

District Attorney's Office COLLABORATIVE JUSTICE

- **It is commonplace to speak of the “criminal justice system” in America as if it were one distinct entity organized in pursuit of a single goal.**
- **Agency, government, or NGO working independently in silos is an outdated vestige of the past.**
- **District Attorney's Office Family Justice Center – is a component of overall approach instituting collaboration and best practices in the prevention, detection and prosecution of crimes involving vulnerable population.**
- **Vertical prosecution is another component.**
- **Collaborative justice is an approach that recognizes that many criminal justice problems are systemic and require a coordinated and collaborative response.**

DA FOLLOWING BEST PRACTICES:

IN ORDER TO ENSURE BETTER AND MORE EFFICIENT SERVICES TO VICTIMS AND IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF JUSTICE, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SEEKS GRANTS AND EMPLOYS EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES IN THE PREVENTION, DETECTION AND PROSECUTION OF THE FOLLOWING CRIMES:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SEXUAL ASSAULT

ELDER ABUSE

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

VICTIM/WITNESS SERVICES

FRAUD

District Attorney's Office

FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

- Penal Code 13750-13751

“A city, county, city and county, or community-based nonprofit organization may each establish a multiagency, multidisciplinary family justice center to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder or dependent adult abuse, and human trafficking, to ensure that victims of abuse are able to access all needed services in one location in order to enhance victim safety, increase offender accountability, and improve access to services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder or dependent adult abuse, and human trafficking.”

WHAT IS VERTICAL PROSECUTION?

Deputy District Attorneys and Investigators are immediately assigned cases upon the initial referral and are responsible for those cases through final disposition by trial or plea.

What are the benefits of Vertical Prosecution?

- ❖ **TREATMENT AND CONSIDERATION TO VICTIMS AND WITNESSES.**
 - A. REDUCES TIMES THEY ARE RE-TRAUMATIZED BY MULTIPLE INTERVIEWS
 - B. ABILITY TO BUILD RAPPORT AND TRUST OVER TIME

- ❖ **IMPROVES CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS RESPONSE TO THESE TYPES OF CRIMES**
 - A. IMMEDIATE ASSIGNMENT OF INVESTIGATOR
 - B. FILING REVIEWS DONE ON SUBMISSION

- ❖ **OVERALL SUCCESS**
 - A. SHOWN TO IMPROVE CONVICTION RATES
 - B. PROVIDES MORE CONSISTENT AND APPROPRIATE SENTENCING

AWARDED GRANTS FOR D.A.'S OFFICE

- Dept. of Insurance - Auto Fraud: \$237,400
- Dept. of Insurance - Worker's Comp Fraud: \$270,952
- Office of Traffic Safety - Driving under the Influence: \$200,978
- OES - Victim Witness Assistant: \$417,006
- OES - Victim Witness Claims: \$213,349
- **NEW Grant - OES Violence Against Women (VV): \$270,060**
- **NEW Grant - OES Child Advocacy Center (KC): \$215,000**
- **NEW Grant - OES Sexual Assault Enforcement (ST) : \$272,667**
- **NEW Grant Application Pending – Family Justice Center: \$200,000**

SEX ASSAULT CRIMES INCREASING

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CASES</u>	<u>SERVICE REQUESTS</u>
2015	59	130
2016	108	225
2017	115	287
2018	132	206 (Through September)

DV CRIMES INCREASING

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CASES</u>	<u>SERVICE REQUESTS</u>
2015	293	986
2016	681	1125
2017	709	2009
2018	739	1254 (Through September)

EL DORADO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY REQUESTS

- **Authorize and approve acceptance of Violence Against Women Grant (VV) and the related limited term Deputy DA allocation**
- **Authorize and approve acceptance of Sexual Assault Enforcement Grant (ST) and the related DA Investigator allocation**
- **Board of Supervisors vote to approve these agenda items to help the District Attorney's Office better investigate and prosecute crimes against the most vulnerable victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking.**