

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2018



Buncombe County  
Family Justice Center  
A Path to Strength, Safety & Hope

## MANY PARTNERS, ONE LOCATION.



## Serving Survivors

In our first two years **1,017** Integrated Intakes were provided at the FJC.

In FY18 **61%** accessed more than one provider on their first visit to the FJC.



- **83%** identified domestic violence as the primary victimization
- **13%** identified sexual assault or stalking as the primary victimization



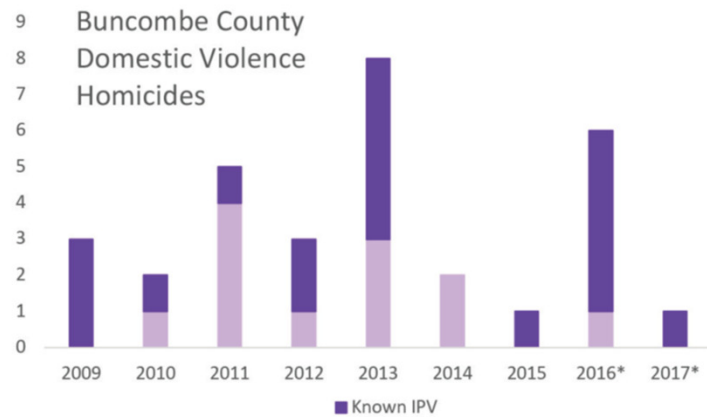
## Increasing Victim Safety

### In FY18:

- **97%** of survey respondents had a plan to keep themselves safe and they knew what to do if they were in danger after FJC Intake.
- **85%** of survey respondents reported a decreased fear and anxiety level.



## Preventing Homicides



## Responding to Non-Fatal Strangulations



## Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2017

SESSION LAW 2018-116  
SENATE BILL 808

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REVIEW TEAM IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 5 of S.L. 2009-52, as amended by S.L. 2013-70 and S.L. 2013-270, reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 5.** This act applies to Alamance County, ~~Pitt County~~, ~~Buncombe County~~, Mecklenburg County, ~~Pitt County~~, and Wake County."

**SECTION 2.** Section 5 of S.L. 2013-70, as amended by S.L. 2013-270, reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 5.** This act applies to the following counties: Alamance, ~~Pitt~~, ~~Buncombe~~, Mecklenburg, ~~Pitt~~, and Wake."

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

s/ Kathy Harrington  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives



## DV Fatality Review Team Lead Agency

**Recommendation:**  
**Vote to approve Buncombe County Government to serve as Lead Agency.**



## DV Fatality Team Membership

- **Joanna Knowles**, Program Director, Helpmate
- **Rodney Hasty**, Assistant District Attorney
- **Sgt. Diana Loveland**, Asheville Police Department
- **Det. Somer Oberlin**, Weaverville Police Department
- **Sgt. Ryan Jordan**, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office
- **Dr. John Stewart**, Medical Examiner
- **Diana Sierra**, Social Work Program Manager, Health & Human Services
- **Jan Shepherd**, Public Health Director
- **Dr. Craig Martin**, Chief Medical Officer, Vaya Health
- **Susanne Swanger**, Associate Superintendent, Buncombe County Schools
- **Kelda Harrison**, Survivor
- **Shatara Sheppard**, Survivor
- **Chief Magistrate Danny Cowan**
- **Ian Lance**, DV Probation Officer
- **Judge Ward Scott**



## DV Fatality Team Membership - By Commissioner Appointment

### Recommendation:

**Vote to approve the following team members.**

- Two additional representatives from the community who have knowledge, experience, or expertise in preventing domestic violence:
  - **Jackie Latek**, Executive Director, The SPARC Foundation
  - **Julia Horrocks**, Managing Attorney, Pisgah Legal Services
- A representative of an institution of higher education:
  - **Dr. Jill Moffitt**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, UNC Asheville





Building a resilient community free from domestic and sexual violence.