



City of High Point

Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260

Meeting Agenda Public Safety Committee

Victor Jones, Chair
Britt Moore
Tyrone Johnson
Chris Williams
Mayor Jay Wagner (Alternate)
Mayor Pro Tem (Alternate)

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, Municipal
Building

As part of the City of High Point's on-going COVID-19 mitigation efforts, in-person attendance will not be allowed at this meeting. Instead, the meeting will be live-streamed and the public can listen to the meeting as it is being live-streamed by clicking on the following link www.HighPointNC.gov/VirtualPublicMeeting.

Public Safety Committee - Council Member Jones, Chair

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

[2021-108](#)

Family Justice Center Update

Interim Police Chief Travis Stroud of the High Point Police Department and Catherine Johnson, Director of the Family Justice Center will provide an update on the Family Justice Center.

Attachments: [FJC Overview and Update for HP City Council \(FINAL\).pdf](#)

ADJOURNMENT



Guilford County Family Justice Center

One Safe Place: Many Partners, United Mission



Family Justice Center Framework

- ▶ The FJC is a point of access to:
 - ▶ Services
 - ▶ Training
 - ▶ Partnerships
 - ▶ Shared Resources
 - ▶ Problem Solving

- ▶ The FJC does NOT:
 - ▶ Replace existing programs
 - ▶ Pay partner staff
 - ▶ Or compete with other service providers





OUR ONSITE HIGH POINT PARTNERS



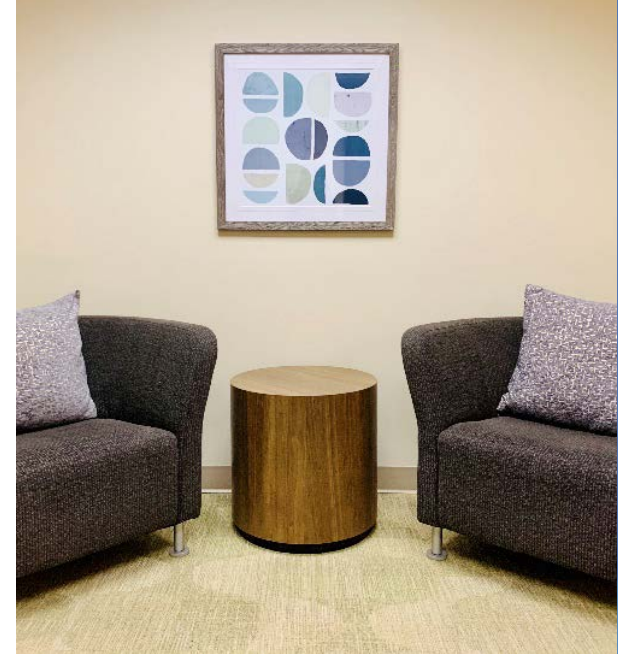
CHILDREN'S
LAW CENTER
of Central North Carolina

Partner	Committed Funding or In-Kind Support	Total
Guilford County	FJC County Funded Department Staff and Operating Expenses (9) \$714,000 and GCC VOCA Grant Funded Positions (4) \$254,000	\$968,000.00
	DHHS Child Protection and Adult Protection Services Social Workers (3)	\$210,000.00
	Sheriff's Office Civil and Legal Process Division Staff (7)	\$455,000.00
City of Greensboro	Parking	\$35,000.00
	Greensboro Police Department Family Victim's Unit Staff (11), Supplies	\$750,000.00
City of High Point	High Point Police Special Victim's Unit Staff (6), Supplies	\$425,000.00
District Attorney's Office	Assistant District Attorneys (2) Additional Staff Support, Supplies	\$247,650.00
Family Service of the Piedmont	Adult Victim Advocates (14) and Child Advocacy Center Staff (8)	\$1,192,310.00
Kellin Foundation Crisis Mental Health	Counselors (3), Supplies	\$165,000.00
Legal Aid	Attorneys and Staff (3), Supplies	\$240,000.00
Elon Law School	Attorneys and Staff (2.5), Supplies	\$250,000.00
Cone Health Child Medical Services	Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Medical Doctor (P/T), Supplies	\$362,000.00
Children's Law Center of Central NC	Staff Attorneys (2)	\$175,000.00
Total Value of Committed Resources		\$5,474,960.00
Renovation Funding Support		
	Guilford County Renovation Funding (GSO Location)	\$250,000.00
	City of Greensboro Renovation Funding (GSO Location)	\$250,000.00
	City of High Point (HP Location)	\$500,000.00

CORE SERVICES PROVIDED:

- ▶ Safety Planning and Access to Shelter
- ▶ Child, Adult, and Elder Advocacy and Support
- ▶ Criminal Investigation and Prosecution
- ▶ Legal Services
- ▶ Electronic Filing of Emergency Protective Orders (50B)
- ▶ Medical Care
- ▶ Emergency Needs and Support
- ▶ Emotional Support
- ▶ Community Education, Outreach and Prevention



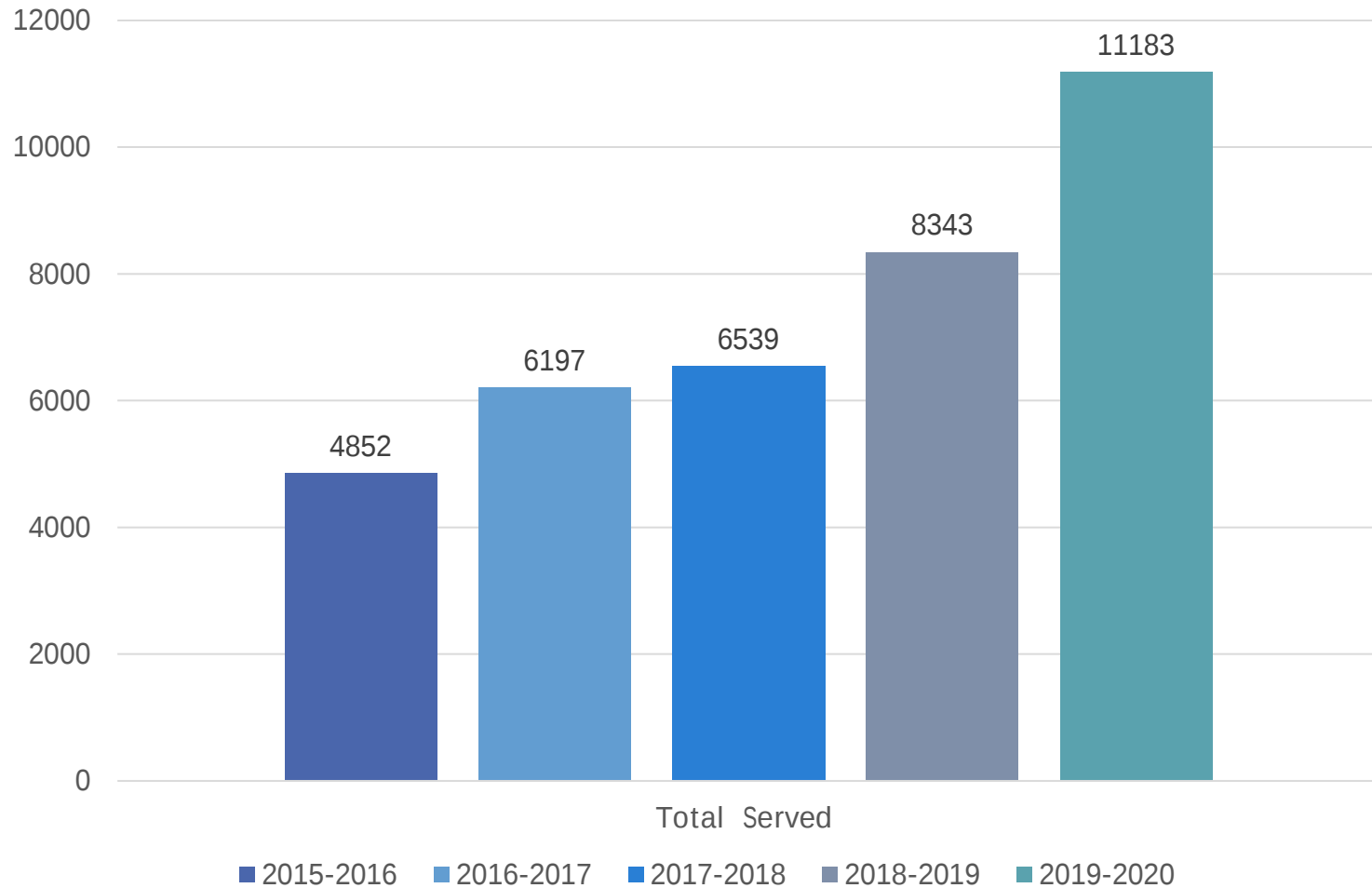


SHARED GOALS

- ▶ Save lives!
- ▶ Make services more accessible for victims
- ▶ Increase and improve communication amongst professionals
- ▶ Increase offender accountability and successful prosecutions in **domestic violence, sexual assault, child and elder abuse cases**



Overall Victims Served- Annual Comparison

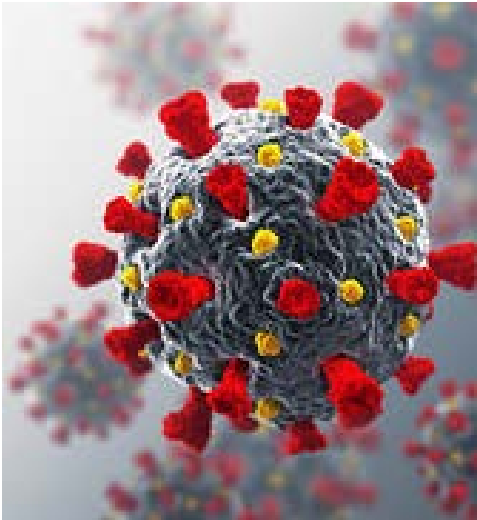


FJC-High Point Demand for Services

**Quarterly Trend - Total Served
[HP]**



IMPACT OF COVID



- ▶ FJC remained open and operational
- ▶ Some partner agencies went remote, but many continued in-person essential services (i.e. navigation, safety planning, child and adult advocacy, legal consultation, law enforcement response)
- ▶ March 10, 2020 – March 16, 2021
 - ▶ **8,908 Total Served**
 - ▶ In HP- 3634

Impact of COVID-19

- ▶ Surge in DV related homicides
 - ▶ 2020 record setting year
 - ▶ 15 County-wide
 - ▶ 3 in HP
- ▶ Increase in the intensity of crime being committed against survivors, children, and older adults
- ▶ Decrease in the in-person services available
- ▶ Decrease in offender accountability

PARTNERSHIPS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



Innovative Resources and Response Strategies

COVID-19 SAFETY:

FRAUD & SCAMS EDITION

Isolation from family and friends increases your risk of being scammed. Check out these common COVID-19 scams and how to avoid them.

ROBOCALLS

Scammers are calling offering testing kits, cures, work from home opportunities & offers to pick up essential needs. There are no known preventative or cures for COVID-19. Do your research & only order essential items from merchants where you initiate the contact.

STIMULUS CHECKS

Stimulus checks increase the opportunity for scams. The IRS will not request a fee to expedite your payment. Bank account information should never be shared by phone or email.

Visit the IRS website <https://www.irs.gov/>.

CHARITY SCAMS

Donation calls and emails for charities to fund cures and vaccines are rampant. Only donate to organizations you have extensively researched and validated. Never give someone your checking account information.

Verify charities with the NC Secretary of State <https://www.sos.nc.gov/>.



GRANDCHILD

If you get a call that your grandchild is in a right away to get out of another urgent situation your grandchild could be in danger.

NEED HELP?

Low Enforcement: 911
Greensboro Police: 336-973-2297
High Point Police: 336-883-2224

Report scams to the North Carolina Department of Insurance: 1-877-5-NCDO



COVID-19 SAFETY:

ONLINE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN EDITION



SET GROUND RULES

Set guidelines for which apps or websites your child can use and when they have access to electronics. Consider setting a time to turn off electronics at night.

APPROVE APPS

Make sure you understand the content and capabilities of an app before your child downloads it. Check to make sure the app does not share your child's location with their posts.



BE PROACTIVE

Teach your child how to recognize red flags and inappropriate behavior online. Time, attention, and active conversation with your child are much more effective than parental controls.

GAMING SAFETY

Keep gaming consoles in an easy to supervise location. Research game ratings and content on [esrb.org](https://www.esrb.org/). Talk to your child about never sharing personal information while gaming.



REPORT

Report any cyberbullying or sexually inappropriate behavior to local police or [cyberhelpline.org](https://www.cyberhelpline.org/). Check your child's devices regularly to make sure they are only connecting with people they personally know face to face.



Need Help? Contact Us:
336-641-7233 (SAFE)
@guilfordjc

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

The Guilford County Family Justice Center's VOICES Survivor Advocacy Committee invites you to join us for screening and discussion of the award-winning documentary **FIVE AWAKE.**

This short film chronicles the power of how grassroots efforts by the public can lead to significant change.

EVENT DETAILS:

- Thursday, October 22, 2020
- 12:00 pm- 1:00 pm
- Virtual

REGISTRATION

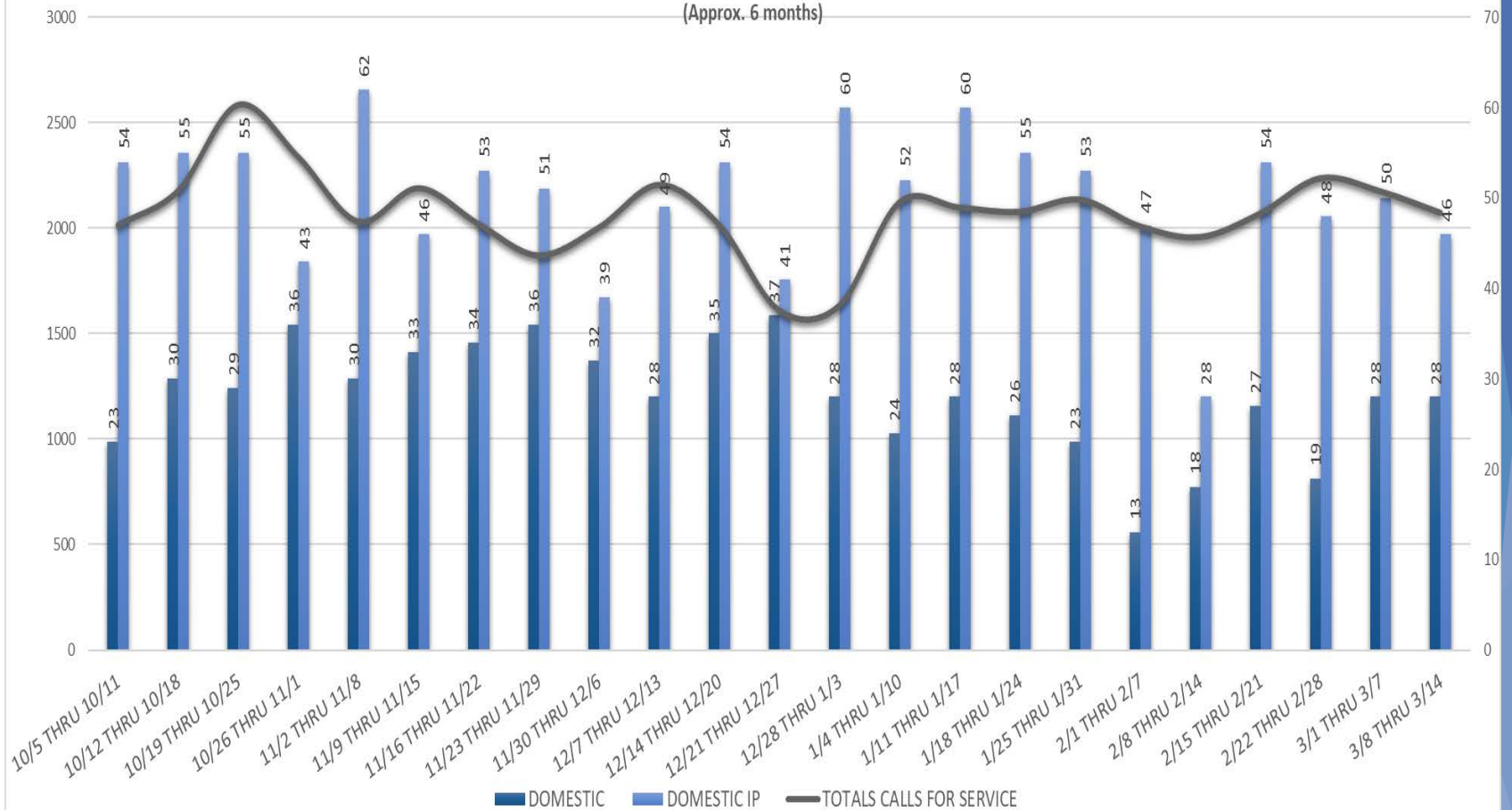
- For more information and to register, email fjcinfo@guilfordcountync.gov
- A confirmation email with a link to the event will be sent.



Caitlyn's Courage

High Point Police Dept. - Domestic Violence Calls for Service Weekly Trend

(Approx. 6 months)



Total Calls for Service and Domestic YTD

TCFS / Domestic /
Domestic IP (2020)

TCFS = 23,535

Domestic = 307

Domestic IP = 500

TCFS / Domestic /
Domestic IP (2021)

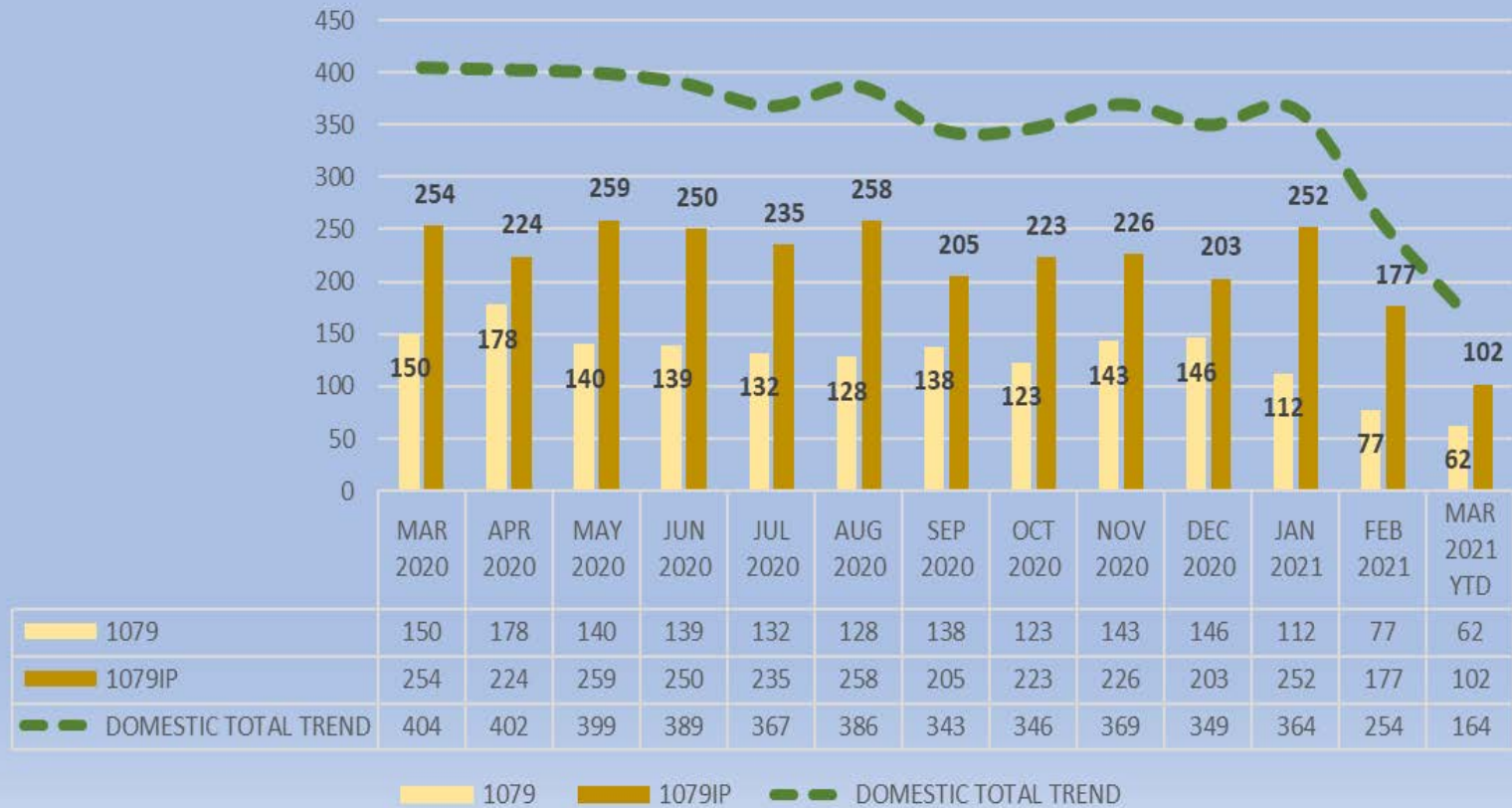
TCFS = 21,573 (-8%)

Domestic = 245 (-20%)

Domestic IP = 525 (+5%)

Domestic Calls for Service - March 2020 - March 2021

*Note: March 2021 is YTD



**March 2021 is YTD, however Jan 21 into Feb 21 it starts to show a decline in DV calls for service.