

## SOLANO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER **VOICES**

**VOICES is** a national advocacy committee sponsored by the Verizon Foundation. Its members, many of whom have received services at a Family Justice Center, are survivors of domestic violence now celebrating their strength and survival by using their voices in the hopes of helping others through advocacy, education, and empowerment. VOICES also seeks to develop communication protocols, opportunities for public speaking and advocacy.

**VOICES History** VOICES was launched in San Diego in 2002. At that time, members of VOICES served as an advisory committee for the San Diego Family Justice Center, assisted with training, and spoke at various public events to bring awareness to the services provided at the Family Justice Center.

**VOICES Nationally** VOICES is developing an outreach effort to create a nationwide group of survivors to educate the public about family violence, and support new and existing Family Justice Centers. This national movement is supported by a Steering Committee, Chaired by Yolanda Matos (Executive Director of Valley Crisis Center) and Co-Chaired by Dr. Diane Lass (Integrated Mental Health Services, San Diego FJC) and the Family Justice Center Alliance.

**VOICES Solano** Currently, VOICES in Solano County is forming in conjunction with our move into a stand-alone building. VOICES Solano members will develop a Speakers' Bureau whose members will speak at community events, trainings, and conferences. Members will also be involved in communicating with elected officials, providing a presence at media events, educational and awareness programs and writing letters to those who can spark change and increase support for victims and their families.

For more information, please visit www.solanocounty.com/stoptheviolence