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SUBJECT: Crystal Judson Family Justice Center Programs, Partnership and Care Provided
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PRESENTATION TYPE:

Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors the person causing harm uses to maintain power and control, and tactics include physical violence, emotional abuse, financial control, sexual violence and isolation. One in four women, one in seven men and 54% of non-binary and trans individuals have experienced severe violence by an intimate partner. Understanding these dynamics and the challenges of leaving is important so that we as a community can best support survivors. The Crystal Judson Family Justice Center (CJFJC) is a multi-disciplinary model that supports survivors of intimate partner violence through trauma informed care and collaboration.

BACKGROUND: Family Justice Centers are an international model that focuses on co-location and collaboration to support survivors, best practices and allows professionals to better collaborate. To be considered an FJC you need to have co-location of community-based services, law enforcement and prosecutors. While there is strict confidentiality between organizations, co-location makes it easier for survivors to navigate resources and connect to next steps, and allows professionals to better collaborate, leading to better long-term support for survivors.

The CJFJC opened in 2005, currently houses 6 onsite community partners and actively collaborates with 25 partners to support clients with next steps. Our 8 programs are designed with the power and control wheel in mind, and developed to disrupt the different tactics those causing harm use.

1. **Community Advocacy-** Survivors have access to a confidential community advocate to help develop safety plans, discuss resources, options and next steps.
2. **Protection Order/Legal-** Survivors can receive same day support in filing for a domestic violence protection order (education, scope of order, how order fits into their safety plan, and support in filing). This program also provides direct referrals for family law support at Tacomaprobono's Family Safety Project.
3. **Survivor Wellbeing-** Supports survivors in next steps in their healing journey by access to onsite chaplains, support group, art circle, VOICES and artist in residence.
4. **Financial Services-** Survivors can access DSHS and DCS onsite, receive direct referrals to WIC, receive support in filing for Crime Victims Compensation and attend financial literacy courses.
5. **Domestic Violence HELPLine-** This is a low barrier way for survivors and community members to learn more about domestic violence, resources, options and to start connecting into care.
6. **Emergency Support Services-** Provides emergency stop gap care such as food, pet supplies, toiletries, and menstrual products.



7. **Outreach-** This program works to connect with survivors after a police report is made, during a criminal case or after they have received a forensic exam, to let them know support is available and see what support they may need.
8. **Criminal Justice Services-** Survivors can access the Pierce County Sheriff's Office and Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office onsite.

All services are free, and services on the community side are survivor driven.

ISSUE:

Domestic violence is something that truly impacts all of us, if we aren't a survivor we know someone who is.

In 2025, the CJFJC:

- supported survivors onsite 2,009 times
- answered 5,984 calls on the HELpline
- provided follow up care via phone and email 2,862 times
- provided outreach 1,657 times to survivors on police reports, prosecution cases and survivors who received forensic exams for non-fatal strangulation
- offered 56 workshops and support groups
- supported survivors in filing 131 protection orders onsite

Of this care, the following was provided to COT residents:

- supported COT survivors onsite 1,005 times
- provided follow up care 1,343 times
- connected with 411 COT survivors from police reports
- supported COT residents with filing 79 protection orders

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only, there is no recommendation.