

Collin County Council on Family Violence

*Presentation Before the
Collin County Commissioners' Court
April 27, 2009*



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- County-wide initiative
- 55 Collin County member organizations
 - Law Enforcement
 - Courts and Probation
 - District Attorney's Office
 - Healthcare
 - Business
 - Education
 - Social Services
 - Faith Community



Mission Statement

The Collin County Council on Family Violence strives to eliminate and respond to family violence by a coordinated, comprehensive, effective effort, which includes education, prevention, intervention, and seamless 24 hour assistance



Statewide Recognition

- Governor's role model for collaboration for State of Texas
- Collaborating with Governor's Commission for Women and Texas Attorney General's Office
- Governor's Award for Community Capacity Building



Family Violence Facts

- Family violence is relevant to all socioeconomic, racial and gender groups
- It affects all members of our society
- *Family violence* includes child abuse, partner abuse, elder abuse and sexual assault
- Not only is family violence a crime, it is a public health issue (Center for Disease Control and Prevention)



Critical Issues Facing Victims of Family Violence in Collin County

- Accessibility of victim services in underserved areas
- Impact of economy on family violence and the agencies committed to serve
- Impact of growing population on number of cases, services and accessibility
- Need for additional CPS investigators and caseworkers



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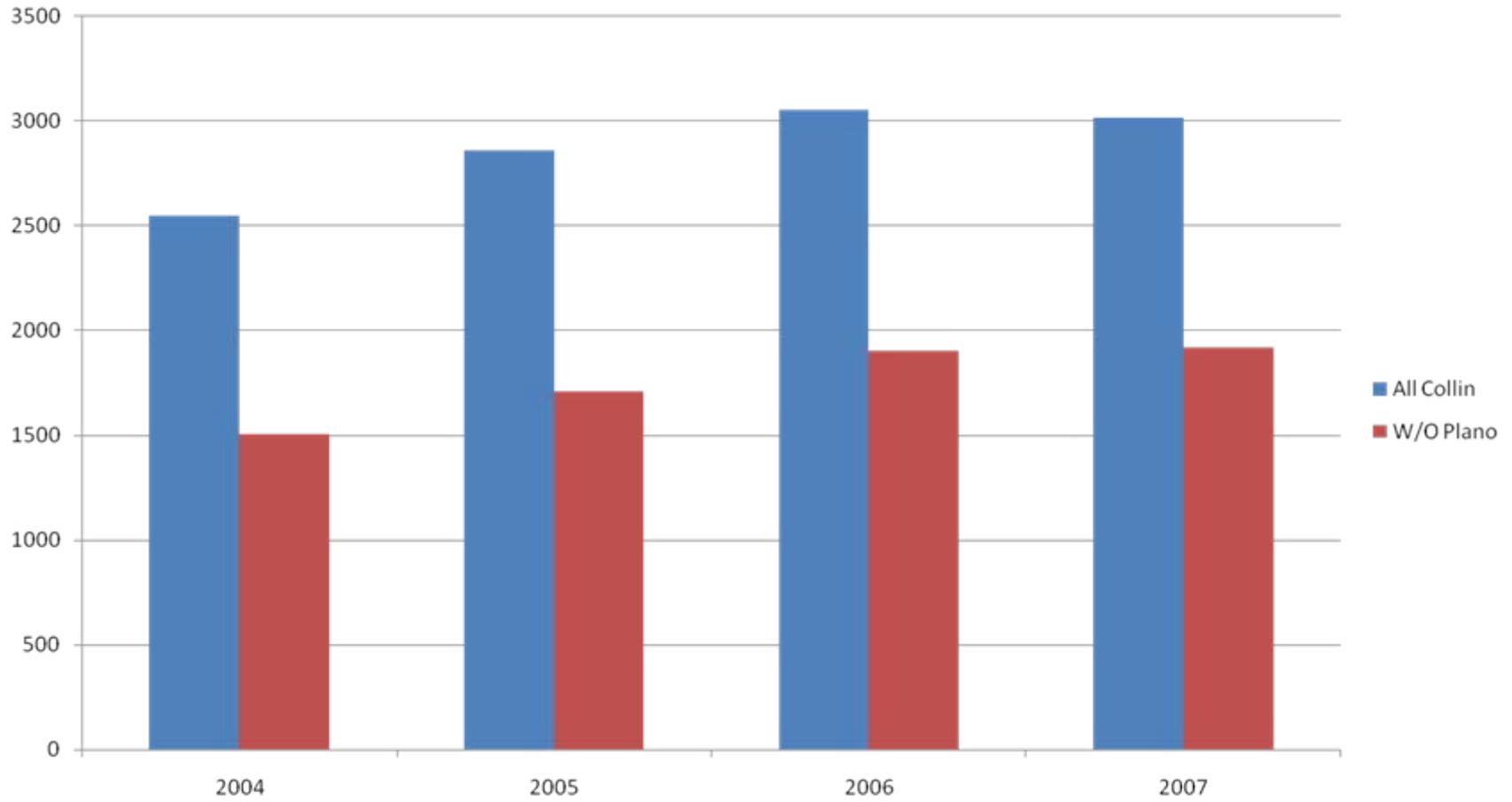
- Need for additional specialized prosecutors
- Shortage of shelter space/beds
- Shortage of SANE nurses for adult exams

Sources: North Central Texas Council of Governments 2008 Collin County Criminal Justice Plan; CCCFV Jacobs Feasibility Study; CCCFV Countywide Needs Assessment; 2008 Beyond ABC: Growing Up In Collin County Report



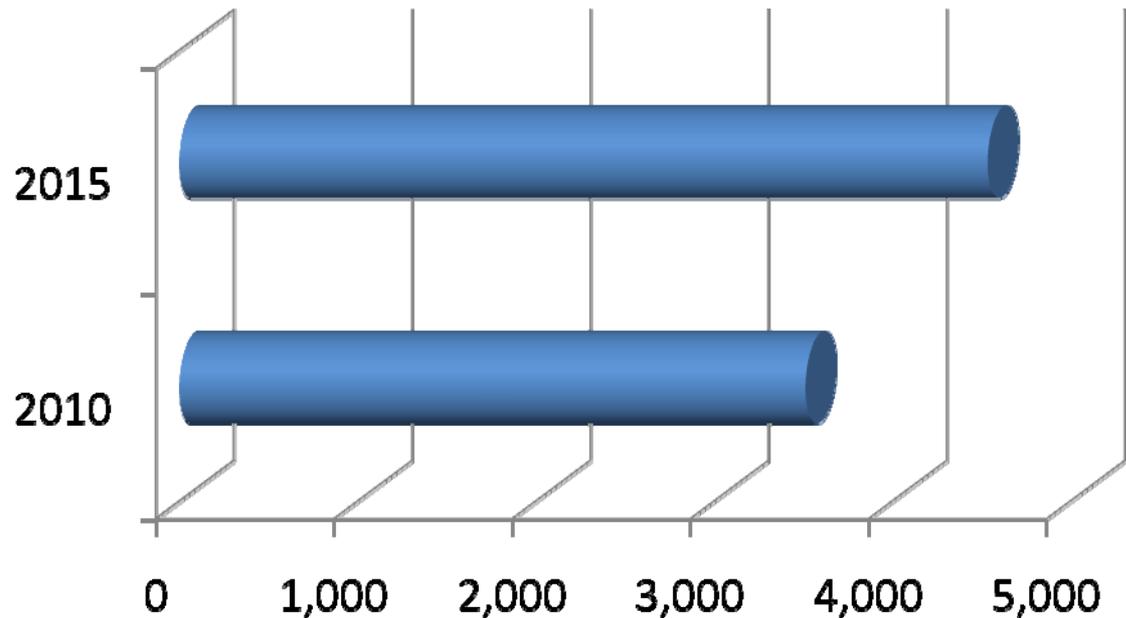
Domestic Violence Cases

Data Source: Texas Department of Public Safety



Domestic Violence Predictions For The Future

**Projection based upon historical +5.24%
per year increase**



Based on yearly average increase of +5.24% in the total reported domestic violence cases for the county, we can confidently predict by the year 2010 we will have 3,515 reported cases and by 2015 4,537 cases. [Texas Crime Report/Department of Public Safety](#).

Child Abuse Statistics

Data Source: Collin County Children's Advocacy Center

	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08
Children Referred	3855	3998	4257
Child Forensic Interviews	679	742	738
Pediatric Sexual Assault Exam (on-site)	89	68	50 (no acute exams)
Therapy	12,189	18,968	17,361
Family Assistance	7,302	9,856	7,804

Elder Abuse

- Elder abuse is largely unreported
- Exploitation, physical abuse and/or neglect
- In 2007, APS completed **77,238** investigations statewide. Of these, **45,934** were confirmed
- In 2007, Collin County had **523** investigations and **336** confirmed cases of elder abuse

Data Source: Texas Department of Family Protective Services



Sexual Assault

- One of the most under reported crimes in the U.S. – fewer than 39% (National Center for Victims of Crime, 2008)
- Collin County as a whole has experienced an increase in sexual assault (2008 Collin County Community Justice Plan, North Central Texas Council Of Governments)
- 40% acute sexual assault victims in Collin County were under the age of 18 (2008 Collin County Community Justice Plan, NCTCOG)



CCCFV Commitment

- Raising community awareness of family violence and resources
 - Community presentations
 - Distribution of resource brochure to rural communities
- Collaborate to address emerging needs in the community



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- Professional development and education to targeted groups on issues, response and resources
 - Business
 - Faith Community
 - School Counselors
 - 7th Annual *Facing Family Violence* conference



Increasing Accessibility of Services

- Collin County Family Justice Center
 - Feasibility Study
 - Business Plan
- *Phase One* - Services in Farmersville and Frisco
- *Phase Two* - Collaborative Housing



***Please help us raise awareness of
family violence in Collin County!***

