Grand Opening of the Domestic Violence Family Justice Center

Best Practices Model Facility to Open February 5th in Spokane

The Spokane Domestic Violence Team (SDVT), comprised of law enforcement, advocates and prosecutors, will now work together in one location, called the Family Justice Center.

The Family Justice Center, identified as a national best practices approach to Domestic Violence intervention and prevention, is an important step forward in the Spokane community's commitment to hold Domestic Violence offenders accountable, protect the safety of Domestic Violence victims, and reduce incidents of Domestic Violence in Spokane.

Spokane County Prosecutor Larry Haskell, Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich, Spokane Mayor David Condon, Chief Frank Straub, Spokane City Council members, Spokane County Commissioners, YWCA CEO Regina Malveaux, and members of the SDVT will be on hand at the grand opening ceremony to explain the importance of the Family Justice Center in Spokane.

News Conference Details:

Date: **Thursday, February 12, 2015**

Time: **1:30 pm**

Location: **Family Justice Center**
                       Located in the YWCA
                       930 N. Monroe St.

The Family Justice Center is the co-location of a multi-disciplinary team of professionals who work together, under one roof, to provide coordinated services to victims of family violence.

Key partners include:

- Police Officers/Sheriff's Deputies
- City & County Prosecutors
- YWCA Legal Advocates

The core concept is to provide ONE victim friendly location where victims can go to talk to an advocate, plan for their safety, interview with a police officer, meet with a prosecutor, receive information on shelter, counseling and job readiness services AND have access to free child care while they are on-site accessing these services. The legal advocates ensure that victims have a team of professionals to assist them in safely breaking the cycle of violence. The goal is to help victims move from what is often times the most traumatic moment in their lives to hope, healing, safety and stability.