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Ada County Victim Services Center

Ada County Commissioners adopt new name for premier victim services center

BOISE – The Ada County Commissioners and the Ada County Prosecutor’s Office are renaming the area’s foremost comprehensive victim services center in downtown Boise.

The **Ada County Victim Services Center** at 417 South 6th Street was created in 2006 as a one stop location for individuals experiencing interpersonal violence. Local law enforcement, healthcare providers, and other partners who have seamlessly provided services at the facility since its creation, believe the new name better reflects what the facility does, and how the partnerships help individuals and families in our area.

Previously the facility was called FACES of Hope Victim Center. One of the 16 partners, the FACES of Hope *Foundation* recently decided to pursue other opportunities. The departure of this one group has not in any way paused or affected any of the services provided at the facility. The partners have come together to fill short-term gaps and are excited to invite other community partners into the building to provide additional services to victims.

"Since 2006, the partners co-located at the center, 417 S. 6th St., have provided necessary services to victims and survivors of interpersonal violence in their times of need. It is such a privilege to join the numerous agencies and service providers to announce our continued partnership at the newly named Ada County Victim Services Center," said Ada County Prosecutor Jan Bennetts. "The building may have a new name, but the address, the phone number and the partners’ commitment to victims in our community are the same as they always have been. To those seeking services, you can have every confidence that when you enter the Ada County Victim Services Center, the partners will be there to provide the exceptional wrap-around services they have been providing for nearly 20 years."

The facility provides wrap-around services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, or stalking. **The Ada County Victim Services Center** will continue operating as it has since its creation. Local law enforcement, medical providers, and community partners, have and will continue referring clients to the facility in cases where interpersonal violence has occurred.

"I’ve been an Ada County Sheriff’s deputy for over two decades, and I know first-hand how essential the (Victims Services) Center is for people in crisis," Ada County Sheriff Matt Clifford said. "Knowing that when people get there, they are safe — and have access to resources to remain safe — is a relief every time. It’s a safe haven and an essential resource for public safety."

The facility at 417 South 6th street currently has sixteen partners housed within the building including the Ada County Prosecutor's Office, the Ada County Sheriff's Office, Boise Police Special Victims Unit, Meridian Police, Garden City Police Department, St. Luke's, Saint Alphonsus, and Idaho Health and Welfare. The Women's and Children's Alliance (WCA) will be joining the partners at the Ada County Victim Services Center early next month.

"The vision of the Ada County Victim Services Center has always been to provide a facility where service providers can work collaboratively to provide the best possible support to Ada County residents during their time of need. The WCA is looking forward to working in partnership with all the entities co-located in this special facility to ensure clients get the support they need in one location." Bea Black, CEO of the WCA.

"We are honored to continue to provide the epitome of specialty trained, compassionate, and state of the art medical care to the child victims of Ada County and their families at the Ada County Victim Services Center," said Dr. Amy Barton at St. Luke's Children's Cares. "Our patients and their families can expect to access the same high quality medical care while accessing other crucial family support services just by walking in our front door."

List of Partners Providing Wrap-Around Services at the Ada County Victim Services Center at 417 South 6th Street:

St. Luke's Children at Risk Evaluation Services (CARES)
Community Sexual Assault Team (St. Luke's Nurses and Saint Alphonsus Nurses)
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
Boise Police Department
Meridian Police Department
Ada County Commissioners
Adult Protective Services
Women's and Children's Alliance (WCA)
St. Luke's Medical Clinic
Idaho Network of Child Advocacy Centers
Ada County Sheriff's Office
Garden City Police Department
Ada County Prosecutor's Office
Ada County Paramedics
Charitable Assistance to the Community's Homeless (CATCH)
Idaho Assistance League

If you or someone you know experiences interpersonal violence **WALK-IN** to the facility 24/7 at 417 South 6th Street, Boise, Idaho 83702 or call for help. **208-577-4400**

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