

## Police Department unveils new Family Justice Center

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The Dayton Police Department's Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV) Unit will begin operating from the newly established Family Justice Center on Monday, Oct. 19.

The Family Justice Center (FJC) is the first of its kind in the Dayton region. It is a stand-alone facility, separate from the Dayton Police Department Safety Building, which will enhance the department's support of domestic violence survivors and their families as their case goes through the justice system.

The goal is to reduce trauma to those who have already suffered through acts of violence by having the Family Justice Center be a 'one-stop' location. The FJC is a family friendly, child friendly environment that allows detectives to investigate DV/IPV cases and offer needed resources to victims. The Dayton Police Department partnered with the Artemis Center and the YWCA in this endeavor.

The Family Justice Center also received financial support from Spectrum Cable, which donated funds for video conferencing capabilities, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, which donated to have a mural painted in the children's area honoring fallen DEA Task Force Officer and Dayton Detective Jorge Del Rio.

The Family Justice Center will accommodate victims of felony crimes to start, with an expansion to support victims of misdemeanor crimes in the future.

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