

Family Justice Center

The Family Justice Center (FJC) is a unique, public private partnership, which co-locates several agencies that respond to and assist those who have experienced child maltreatment and domestic and sexual violence.

FJCs increase access to on-site professionals providing civil legal services, medical exams, safety planning, advocacy, court accompaniment and counseling. The FJC is recognized as a best practice model by the U.S. Department of Justice.

On-site partners at the Family Justice Center are:

- **Strength United** – Advocates, counselors and case managers provide support for individuals and families. Strength United is the lead agency for the Family Justice Center
- **Dignity Health Northridge Hospital Center for Assault Treatment Services** – Forensic nurses provide evidence-gathering exams
- **Los Angeles Police Department, Major Assault Crimes, Van Nuys and North Hollywood Divisions** – Detectives follow up on police reports, gather evidence and maintain victim safety
- **Los Angeles City and County Attorneys** – Organizes evidence, obtains restraining orders and prosecutes in court
- **Neighborhood Legal Services** – Assists in obtaining restraining orders and provides help with legal matters
- **Jewish Family Service Family Violence Project** – Safe residence, counseling and support in response to domestic violence

Our Community

Strength United serves the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys in Los Angeles County. Our service area consists of 2,185,024 residents across 999.24 miles and is culturally, ethnically, economically and socially diverse.

We are dedicated to serving all members of our community. We currently have staff or volunteers who speak Spanish, Farsi, Armenian, Russian, Tagalog, Portuguese, Hindi, Punjabi, French, Korean and German. If you are seeking services in an additional language, please let us know.

If You Have Experienced Violence or Abuse...

1. You are not alone.
2. You have rights.
3. An advocate can be there for you and provide you with information.
4. You are strong and will get through this.
5. Call Strength United for help.

For more information, call our
24-Hour Support and Referral Line

818-886-0453
661-253-0258

If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

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Who We Are

Operating through California State University, Northridge's Michael D. Eisner College of Education, Strength United provides a unique, interdisciplinary approach to ending abuse and violence through the collaboration of mental health professionals, educators, researchers, students and volunteers.

Dedicated to a strength-based, client-centered model of care, Strength United serves individuals of all ages who have witnessed and/or experienced child maltreatment, domestic abuse, sexual assault or violent crime. Having served our community for twenty-six years, we acknowledge the impact of trauma and work to assist clients on the path to recovery, while actively developing system-wide protocols, policies and practices to prevent retraumatization. Strength United is one of the few agencies in the region specialized in serving commercially sexually exploited children, a rising problem in our community and across the nation.

As a trauma-informed care agency, our programs recognize that all individuals and families deserve:

- Respect, information, connection and hope
- Trustworthiness and transparency
- Empowerment, voice and choice
- Agencies to work in effective and collaborative ways
- Evidence-informed practices
- To be at the center of all our decision making.

Accessible anytime through our 24-hour support line, Strength United offers not only emergency services, but also long-term safety planning, counseling, advocacy, and abuse prevention and education programs. The agency specializes in addressing all aspects of emotional trauma. Services are provided to victims and their families free-of-charge. Strength United staff and volunteers serve almost 15,000 people each year.

Our Services

Services are available to all individuals regardless of income, age, race, marital status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or religious affiliation.

24-Hour Response

- Support and referral line
- Crisis response and victim accompaniments

Advocacy

Advocates, case managers and therapists, strive to achieve client wellness and empowerment through effective communication, education and identification of concrete supports to create optimal healing, recovery, and long-term outcomes. Advocates provide supportive services, follow-ups, and identification of options to address individual and family needs.

Counseling

Individuals of all ages who have been exposed to traumatic events, such as child maltreatment, domestic abuse, sexual assault/exploitation and/or violence often benefit from counseling services. It is common for these experiences to cause emotional and behavioral changes, which impair quality of life. These may include anxiety, depression, mood swings, irritability, poor concentration, decreased work and classroom performance, aggressive behaviors, post-traumatic stress disorder, and feelings of shame, loss and fear. Services are provided to children, teens, adults and families.

Education and Prevention

Our educators work with community partners to change norms that support violence. Strategies include community mobilization, youth leadership development, bystander training, and interactive workshops. Contact Strength United for more information.

Volunteering and Internships

Community members who volunteer their time provide critical support to our clients, staff and neighborhoods, whether helping out in our offices, responding to calls on the support line, providing child focused activities at one of our sites, or delivering crisis intervention services.

Students can obtain meaningful learning experiences, using what they learn in the classroom to solve real-life problems in one of our internships training tracks: Advocacy, Clinical or Prevention. Graduate students in the clinical track can meet curriculum requirements and gain licensure hours by providing clinical services with supervision from Strength United staff.

To learn more, go to www.strengthunited.org.

Programs

- Adoption Promotion and Support Services
- Child Abuse, Prevention, Intervention and Treatment
- Family Justice Center
- Family Preservation
- Family Support Services
- Prevention and Education
- Sexual Assault Services
- Domestic Violence Services
- Victims of Crime Services
- Volunteering
- Clinical and Public Health Internships



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