

**Dee Kennedy Family Justice Center (FJC)
Division of Violence Prevention
Boston Public Health Commission**

Brief program overview:

The FJC is a Coalition of 12 independent partner agencies working together to provide safety, medical, legal, educational and social services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, commercial sexual exploitation/human trafficking, victims of child sexual abuse, and their families. BPHC oversees the operation of the FJC and offers expertise in promoting the following public health objectives: prevention of injury and disease; disseminating knowledge and building skills; promoting a greater understanding in the community of the issues impacting public health; and creating a platform from which a collaborative body can advocate for policy and legislative changes.

Vision Statement:

The Family Justice Center of Boston (FJC) is a community of agencies providing direct services to the individuals and families in the City of Boston (and beyond) who have been affected by and/or exposed to domestic violence, sexual assault, child sexual abuse and commercial sexual exploitation/human trafficking. Collectively, FJC Partners strive to (a) be a vibrant and dynamic collector, incubator and disseminator of the best learning and knowledge about issues affecting those exposed; and (b) prevent these harms.

Program Goals :

1. To enhance the safety of survivors of domestic and sexual violence through increased advocacy efforts.
2. To increase the knowledge and skills of providers and community members to identify needs and provide appropriate services and support to survivors of human trafficking, sexual assault, child abuse and domestic violence.
3. To Increase public awareness of the prevalence and impact of domestic and sexual violence.
4. To increase legislative advocacy, advancing BPHC's violence prevention agenda, to improve prevention services and health outcomes for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
5. To improve data collection and reporting efforts to better serve victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Intended outcomes include but are not limited to: 1) improved trauma-informed service delivery; 2) cultural competency in services delivered to DV/SA victims/survivors, including the LGBTQ+ community; 3) improved response to child sexual abuse; 4) improved protections for victims/survivors of commercial sexual exploitation

Number of individuals served in FY '21: 11,602

FJC on-site partner agencies collectively offered services to over 11,602 individuals (in-person, virtual/remote; phone; hotlines; online/webchat; targeted outreach)

Number of BPHC/FJC staff: 4

Number of Partner Agency Staff: approx..150

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