



Family Justice Center Newsletter

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Growing to Meet the Needs



Left: Family Room adjacent to Play Room
Right: Newest Family Room

Since opening our door in November 2014 we continue to see an increasing number of people seeking services at One Place. To help accommodate the growing number of clients seeking services from our On Site Partners we have opened a second family room at One Place. The Family Rooms provide a relaxing environment to conduct the initial intake with each client. During the intake process each client is connected to the partner agency best suited to meet their individual needs. One

Place Family Justice Center is where victims can go to plan for their safety, have an advocate, talk with a police officer, meet with a prosecutor, obtain information on shelters, and sexual assault services.

"During intake many clients told us that they hadn't eaten in over 24 hours," said Michelle Castaneda. In February, One Place purchased \$200 in emergency food to make available for clients and their children during intake. The money to purchase the food came from a Community Development Block

grant through the City of Florence. Almost all the items have already been distributed. The following items are needed to replenish the emergency food closet: (individual sized)

- Pretzels
- Gold Fish
- Fruit Chew Snacks
- Animal Crackers
- Skittles Candy
- 8 oz Bottle Water
- Granola Bars
- Cheese Crackers

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Elder Abuse



One Place participated in the 43rd Annual NACOLG Senior Appreciation Day and the TVA Retirees Health Fair and shared information about Elder

Elder abuse can be constituted within a range of many things, including any or all of the following: physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, exploitation, emotional abuse and abandonment.

What to do if you suspect elder abuse?

- Report the abuse to One Place, or to someone you can trust, such as a friend, pastor, or doctor.
- When reporting the abuse,

try to be as specific as possible.

How can One Place help?

- Developing a safety plan to keep you or your loved one safe
- Criminal Prosecution
- Filing Protection Orders
- Counseling
- Information and Referrals

You are not alone there are resources in the local community to help.

Making a Difference Report
January—June 2016

749 intakes at One Place
555 police reports
735 welfare checks

Volunteer Finds Unique Way to Give

As a full-time employee of Fabric Finders, Inc., Iris Norton finds a unique way to volunteer with One Place of the Shoals and her way to volunteer brings comfort to so many. As a talented artisan Iris shares her gift of handmade quilts for clients, especially children at One Place of the Shoals. Each quilt is unique and is made of 100% cotton fabric. "I call them a comfort quilt because I hope they will bring comfort in some small way to anyone needing the services of One Place," stated Norton. On average Norton donates two to three handmade quilts to One Place each month. The quilts are both a comfort and a blessing to everyone involved in sharing Norton's gifts.



Beautiful handmade Comfort Quilts by Iris Norton. Iris is the mother of 4 and has 7 grandchildren. She resides in Florence with her husband, John.