are served by the 22nd Judicial Circuit's Family Violence Coordinating Council. The council is composed of persons representing various professions and agencies having an interest and stake in reducing domestic violence in our communities. Such professions include: judges, prosecuting attorneys, law enforcement, probation, victim services agencies, clergy, mental health workers, medical professionals, educators, and other social service providers. The council receives direction and guidance through a series of sub-committees representing various specialized concerns.

The goal of the council is to provide for a comprehensive, collaborative approach, in directing a countywide response to domestic violence.

Operations

The Circuit's FVCC is guided in day-to-day operations by a coordinator whose position is funded partially by state allocations and enhanced through a partnership with **Mc Henry County College**. The Coordinator's Office is located in **Mc Henry County College's Shah Center** at 4100 W. Shamrock Ln., Mc Henry, IL

Committees

The FVCC is governed by a Steering Committee composed of representatives of all the sub-committees and disciplines. It is presided over by the Chief Judge of the 22nd Circuit. Standing sub-committees include:

- Education
- Court & Law Enforcement
- Faith
- ad hoc committees are appointed as needed and include/have included Examining the Viability of Family Justice Centers, Supervised Visitation Centers, and Developing a Domestic Violence Court

Advancements

The 22nd Circuit's FVCC has from the start been one of the most active and progressive councils in the state. It is committed to providing education and training to service providers, and developing programs and procedures which continue to address the issues of family violence, and enhance victim services. The FVCC continues to be a leading and dynamic voice of change.

In 2009 the FVCC organized training for service providers on Stalking Awareness, Investigation & Response. The instruction was provided by the Stalking Resource Center of Washington, DC, and represented the first and most comprehensive stalking training in the state since the legislature passed new laws adopting much needed changes to the stalking statute. The training was attended by more than 160 professionals from throughout northern Illinois and the Chicagoland area.

The FVCC, in cooperation with Centegra Health System, sponsored a five day national certification class for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE).

