

# Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force

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# The Past

- ◆ SAIN – Ocala lost funding in early 2000's
- ◆ DJJ & Brown Schools Advisory Board  
(97-2000)
- ◆ JSOP – Juvenile Sexual Offender Providers  
(96-2000)
- ◆ Florida ATSA

# Task Force History

- ◆ BRIAN M. - 2001
- ◆ 2005 – Serious number of COC Incidents
- ◆ 2006 – VCC contracts with PSF to offer Case Management Staff and Foster Parents Specialized Training.
- ◆ 2006-2007 – VCC & PSF started having informal meetings with stakeholders to address COC issues.
- ◆ 2007 – Brown Bag Training with Judge Nilon and Magistrate Wilkov.

# Task Force History

- ◆ 2007 – VCC contracts with PSF – Sexual Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Program.
- ◆ 2008 – August – 1<sup>st</sup> Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force Meeting.
- ◆ 2009 – Met with State Officials and expanded Task Force (local to regional), DCF Dependency Summit.
- ◆ 2009 – Participated in DCF Focus Group.

# Task Force

## MISSION

*Reduce the incidence of child-on-child sexual abuse through community prevention, training and intervention.*

# Circuit 3 & 8 Task Force

- ◆ Quarterly Meetings/Trainings
- ◆ Executive Committee
- ◆ 3 Subcommittees
  1. Clinical/Training
  2. Collaboration/Legal
  3. Placement
- ◆ Membership - Voluntary

# Task Force Membership

**Alachua County School Board**

**Child Advocacy Center**

**Children's Legal Services**

**Community Behavioral Services**

**DCF**

**DJJ**

**Family Preservation Services –**

**Local CM Agency**

**Foster Parents/Community Members**

**Guardian ad Litem Program**

**Meridian Behavioral Healthcare**

**Monique Burr Foundation**

**Office of the State Attorney**

**Partnership for Strong Families**

**Public Defender's Office**

**SAMH Program Office**

**University of Florida – CPT, Child**

**Abuse Prevention Program**

**Village Counseling Center**

**Dependency Judge/Magistrate**

# Task Force Goals

## ◆ Prevention

1. Review local data, policy, and procedures to analyze the scope of the issue in the local system.
2. Improve placement decisions for children in foster care who are high risk due to sexual behaviors.
3. Help develop and institute standardized Safety Plans that can be used in a variety of settings (e.g., schools, foster care, therapeutic group homes and foster care, etc.) related to children with sexual behavior problems and/or who are at high risk for acting out sexually.

# Task Force Goals (Cont.)

## ◆ Prevention

4. Provide community trainings related to child-on-child sexual abuse and children with sexual behavior problems.
5. Develop core trainings related to the prevention and intervention of child-on-child sexual abuse cases for public schools.

# Task Force Goals (cont.)

## ♦ Advocacy

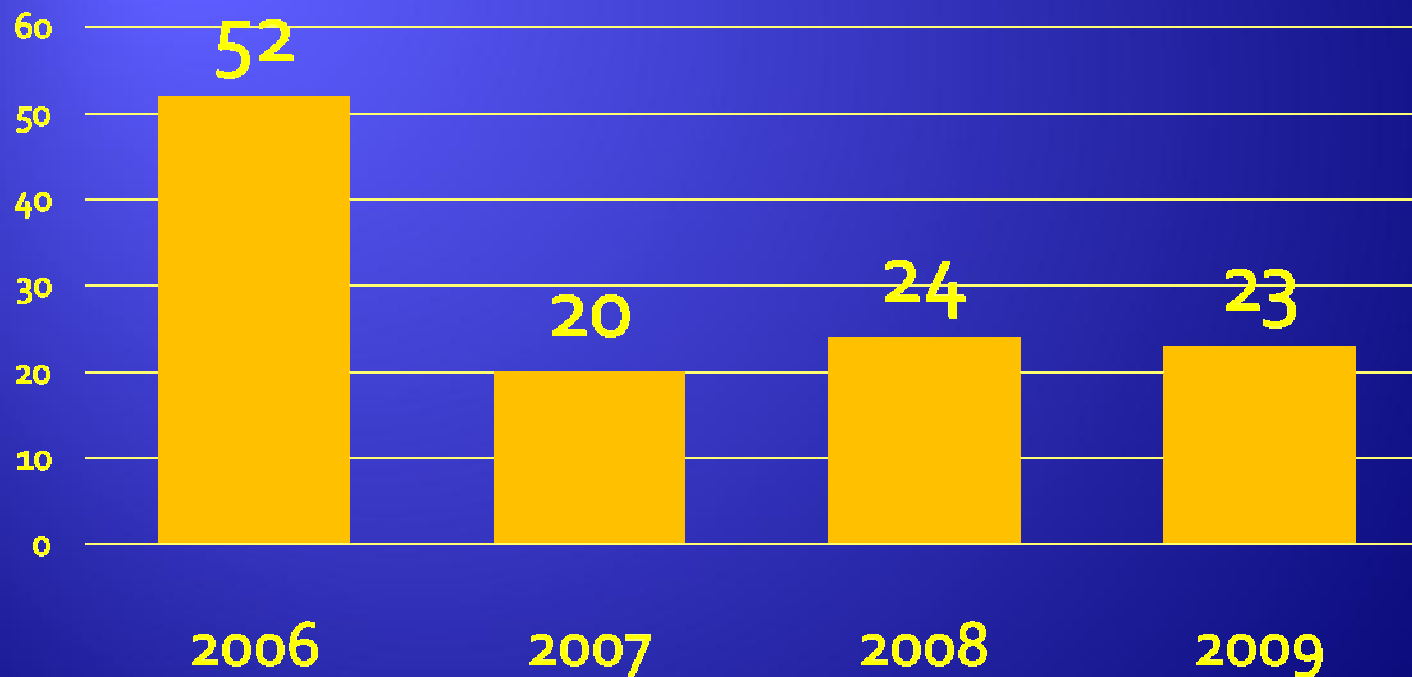
6. Collaborate with the state to develop and institute certification requirements for DCF, foster care staff, mental health professionals and others who work directly with children with severe sexual abuse trauma and/or sexual behavior problems.
7. Research and provide recommendations regarding laws and policy issues that affect children with sexual behavioral problems and/or who have been charged with sexual offenses.
8. Establish a state-wide Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force as well as Task Forces at the local/community levels.

# Outcomes

- ♦ Reduced number of COC incidents (i.e., victims).

# Data Review: Circuits 3 & 8

## Number of COC Incidents



(source: PSF/P-Kids Data System)

# Outcomes

- ◆ Reduced number of COC incidents (i.e., victims).
- ◆ More effective use of safety plans.
- ◆ More appropriate placements.
- ◆ Improved communications and collaboration between agencies.
- ◆ Improved assessments and treatment for children and families.

# Outcomes

- ◆ Met with DCF State Administrators and Jim Kallinger (Governor's Chief Child Advocate).
- ◆ Statewide presentations re: Task Force.
- ◆ Developed Website.
- ◆ Local Policy and Procedure Revisions.
- ◆ Regular trainings for Foster Parents & Dependency Case Managers.
- ◆ "Emergency Placement Teams"

# Outcomes

- ◆ Improved/Increased community training including trainings on:
  - Child Sexual Development
  - Safety Planning
  - Reunification Issues and Children with SBP
- ◆ Developed Specialized Case Manager Position to work with Children with SBP.

# Helped Our Success?

- ◆ Task-oriented (ex. Task Lists).
- ◆ Invited the right people to participate.
- ◆ Got the judiciary involved and held meetings at the courthouse.
- ◆ Been transparent and committed to change.
- ◆ Gathered data.
- ◆ Created a web site for information dissemination and awareness.

Questions/Comments???



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