



***Family Justice Center:*** A comprehensive “one-stop shop” for victims of violent crime.

### **What do we want to create?**

The Shasta County Family Justice Center will bring effective short and long-term solutions to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and elder abuse. The Center will offer an innovative approach to victim support by housing a multi-disciplinary team of professionals under one roof. This will reduce the amount of time and number of places victims have to travel to tell their story and get the help they need. Our goal is to be fully operational by fall 2010.

### **Why is this needed?**

There are hundreds of very dedicated, compassionate professionals currently assisting victims of violent crime in Shasta County. However, many of the victims who seek help find the current system overwhelming. They are often required to travel from agency to agency throughout the county, an area of almost 3,900 square miles. These brave individuals must repeatedly tell their story to get the services they need, which may include protection, legal assistance, medical, housing, shelter, food, transportation, mental health, financial services, social services and other assistance. At a time when they are already in crisis, this crushing experience can often send the victim back to an abusive environment, risking the family's overall safety.

### **What are we doing now?**

- Strategic planning for the Center
- Seeking additional partnerships
- Coordination of existing services
- Solidifying funding sources
- Creating stable governance

### **For more information on the Shasta Family Justice Center:**

Please call (530) 225-5220 to find how you can help establish the Shasta Family Justice Center.

### **For updates and progress please visit the California Family Justice Initiative website:**

[www.familyjusticeinitiative.com](http://www.familyjusticeinitiative.com)