

LAKE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

“STRENGTHENING FAMILIES”

PROGRAMS OFFERED:

CALIFORNIA
HEALTHY
FAMILIES

RAPE CRISIS
CENTER

COMMUNITY
CRISIS LINE

BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH
SERVICES

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START

TOBACCO
EDUCATION &
CONTROL

DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM

ADOLESCENT
FAMILY LIFE

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ABOUT LAKEWOOD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

POPULATION SERVED:

Lakewood Community Resource center serves children and families in the Lake County area of California.

HISTORY:

“In 1995, Sutter Lakeside Hospital was instrumental in establishing a non-profit human services agency, which housed the Lake County Teen Parenting Program, the Parent and Child Education Program (PACE), the Family Preservation and Support Program (FPSP), the Staying Educated and Looking For-

ward Program (SELF), and the Home Assistance Respite Team (HART). In 1997, the agency formally became an affiliate of Sutter Health and became Sutter Lakeside Community Services. In July of 2006 Sutter Lakeside Community Services formally disaffiliated from Sutter Health Corporation to become the Lake Family Resource Center. It has grown rapidly, from the five original programs to over twenty in 2006...Lake Family Resource Center has an extensive network of service

delivery partners and practices the concept of integrated family service delivery through multi-disciplinary teams and home visiting” (lakefrfc.org, 2009).



CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

When this client was originally referred to the Differential Response (DR) Family P.R.O program there was concern about her safety that of her children. The client was in a very abusive domestic violence relationship. She was rarely allowed to leave the house without her husband and felt much like a prisoner in her own home. She was terrified and wanted out of the situation but was not sure what to do. She had two young children and was financially dependent on their father. Her self esteem was so broken that she did not believe that she could do anything for herself or her children.

Meeting the client at her home was not an option; the concern was that if the hus-

band knew of the CPS report, he might become even more violent and controlling. Initially, the DR Advocate had to hide her involvement with the family from the husband.

The Family Advocate (FA) spent a great deal of time educating Sally on the cycle of violence and helped her understand that his behavior was not her fault. They also spent time talking about the effects that the domestic violence was having on her children. Slowly the client's self esteem began to improve and she was able to begin to communicate with her husband regarding his abuse and control. With patience and dedication, the FA waited for the right time to go to the home and speak with the husband to offer assistance to him so

that he could get things done for his family. The husband was very thankful and agreed to let the FA meet with her client.

As time went on, the client realized that her husband was not treating her as she wanted to be treated. She decided to confront him and stand her ground in their relationship. She set goals for herself and started completing them one by one. She got a job, she found her own place, and she stabilized herself financially and now is not financially dependent on anyone. This is a true success story. The client and her two children are doing very well, and she keeps in contact with the FA to update her and let her know how things are going.