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**Domestic Violence
Support Services**

**Sexual Assault &
Child Sexual Abuse
Support Services**

**Human Trafficking
Support Services**

• Culturally-specific
nonprofit organizations

co-located with

• Law enforcement,
criminal justice and
local health
department

providing safety,
health and support
services for

• Victims, survivors and their
families

towards individual
and community health
and healing



The Boston Family Justice Center

FJC 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 abuse or 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.**

FJC Strategic Objectives:

- **Training:** emphasis on giving providers skills to identify needs and provide appropriate services to vulnerable population at risk of experiencing DV, SA, HT, or CSA offered for free or low cost to providers in the city of Boston
- **Advocacy/Policy:** advancing violence prevention legislation as it pertains to sexual assault, intimate partner violence, child abuse, and human trafficking.
- **Data Collection:** useful in understanding city-wide incidence and prevalence of human trafficking, intimate partner violence, child abuse, and sexual assault, and to direct resources accordingly
- **Public Awareness:** health education and awareness strategies that focus on violence prevention based on the work and findings of FJC partners

*The objectives are achieved under the stewardship of the FJC Council,
comprised of the leadership of all onsite partner agencies.*

FJC on-site community partners

Child Sexual Abuse & Sexual Assault

- Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County
- Boston Area Rape Crisis Center

Domestic Violence

- MA Alliance of Portuguese Speakers
- Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence
- Association of Haitian Women of Boston
- The Network/La Red
- Casa Myrna

Human Trafficking

- The EVA Butler Center
- My Life My Choice
- BU Human Trafficking Legal Clinic

Economic Empowerment

- Dress for Success

Boston Police Department Family Justice Group

- Crimes Against Children Unit;
- Domestic Violence Unit;
- Sexual Assault Unit; and
- Human Trafficking Unit

Suffolk County District Attorney

- Family Protection & Sexual Assault Unit

*FJC front desk
(with on-site
partner banners
displayed)
managed by BPHC
staff assistants
Katina Scott and
Arcadio Del Valle
(pictured)*



Services provided at the FJC

Services: FJC partners provide the following free, culturally- and linguistically-specific services in order to meet client's needs for safety, justice and healing:

- ❑ Counseling/mentoring;
- ❑ Advocacy;
- ❑ Safety planning;
- ❑ Forensic medical services;
- ❑ Civil/legal services;
- ❑ Connection to emergency shelter, substance abuse and mental health treatment;
- ❑ Employment support; and
- ❑ Self-sufficiency programming

***In FY'17, FJC
on-site
partner agencies
served
5326 new clients***

Who We Serve: Victims and survivors, including:

- ❑ Those speaking languages including: Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole, Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, and English
- ❑ Immigrants (regardless of immigration status); and
- ❑ Members of LGBTQ/T communities

The Family Justice Center



(above) Front of building (clock-wise right) Dress for Success boutique (clock-wise below) Adine Latimore, Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (immediate right) Hill Training Room



Examples of FJC partner initiatives

My Life My Choice:

Preventing the commercial sexual exploitation of children

- offers a unique continuum of survivor-led services
- has trained over 11,000 youth providers in Massachusetts and nationally
- has provided prevention groups to more than 2,000 girls, and has mentored over 350 girls in the Greater Boston area
- has trained facilitators on the MLMC Prevention Curriculum in 29 states

“My Life My Choice has helped me find myself: who I am, who I want to be, my own strength and inspiration.”

-Christina, Age 16

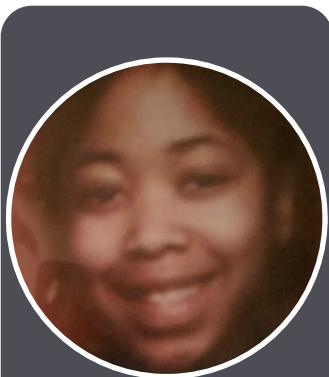


CEASE Boston:

Cities Empowered Against Sexual Exploitation

- The CEASE Network unites cities across the United States that are committed to reducing sex-buying by 20 percent in two years. The cities in the network use strategies aimed at stopping current buyers, deterring future buyers, and educating the public about the harms inherent to sex-buying and sex trafficking.
- Meetings held at the Family Justice Center and several FJC Partner Agencies are members of the strategy and implementation team of CEASE Boston
- The demand for purchased sex is a complex, multi-layered issue, requiring an equally multi-dimensional response. To address this, CEASE Network teams include people with different backgrounds and expertise. Sectors represented on each team include:
 - survivors of the illegal sex industry
 - local law enforcement
 - government officials
 - philanthropists
 - other committed stakeholders, among them people in existing coalitions working to reduce the harm of the illegal sex trade

LOCAL TO STATEWIDE ACTION



A Tragic Death
2001



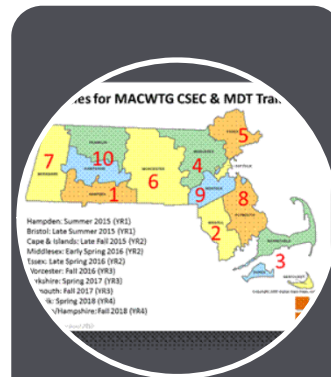
My Life My Choice
2002



Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN)
2004

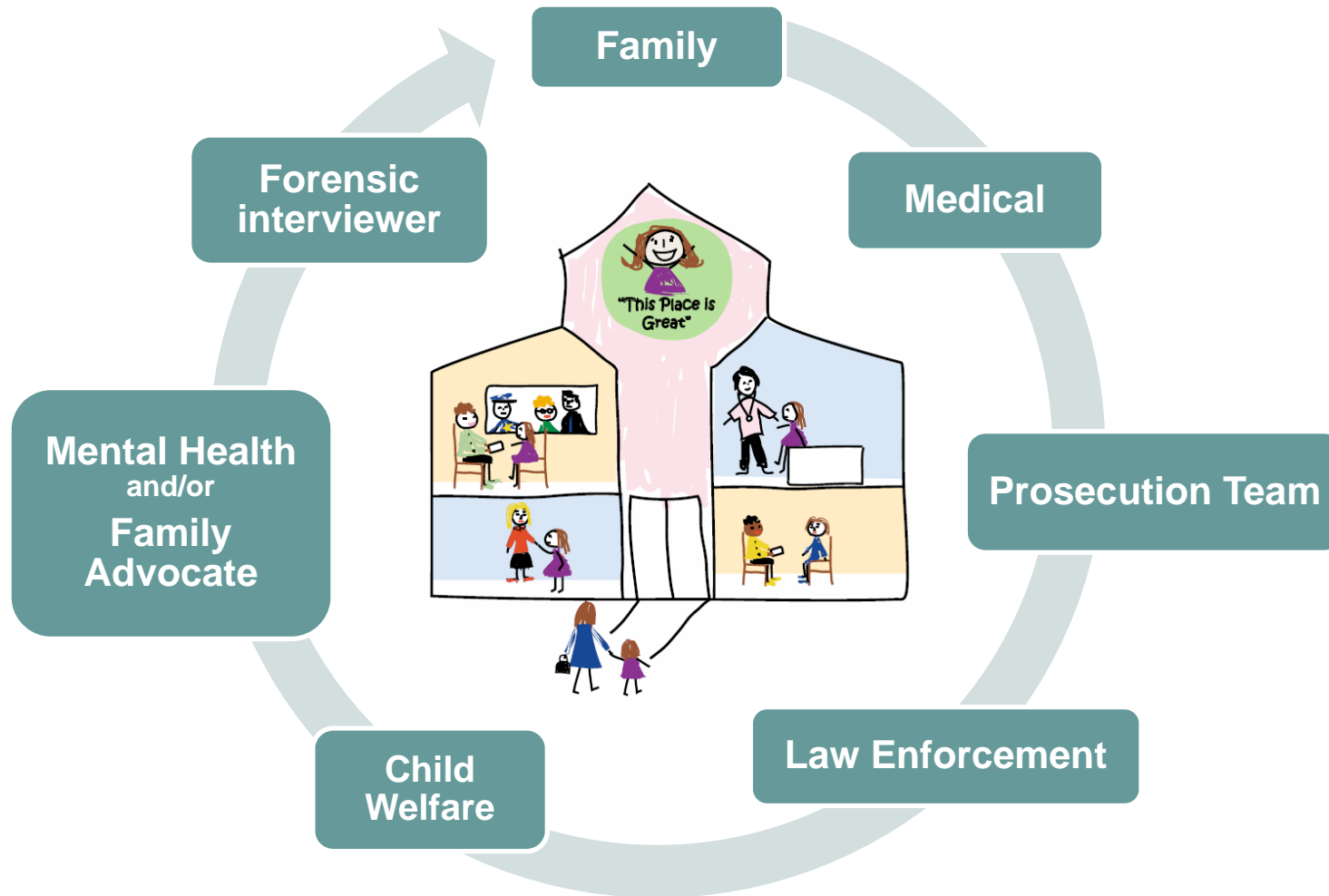


MA Human Trafficking Law
2012



MA Child Welfare Trafficking Grant
2014-pres

Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County



Promoting Agency Collaboration



- FJC FY 2018 Violence Prevention Projects
 - ▣ My Life My Choice & Dress for Success: Leadership Development and Career Preparedness for Exploited Youth
 - ▣ Casa Myrna & Boston Area Rape Crisis Center: Design and Facilitation of Title IX Workshops with and for Local High School Students
 - ▣ Children's Advocacy Center & MA Alliance of Portuguese Speakers: Increase Capacity to Provide Culturally-Specific Resources and Support for Child Victims of Abuse and their Families

FJC Human Trafficking Transit Ad Public Awareness Campaign



Seductive *BLONDE (V)» ANGEL (V)» 19
My service is Never Rushed & so Discret, ur pleasur...

i'm the girl behind this ad. i'm 15 years old. i'm from boston. every day, men pay to have sex with me. if i don't make enough money, my boyfriend beats me. i don't know how to get out of this life but i do know this - i fear the man who sells me and i hate the men who buy me. – **"Lilah"**

TheSexTradeDestroysLives.org

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Asian Sweetheart... (V)» *bABY dOLL (V)» 20
Sultry, Amazing, Gorgeous, Desirable, and so so...

i'm the "sweetheart" who placed this ad. I'm an undercover detective and I arrest johns who respond to these ads. These guys meet girls in nice hotel rooms. They never see the poverty, the pimps, and the beatings the girls get when they don't meet their quotas. Men who pay for sex support this criminal enterprise. It's that simple. – **"Jasmine," Undercover Detective, Boston Police Department**

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Training & Capacity Building

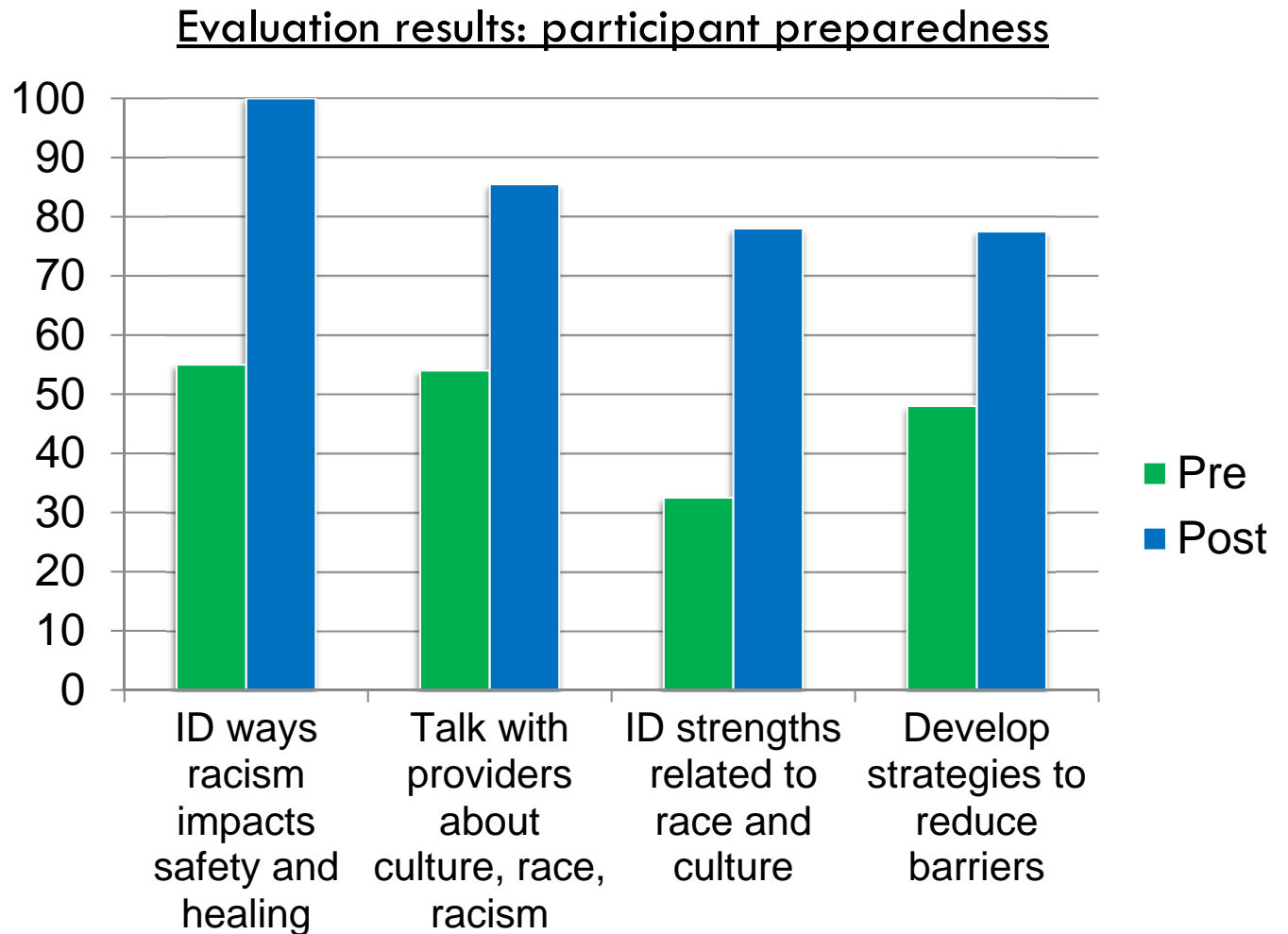


- On-site partner agency trainings:
 - 782 individuals (including FJC agency staff, clients, community partners, students and residents) received training on topics related to domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, crimes against children and economic empowerment in FY'17.

- Training coordination among partner agencies
 - Priority areas:
 - Strengthening trauma-informed approaches (*partnership with Boston Defending Childhood Initiative*)
 - Promoting equitable access to safety & healing

FJC Training Institute: Addressing Safety & Healing Through Cultural Awareness

- Collaborative development process
- 18-hour Training Institute focuses on increasing equity-related knowledge and skills
- The Institute has been offered three times in the past year; next to be held June 2018



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