



GREENE COUNTY
FAMILY
JUSTICE CENTER

1418 E. Pythian St.
In the former Tefft School
Springfield, MO 65802

(417) 874-2600
Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

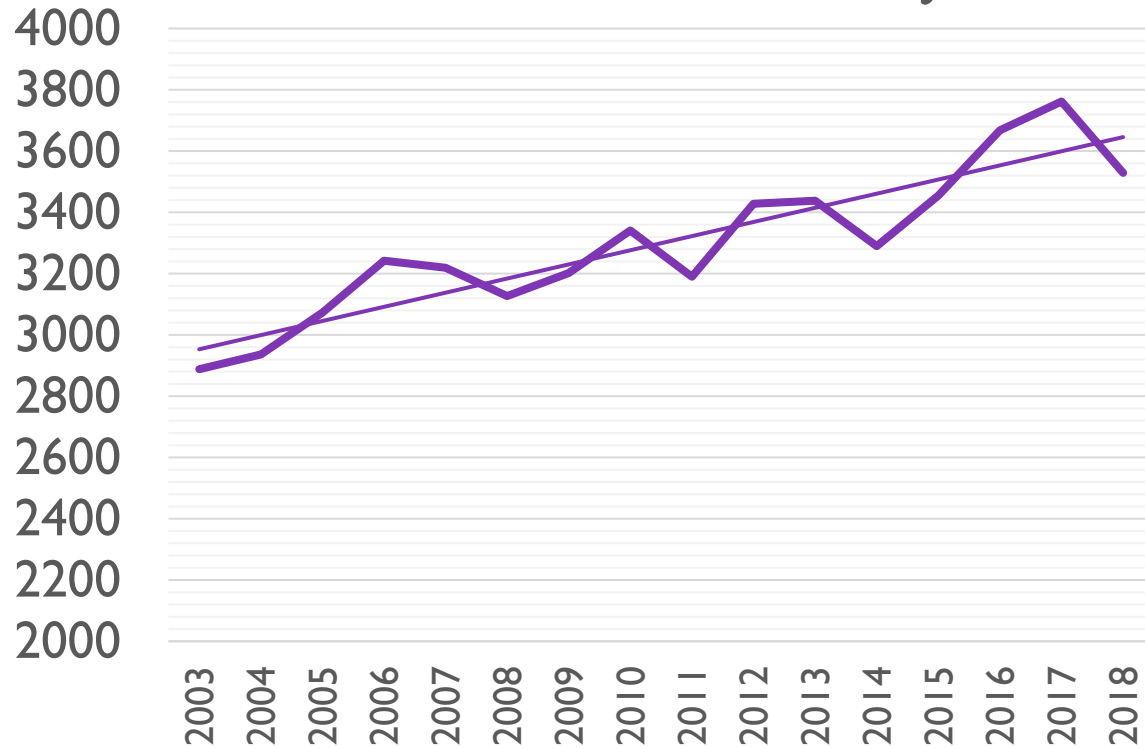
Presenter: Jamie Willis, Director of Family Justice Center Operations

PREVALENCE OF DV IN THE U.S.

- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men experience **severe** intimate partner violence within their lifetime.
- More than 10 million men and women a year are physically abused by an intimate partner
- In the United States, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44.
- Over half of female homicides are a result of intimate partner violence.

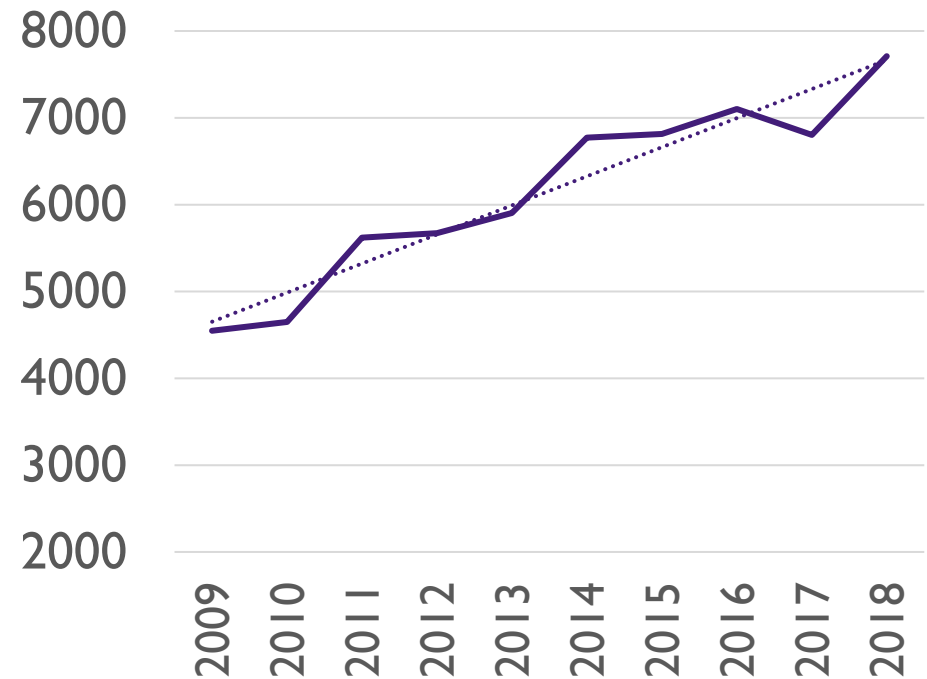
THE PROBLEM: A SNAPSHOT OF OUR COMMUNITY

Reported Domestic Violence Incidents in Greene County



Source: Missouri Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program

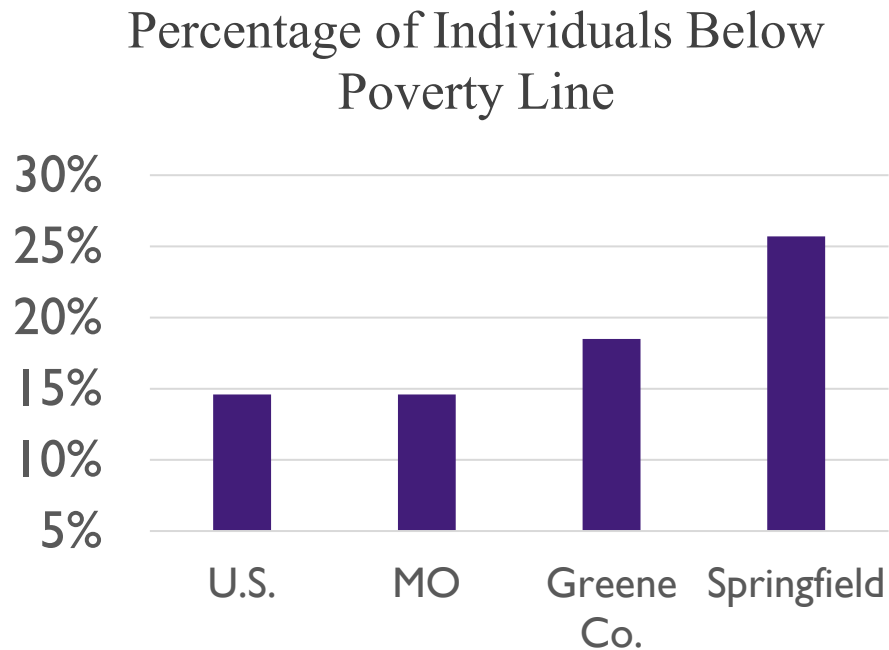
Child Abuse and Neglect, Number of Children Reported in Greene County



Source: Missouri Department of Social Services

ADDITIONAL FACTORS: LACK OF RESOURCES

High rates of Domestic Violence are intensified by additional barriers to services:



Source: U.S. Census 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Other Community Red Flags

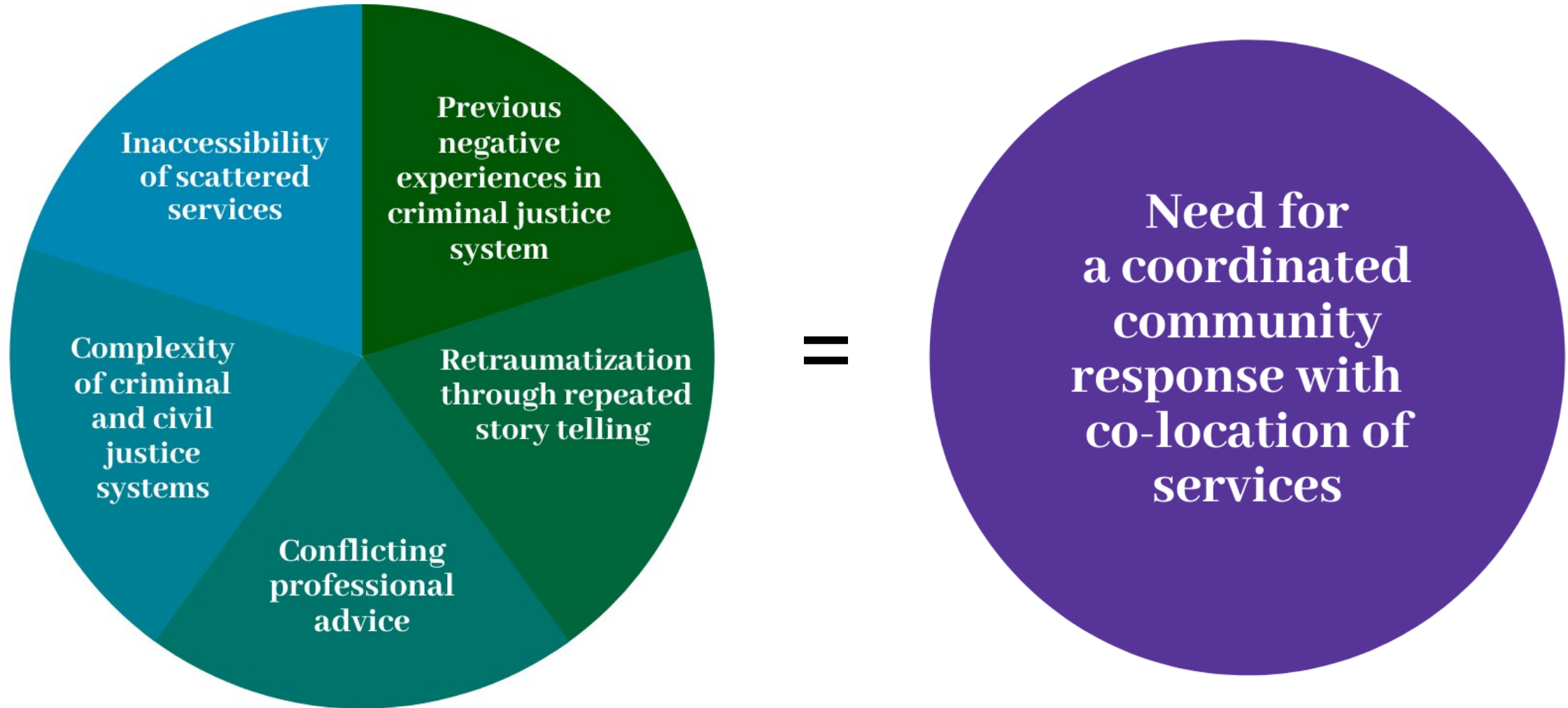
- Lack of affordable public transportation
- Lack of affordable housing

Source: Community Focus: A Report for Springfield and Greene County, 2019

SERVICES AND INTAKE TIME		DISTANCE	TRAVEL TIME	SERVICES AND INTAKE TIME		DISTANCE	TRAVEL TIME
1st STOP	Law Enforcement Springfield Police Department Greene County Sheriff's Office 1 to 2 HOUR INITIAL REPORT	0.7 MILES	CAR 2 min BUS 17 min FOOT 18 min	5th STOP	Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Prosecution of major crimes 30 to 45 MIN INTAKE	1.3 MILES	CAR 6 min BUS 6 min FOOT 23 min
2nd STOP	Harmony House Emergency Shelter Crisis Intervention Services 1 to 1.5 HOUR INTAKE	7.7 MILES	CAR 14 min BUS 1.5 hr FOOT 2.5 hr	6th STOP	Legal Services of Southern Missouri Legal Representation and Advice 30 MIN to 1 HOUR INTAKE	0.8 MILES	CAR 4 min BUS 16 min FOOT 13 min
3rd STOP	The Victim Center Victim Advocacy Orders of Protection Assistance Trauma Counseling 1 to 1.5 HOUR ORDER OF PROTECTION	7.8 MILES	CAR 15 min BUS 56 min FOOT 2.5 hr	7th STOP	Child Support Division Applications for and Enforcement of Child Support Cases Paternity Testing 30 MIN INTAKE	3.2 MILES	CAR 9 min BUS 27 min FOOT 57 min
4th STOP	Children's Division Child welfare services Child abuse investigations Case management 1.5 HOUR INITIAL REPORT	0.5 MILES	CAR 3 min BUS 5 min FOOT 10 min	8th STOP	Burrell Behavioral Health Counseling, Community Resources 1 HOUR INTAKE	6.5 MILES	CAR 15 min BUS 60 min FOOT 1 hr 45 min

7 to 9 HOURS **COMPLETING INTAKE PROCEDURES** + **29 MILES TRAVEL DISTANCE** = **8 to 18 HOURS** **to begin receiving protection, shelter, and services**

NEED FOR A COORDINATED RESPONSE



WHAT IS A FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER?

A **community**-based, **multi-disciplinary** collaborative of **co-located** public and private agencies providing **coordinated**, **victim-centered** services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Recognized by the Department of Justice as a best practice for serving victims of domestic and sexual violence.

WHAT IS A FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER?

Main Components of an FJC:

- Co-location of services
- Multi-agency involvement (both public and private non-profit agencies)
- Centralized intake process
- Priority of survivor safety
- Confidentiality

HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENT

- 2002 - First Family Justice Center Opens in San Diego
- 2005 - DOJ funding to 15 communities to pilot FJC's (President's Family Justice Center Initiative)
- Today - FJC's are located in 43 states and 25 countries.

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TYPES OF SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Advocacy (DV/SA)*
- Prosecution Services*
- Civil Legal Services*
- Law Enforcement Services*
- Child Care/Child Trauma Services
- Child Welfare Services
- Living Provisions/Basic Needs
- Financial and Employment Assistance
- Public Benefits
- Spiritual Support
- Community Education and Outreach
- Prevention Services
- Camping/Mentoring Programs

* (required to meet definition of FJC)

PUBLISHED RESULTS

Victim Benefits

- Increased victim safety
- Increased accessibility of services
- Increased feeling of community support for victims
- Increase victim autonomy and empowerment
- Reduced fear and anxiety for victims and their children
- Reduced recantation and minimization by victims
- Increase economic outcomes for victims

PUBLISHED RESULTS

Service Provider Benefits

- Increased efficiency of service delivery
- Professional development through daily interaction
- Heighten collaboration = system-changing ideas
- Increased financial efficiency
 - Dollars maximized through efficient coordination and collaboration

Community Benefits

- Reduced homicide rates
 - From 2002-2011, San Diego saw a 90% drop in DV homicides
- Increased likelihood of prosecution of offenders
 - Increased victim reporting and reduced victim recantation
 - Victim more willing to participate in prosecution (30% → 70%)
 - Better exchange of critical case information between Prosecutors and Law Enforcement
 - Reduction in DV case dismissal
 - Increase in felony convictions

GREENE COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER



SERVICE DELIVERY



Meet with a Navigator

Survivors meet with an advocate (Navigator) to assess their most immediate needs and identify the services they would like to receive



Risk Assessment and Safety Planning

Navigators help survivors assess potential dangers and develop a custom short-term safety plan to help keep them safe.



Service Plan

The Navigator brings in on-site partners the survivor chooses to meet with. The team works together to meet each individual need of the survivor.



Long-Term Plan

After meeting the clients initial needs, our service providers schedule on-going appointments and connect survivors to any additional off-site services they may need.

GREENE COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER: ONSITE PARTNERS

Harmony House and The Victim Center

- Crisis Intervention/Safety Planning
- Assistance with Orders of Protection
- Court Advocacy
- Emotional Support
- Trauma-based Counseling
- Support Groups
- Emergency Shelter
- 24-hour safe line

Springfield Police Department and Greene County Sheriff's Office

- Uniform Operations (first responders and police reports)
- Investigations and Support Services Bureau

Legal Services of Southern Missouri

- Basic legal information
- Divorce and Child Custody
- Public benefits (administrative hearings)
- Family (paternity, adoption, name change, guardianship)
- Elder law
- Housing representation



GREENE COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Greene County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

- Prosecutes major crimes
 - assault, child abuse, child support, property, etc.
- Victim/Witness office provides advocacy for victims of crime

Children's Division

- Investigations of suspected abuse or neglect
- Case management (education, goal setting, etc.)

Child Support Division

- Applications for Child Support Services
- Enforcement of child support orders
- Paternity testing for child support cases

Burrell Behavioral Health

- Crisis Counseling
- Assistance with community resources (Medicaid, food stamps, affordable housing)
- Point of entry into Burrell's large network of mental health and substance abuse services



GREENE COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER:

Additional Partnerships

- Greene County Wraparound Services Fund
- Child Advocacy Center
- O'Reilly Center for Hope/One Door
- Isabel's House
- Community Partnership of the Ozarks
- Mercy and Cox SANE Nurse Programs
- Great Circle
- Rescue One
- Convoy of Hope
- Crosslines



FAQ'S

How is this different than the services other agencies offer?

- We do not duplicate services, but instead provide a central point of entry to provide the framework for greater collaboration among existing agencies

Who can receive services?

- Men, women, and children that are victims of domestic violence and resulting victimizations

Are services free?

- Yes, services are provided at no cost to the victims

Is my information confidential?

- Yes, clients control which partners receive access to their information.

Am I required to talk to law enforcement?

- No, you are not required to speak with law enforcement or any other partner unless you choose to do so.

If I need services before or after office hours, who can I call?

- For immediate assistance, call the 24-hour crisis hotline at 417-864-7233.

CLIENT FEEDBACK

So very grateful for this place and the people here. One safe and welcoming stop is all the difference during bad times.

Thank you for the help - I felt like my problem was valid and there is hope!

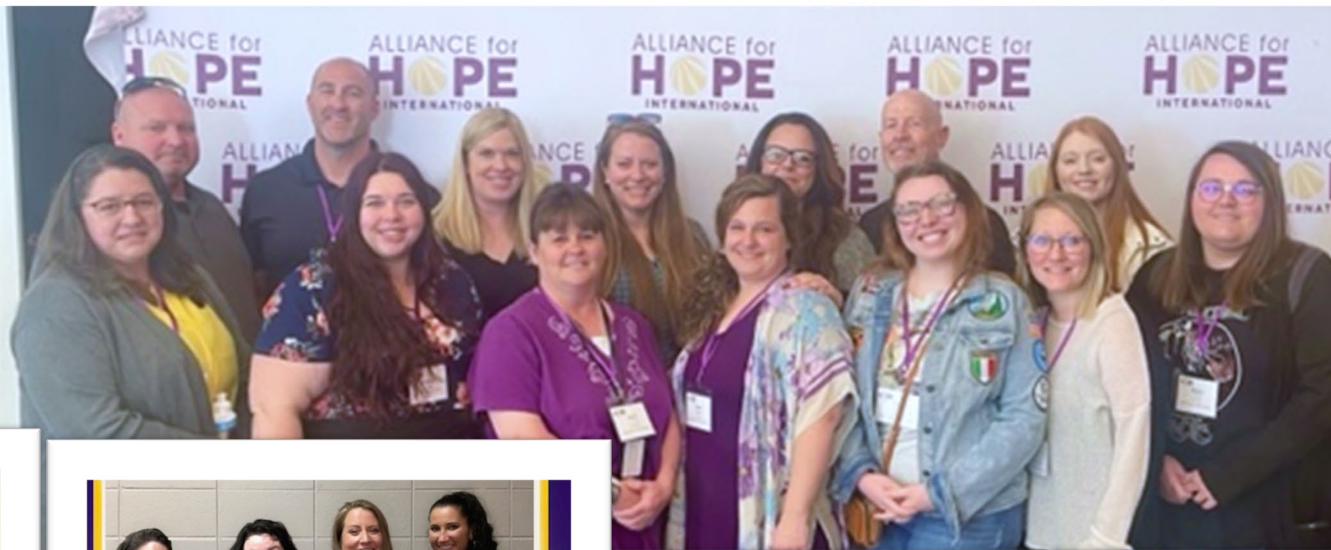
Thank you all so much! You made my heart a bunch more at ease and gave me hope for my future and a peaceful resolution.

*I am so grateful for this service. If I would have known about the Family Justice Center, I would have made this move a while back.
Thank you!*

I was so glad I came here and feel the help they gave me. My future will be on the road to a better life.

Greene County Family Justice Center has helped me a great deal not only with services that are available to me but emotionally as well. I believe that I would not be here if it wasn't for you guys. Thank you.

OUR TEAM



Questions?

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